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ALABAMA INDIANS SET TO BUILD CASINOS—Dan Ireland, executive director of Ala. Citizens Action Program, says: "The reason we can't legalize video gambling (bingo or any other game) ...is because once Alabama legalizes this type of gambling, the Indian reservations will explode." They have a contract with Harrah's casinos that says "once gambling is legalized, Harrah's will build multimillion casinos on Indian reservations in our state." (12/16 *Alabama Baptist*)

'GANGSTA RAP' IS OFTEN VILE, A BAD INFLUENCE—Today's popular music is so depressing. If today's rock 'n' roll is not anguished and miserable, it is angry and furious. Rap music is filled with violence, promiscuity, and hatred, especially for women (7/24/97 *World*). Profanity-laden, death-wish lyrics in such music puts harmful ideas in young listeners' heads—glorying assault, death and rape. Eminem is perhaps the most foul-mouthed, angry, bitter—and popular—rapper of them all and shows his rage at his mother and father [via his songs]. Many rappers never knew their fathers.

CONVERSION OF MORMON MISSIONARY—In the Jan. *Baptist Bulletin* a former Mormon missionary tells of his experience with the LDS cult. He says that in its early days, the Mormon doctrine of God was similar to Christianity's—not the doctrine that God was once a man, that man may become God, and that there are many gods. He said Mormonism taught me that I must *earn* Christ's atonement for salvation through religious ceremonies and keeping *all* the commandments of Mormonism (no one can do this!).

SECULARISM A RELIGION—David Klinghoffer says secularism is a religion and the word should be capitalized. He said "just as Mel Gibson is always referred to as a Catholic film-maker, Michael Moore should be identified as a Secular one" (1/05 *CT*). Young children are being targeted for conversion to Secularism. Hollywood's bias against anything remotely "Christian" is clearly seen in the dispensing of "Oscars."

THE CORRUPT UN—Apart from the substantial fraud and mismanagement in what may be the largest financial scandal in United Nations history, there is a host of other disasters to warrant a no-confidence vote in the corrupt UN. We could mention the "oil for food" scandal and the allegations that

UN peacekeepers raped Congolese girls (1/24 *USN & WR*). The list goes on and on. The UN's founders clearly intended for it to become an eventual all powerful world government, a goal rapidly being realized. Christianity would be abolished and an international world court established. "Hate crime" could be wrongly used as a pretext charge under such a corrupt one-world dictatorship. Meanwhile, "we fight terrorists, and the UN harbors them." It doesn't make sense.

THE DA VINCI CODE—Dan Brown's book by this name continues to be a smash hit, though it has numerous mistakes. It's characters inaccurately malign Christianity (1/17 *Chr. News*). The plot involves Jesus marrying Mary Magdalene.

DANGEROUS MEDITATION—Transcendental Meditation (TM) is a veiled form of Hindu/yoga. Initiates to TM receive a mantra (Hindu holy word) to repeat while sitting in yogic postures engaging in yogic breathing. The goal is to find God within their own beings, since God and the self are really one (Nov. 2004 *Chr. Today*). But seeking enlightenment through meditation opens the soul to deception and to spiritual bondage.

WHO WROTE THE BIBLE?—"Bad men or devils would not have written the Bible, for it condemns them and their works. Good men or angels could not have written it, for in saying it was from God when it was but their own invention, they would have been guilty of falsehood, and thus could not have been good. The only remaining being who could have written it, is God—its real author."—*Gospel Standard*, 11/04

Sorry. I am swamped with mail and seldom can answer your letters. I enjoy them, however, so email me jhuffman2@juno.com

NEW BOOK ON NEW EVANGELICALISM BY DR. ROLLAND MCCUNE—We reviewed a new book by Rolland McCune in the Jan. CC titled *Promise Unfilled: The Failed Strategy of Modern Evangelicalism*. (We actually liked the sub-title better than the title!) Most of the following is from the Introduction. Harold John Ockenga is generally credited with coining the "New Evangelicalism" term in a 1947 address at Fuller Seminary. Defining "new" evangelicalism is part of the greater problem of defining evangelicalism itself, and is one of the biggest problems in American historiography. It is said to be a plastic term. The author says: "For our purposes the term applies to a strain of conservative, traditional, Protestant, religious thought that coalesced into a movement in the mid-twentieth century, purporting to avoid the fundamentalist right and the neo-orthodox/neo-liberal left." Part 1 gives a history of the rise of liberalism. Part 2 analyzes contributing factors to the actual formation of the new evangelical movement. Part 3 deals with the pervasive effects of ecumenism on new evangelicalism thought and activity. Part 4 explores the main issue that divided the new evangelicals and the fundamentalists practically—ecclesiastical separation. Parts 5 through Parts 9-sets forth basic concerns over biblical authority, social sensitivity, status/destiny of the unsaved, and the radical "open theism" view of God. [Note: The Ohio Bible Fellowship passed a Feb. resolution warning that Rick Warren's *Purpose Driven Church Seminars* are now being hosted by Roman Catholic churches. He doesn't warn leaders that Catholics promote a false gospel and worship a false Christ. Order McCune's big 399-page book from: Inter-City Christian Bookstore, 4635 Allen Road, Allen Park, MI 48101 (313) 383-6110, \$24.99, "a must read!"

BJU ANNOUNCES ADMINISTRATION CHANGES—Bob Jones University January 20 announced three administration changes effective following Commencement in May. Dr. Bob Jones III becomes Chancellor and continues as Chairman of the Board; Rev. Stephen Jones becomes President; For more information, on BJU's administrative changes, see press release at www.bju.edu 1700 Wade Hampton Blvd., Greenville, SC 29614.

GRAHAM PROMISED NOT TO PROSELYTIZE—In preparing for the Billy Graham crusade in LA last

Oct., the Billy Graham organization promised the Roman Catholic archdiocese that Catholics will not be proselytized. This is in keeping with Dr. Graham's longstanding belief and policy, there will be no proselytizing, and anyone identifying himself as Catholic will be referred to us for reintegration into the life of the Catholic Church...this has been Graham's working policy since the 1950s. The names of thousands of Catholics have been turned over to Catholic churches for "follow-up." —turning babes in Christ back over to the wolves!

PURPOSE DRIVEN CATHOLIC CHURCHES—Rick Warren's *Purpose Driven Church Seminars* are now being hosted by Roman Catholic Churches. The marketing message on the seminar's logo reads: "Implementing the Purpose Driven Church – Growth Without Compromising Your Message or Mission." Since we know the Roman Church cannot, and never will, compromise its infallibly pronounced gospel of works and sacraments, we must wonder if the "Purpose Driven Seminar gospel is indeed the Gospel of Jesus Christ." It should not surprise us that Roman Catholic churches are participating in Rick Warren's seminars. He often quotes Roman Catholic leaders favorably.

ANGLICANS NOT HAPPY OVER EPISCOPAL APOLOGY—Anglican archbishops were not appeased by the U.S.'s apology last month for the consecration last year of V. Gene Robinson. It said the U.S. Episcopal's apology did not go far enough to heal the rift which threatens unity among Anglicans..

SBC SEEKS NEW ALTERNATIVE TO BWA—Two dozen retired chief executives of Southern Baptist entities have declared themselves to be "advocates of the Baptist World Alliance." Former SBC/BWA leader Duke McCall says "Our purpose is to retain Southern Baptist participation in and support of the BWA." The SBC's chief executive Morris Chapman said: "We hope for the BWA God's blessings in every work they do for the Kingdom's sake" (1/27 *Alabama Baptist*). SBC funding of the BWA has been cut but the SBC will continue their dialogue with the BWA toward possibly resolving the dispute.

EVANGELICALS AND MORMONS TOGETHER— "An Evening of Friendship" conference/dialogue was held November 14 and featured Ravi Zacharias ("main speaker"), Fuller Seminary President Richard Mouw, Craig Hazen (Biola prof), Joseph Tkach, and Michael Card. Dr. David W. Cloud writes (*O Timothy*): "...Mouw, who preceded Zacharias to the podium, apologized to the Mormons, making the following amazing statements: 'Let me state it clearly. We evangelicals have sinned against you....We have demonized you....[We evangelicals] have often misrepresented the faith and beliefs of the Latter-Day Saints.'" Cloud asks: "Is it sin to preach the one true Gospel and to warn of false gospels and christs as Paul did?..." One report said Ravi Zacharias almost pulled out of the event because prior reports had downplayed his theological differences with Mormonism....Ravi's message received a standing ovation from the entire crowd." But, make no mistake. Mormonism is a cult. Be warned, be wise, beware!

FRONTLINE MAGAZINE—I haven't read it yet, but just reading the index of authors and articles aroused my interest in the new *Frontline*, published by the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship. Its theme for the new issue is "The Evangelical Disaster. Dr. John Vaughn is FBF's Pres. and Editor of *Frontline*.

SOME FUNDAMENTALISTS NO LONGER DESIRE TO DISTINGUISH THEMSELVES FROM NEO-EVANGELICALS—Dr. John Vaughn said of the new International Baptist Network: "It [IBN] includes the Baptist Bible Fellowship, the Southwide Baptist Fellowship, and the World Baptist Fellowship. The celebration was joined by representatives of the Southern Baptist Convention. Their [IBN's] attempt to rally around the Great Commission is commendable. But to do so while setting aside the unpleasantness of separation is to ignore the lesson of the Evangelical Disaster. Fundamental Baptists should know better than to board the back end of a train that is wrecking on the other end.

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SPONG DEBATES MOHLER—Liberal retired Episcopal bishop, John Shelby Spong, again revealed his extreme liberalism in a debate Dec. 16 with Southern Baptist Seminary president R. Albert Mohler. Spong argued Christianity must be updated for modern times, that in the 21st century it is not realistic for Christians to believe in miracles such as the virgin birth and resurrection of Jesus (12/22 *BP*). Mohler says we have a choice between the Christianity preached by the Apostles and handed down to us, or Spong's "Christianity" which is devoid of all that is essential to the faith beginning with a supernatural personal God, all the way down to the incarnation of Christ and His saving work on the cross.

HOLLYWOOD'S VIEW OF RELIGION IS NEGATIVE—Television's treatment of religion has become increasingly negative in recent years even though mentions of God are occurring more often, per a study released Dec. 16 by the Parents Television Council and the National Religious Broadcasters. They said Hollywood is not accurately portraying viewers' beliefs (12/31 *Baptist Press*). The study showed of 2,385 hours of primetime TV shows watched that there were 2,344 mentions of religion. PTC judged 22 percent of the mentions to be positive and 24 percent to be negative and the remainder neutral. Mentions of clergy were twice as likely to be negative as positive. (parentstv.org)

\$69,000 SANDWICH HAS IMAGE OF VIRGIN MARY? POPE PRAYS TO MARY— The highest bid on the online E-bay auction site (at the middle of a recent week) for a partially eaten 10-year-old grilled cheese sandwich, which, according to its owner bears the image of the Virgin Mary (11/27 *World*). Catholics ascribe to Mary powers she never claimed. Pope John Paul II recently prayed to Mary for peace in Iraq and the world at ceremonies marking the 150th anniversary of the Catholic dogma of the Immaculate Conception. (12/10 *HT*) He called on Mary "to obtain peace and salvation for all peoples."

SECULARISTS BLAME GOD FOR TSUNAMI DISASTER—The challenge to the Christian faith is clear, even as it is often crudely put forth by secular critics. It goes like this: "If God is both omnipotent and benevolent, how can disasters like this happen?" Playwright Archibald MacLeish posed this theological challenge: "If God is God, He is not good; if God is good, He is not God." An example of how not to give a Christian answer was provided by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams. Writing in *The Sunday*

Telegraph, he said: "Every single random, accidental death is something that should upset a faith bound up with comfort and ready answers. Faced with the paralyzing magnitude of a disaster like this, we naturally feel more deeply outraged—and also more deeply helpless. We can't see how this is going to be dealt with, we can't see how to make it better. We know, with a rather sick feeling, that we shall have to go on facing it and we can't make it go away or make ourselves feel good." The newspaper headlined the archbishop's column, "Of Course This Makes Us Doubt God's Existence." After the article ran, the archbishop said the headline and article misrepresented his views. The paper said it may have misrepresented the archbishop's argument, but said he himself must accept much of the blame. It said his prose is so obscure, his thought processes so hard to follow, that his message is often unclear. Jesus warned that natural disasters are part of God's warning, of our mortality, and of the coming judgment. He warned that famines, earthquakes, wars, etc., would be the "birth pangs" of coming tribulation and judgment. A faithful Christian response will affirm the true character and power of God—His omnipotence and His benevolence. God is in control of the universe. His goodness and love are beyond question. Christians must avoid explanations when God has not revealed an explanation. Finally, Christians must respond to a crisis like this by weeping with those who weep, by praying, by offering concrete assistance in Christ's name, and by bearing bold witness to the Gospel.... (Adapted, R. Albert Mohler Jr., 1/04 BP)

CATHOLIC GROUP TO JOIN NEW ECUMENICAL GROUP, SBC DECLINES—The Conference of Catholic Bishops in the U.S., at their fall gathering, voted to join the new ecumenical group, Christian Churches Together in the USA. CCT's goal is to have the broadest ecumenical umbrella to date, bringing together Catholics, liberal and evangelical Protestants, Baptists, Orthodox, Pentecostals and Charismatics. Its steering committee includes a Catholic Bishop and Cardinal (*O Timothy*). A spokesman for the SBC's No. American Mission Board said "*For the most part* [emphasis added by CC editor], we don't do ecumenism because you usually have to give up some doctrinal beliefs or ignore or emphasize others to work with folks that really aren't on the same path, share the same doctrines, the same beliefs—particularly about salvation..." (1/6 AB). Such alliances are unscriptural and cause confusion. CCT is set to launch formally next fall and be a broader body than the older NCC.

SOME KEY EVENTS OF 2004—Some notable deaths: Pres. Reagan; Billy James Hargis, anti-communism battler; Garner Ted Armstrong; Carl Henry, new-evangelical theologian, first editor of *Christianity Today*; Harold Henniger: church growth expert, megachurch pastor; and two key liberal/moderate SBC leaders: Roy Honeycutt, Henlee Barnette. Episcopal Church USA installed an open homosexual as bishop. *The Passion of the Christ* movie box-office take was \$609 million. Jerry Falwell announced plans to resurrect his Moral Majority. Rick Warren's *Purpose-Driven Life* has sold 20 million copies, and he was listed by *Time* as "People Who Mattered in 2004." Roy Moore, "the 10 commandments judge," lost his appeal to overturn court case. Many mainline liberal churches are divided over homosexuality, women pastors, etc. The International Baptist Network (BBF, SBF, and WBF) held its first meeting in Sept. The SBC withdrew from the Baptist World Alliance, citing its leftward drift and liberal theology. [GARBC, Cedarville, and others who have had meetings/ties with various levels of the SBC may join the IBN soon.]

CHINA GIVES RELIGION A NEW NAME: 'EVIL TEACHINGS'—In a sudden wave of Christian arrests last summer, Red China issued a top secret directive to spread Marxism against "Western" attempts to destabilize China with religion, or "evil teachings." Per our State Department's 2004 religious-freedom report, about 30 million Protestants and at least 5 million Catholics worship in unofficial house churches. Unregistered churches are not allowed to operate, but enforcement of this varies widely from region to region.

DEATH WISH—A Hindu seer almost incited a riot by failing to die on Nov. 17. The chief cleric of Srigruru Ashram in India had predicted his soul would leave his body sometime that morning, and 15,000 people showed up to watch. The crowd was quiet when he sat down to meditate at 6 a.m., but turned violent when he was still alive at noon. The seer says he is sorry and "wanted to leave my mortal body, but I could not." Unless he becomes saved, both his soul and his body will spend eternity in Hell. Souls are perishing and need the Gospel.

Note: In reporting the deaths of SBC professors (Henlee Barnette and John Drakeford), in the Dec. 2004 CC, we erroneously included the name of Walter Shurden as having died in Oct. He has assured me he is very much among the living!

PRAYER THAT NEW FUNDAMENTALIST LEADERS WILL HAVE SPIRIT & POWER OF

ELIJAH—The theme for the recent American Council of Christian Churches meeting in Maine was drawn from Elijah passing his mantle to Elisha who would succeed him as God's spokesman, and the *spirit* and *power* of Elijah would rest upon him. An ACCC resolution states: "O that our God would raise up men with such a spirit and with such power. May we be men of courage, boldness and spiritual backbone to stand for truth in these days of apostasy and compromise. May we ever cry: "*Where is the LORD God of Elijah?*" O that we might see that power displayed in our ministries to the glory of God....The ACCC is burdened for the next generation of Fundamentalist leaders who will be called upon to stand for truth. The conflicts that this next generation will face include a continual battle with New Evangelicalism, an engaging of the post-modern mind in the pew, a contending for the Faith once delivered to the saints, and a faithful proclamation of an exclusivist Gospel in a pluralist society. Today, we need men that will stand up and speak out on the issues that challenge truth and our Fundamentalist position. You may request a copy of all 8 resolutions from the ACCC, P.O. Box 5455, Bethlehem, PA 18015. <acc@juno.com>

OBF RESOLUTION ON DALLAS SEMINARY (EXCERPT)—The Ohio Bible Fellowship at a recent conference passed a resolution on Dallas Seminary. We excerpt as follows: "Dallas Seminary has repudiated ecclesiastical separation and militancy since its inception by advocating continuance in apostate denominations and merely 'giving out the positive truth'...and teaches both pastors and its students new evangelicalism through its professors, chapel speakers and publications...."

GARBC CHURCH VOTES TO LEAVE—Bible Baptist Church of Beaver Dam WI, Carlos Galvan, Pastor, recently voted to withdraw from the GARBC. Reasons given: "...We saw historically the change that began to take place in the 80s, the watershed conference at Niagara Falls, and the Association's continuing to follow a different paradigm of ministry since then. While our church has sought to remain a strong separatist ministry, we have seen the GARBC decide to go a different direction. They are not where we are. Separation was necessary. There are some good men and ministries in the GARBC, but the association in general, and a great many ministries connected with the association, were going a new evangelical direction."

PROMISE UNFILLED: *The Failed Strategy of Modern Evangelicalism* is the title of a new big book by Rolland McCune. Just when we were growing concerned about the dearth of new books on the twin dangers of New Evangelicalism and Ecclesiastical Separation, along comes this refreshing new book to warn and inform—just like an oasis in a thirsty land. Don't let the price scare you. The 29-page index of men and movements alone is much needed and well worth the price. It is important that we stay informed and identify compromisers and deceivers. I look forward to reading the book and possibly excerpting a few snippets from it for the next CC. Dr. McCune is the former president of Detroit Baptist Seminary (now a Professor there), and this book is highly recommended by Drs. David Beale, Robert Delnay, David Doran, and Sam Horn. Order from: Detroit Baptist Seminary, 313/383-6110, \$24.99 + \$3 postage.

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CCM INDUSTRY IS ABOUT MONEY, POPULARITY, & GLORIFYING THE ARTISTS—Dave Hunt writes (11/04 *Berean Call*): "...[I]t should be obvious to any thinking observer that today's 'worship music' is designed to please man, even the carnal and unsaved, and not God. In *The Purpose Driven Church* (p. 279), Rick Warren boldly declares, 'We use the style of music the majority of people in our church listen to on the radio...contemporary pop/rock.' This is the world's music, and it draws the worldly into the church. In plain words, the music in purpose-driven churches is not chosen because it pleases God, but man. Purpose-driven worship is less about worshiping God than about entertaining the 'worshippers.' That is its deliberate design. Thus, the music and the entire 'program' (like any secular performance) must appeal to the audience rather than to the One whom they are supposedly worshiping...." Seeker friendly mega-churches in an extreme zeal for growth are "purposely" designed to give "worshippers" what they want.

FALWELL STARTS THE FAITH & VALUES COALITION—Dr. Jerry Falwell launched in October what he describes as "a 21st Century resurrection of the Moral Majority." He founded the latter in 1979, but disbanded it in 1989 to focus on expanding Liberty University. He appeals for immediate funds to launch it and to initiate a nationwide four-year voter registration campaign in 225,000 churches. TFVC's agenda is: (1) Confirmation of pro-life, strict constructionist U.S. Supreme Court justices and other federal judges; (2) passage of a constitutional Federal Marriage Amendment; and (3) the election of another "conservative" president and Congress in 2006 and 2008. Falwell, now 71, will serve as national chairman of the coalition for four years. Tim LaHaye is board chairman, Falwell's son Jonathan is executive director, and his son Matthew Staver is vice-chairman. If Moral Majority is the pattern, Roman Catholics and other false-gospel errantists will be involved ecumenically in ministry.

PUT ASIDE DOCTRINE, UNITE TO FIGHT SOCIAL EVIL—We've seen it happen over and over, especially in the twenty-five years since Moral Majority, uniting of evangelicals and Roman Catholics to fight abortion, etc. Dave Hunt writes: "For example, if a Christian is involved in a social issue that includes a Mormon on one side, a Catholic on another, a Moonie over there and maybe an atheist somewhere in the mix, all involved share certain moral values. But the Christian cannot share the gospel with the others because it would 'break up the coalition.' Therefore, he has to compromise...." (4/15/99 *CC*) As individuals, or as

Christians united doctrinally, we may oppose moral evil, etc., together. Indeed, we as “salt of the earth” must stand against the floodtide of immorality in our day. But we are also to be the “light of the world” with a clear witness of the Gospel to those who grope in darkness. But how can we tell Catholics they need to be saved when we work and worship with their leaders? “If our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost.”

CAN MARRIAGE BE SAVED?—Marriage is in trouble in the U.S. assaulted by a fearful divorce rate, soaring cohabitation, sex and childbearing increasingly detached from wedlock, and now, thanks to “gay” activists, a redefining. In Scandinavia, marriage has become virtually a minority option. In African American society, children are more likely to be born outside of marriage than not. (11/04 Chr. *Today*) Consider: (1) Lifelong healthy marriage is good (2) Divorce is extremely bad for children, as is angry parental conflict (3) Hostile, “get-it-all-out” communication destroys marriages (4) Living together before marriage leads to increased divorce.

ANGLICAN PANEL DISAPPOINTING—An Anglican panel studying the consecration of an openly gay bishop in the U.S. Episcopal Church failed to satisfy conservative dissenters. The U.S. Episcopal Church has roots in the 77-million-member Church of England and wanted an apology.

J. I. PACKER SAID CHARISMATIC MOVEMENT IS OF GOD—J. I. Packer, while still a Regent College professor and a senior editor of *Christianity Today*, said the Charismatic Movement “must be adjudged a work of God.” (July 15, 1989 CC) He said it is in the mainstream of historic evangelical orthodoxy on key doctrines. He said, “If the charismatics err, they err only by expecting to receive from God, whose face they seek, more than he actually promised.” Packer said: “Sharing charismatic experience...is often declared...to unify Protestants and Roman Catholics at a deeper level than that at which their doctrine divides them. This, if so, gives charismaticism great ecumenical significance.” New Evangelical theologians such as Packer lend respectability to the Charismatic Movement, which then in turn, has become a catalyst for the ecumenical movement's world church of Antichrist. Some individual charismatics themselves may be “of God” but the movement itself has many heretical doctrines.

'THE PROSPERITY GOSPEL'—In a 1997 TBN telecast, Paul Crouch said: “If you have been healed or saved or blessed through TBN and have not contributed ... you are robbing God and will lose your reward in heaven.” John Hagee says: “When you give, it qualifies you to receive of God's abundance,” and, Hagee adds, “If God gives to you before you give to Him, God Himself will become a liar. If you are not prospering, it's because you are not giving.” (Dr. Ralph Colas, IBFNA's *The Review*) Another popular charismatic, Benny Hinn, is quoted in the December 14 *Alabama Baptist* (and December 4 CC) as saying salvation and healing should never be separate.

FULLER SEMINARY PRES. APOLOGIZES TO MORMONS—The following is from Maine pastor Greg Linscott: “With evangelicals and Latter-day Saints sitting together in the Salt Lake Tabernacle for an 'Evening of Friendship,' internationally renowned Christian philosopher Ravi Zacharias told them Sunday night that Jesus Christ's unique claim upon humanity is that He embodied truth and sacrificed himself for a world that often does not recognize him. But what many Utahns may remember most distinctly is the sermon that came before it. Taking the pulpit to speak of the event's historic nature, Fuller Theological Seminary President Richard Mouw addressed a capacity crowd of several thousand, offering a stunningly candid apology to members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and noting that 'friendship has not come easily between our communities.' He dubbed the evening 'historic' and apologized that Evangelicals 'have often misrepresented the faith and beliefs of the Latter-day Saints.' 'Let me state it clearly. We evangelicals have sinned against you, he said, adding that both camps have tended to marginalize and simplify the others' beliefs... Best-selling Christian [pro-Catholic] musician Michael Card provided music for the service....” Fuller was founded in 1947 as an evangelical school, but has long since been deeply steeped in apostasy. The Mormon god [s] is not the Triune God of the Bible.

DAVID CLOUD HAS A NEW DVD ON MUSIC, titled *Distinguishing Between Sacred and Contemporary*

Styles of Christian Music. It gives some simple tools for discerning the difference between sensual and sacred music. It and several other videos are available from: 866-295-4143 (toll free).

SOUTHERN BAPTIST ETHICIST DIES—Henlee Barnette, a liberal ethical activist who taught at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, died at age 93 in October. His writings and teachings reflected his strong belief that actions must match belief. He said Jesus isn't going to ask you what you believe. He's going to ask you, "Do you love Me, and do you love your neighbor as yourself?" (11/04 *AB*) Other SB former professors, Jack Drakeford and Walter Shurden, died in October.

MORE LEFT BEHIND BOOKS BEING PRODUCED—Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins are producing more books in the *Left Behind* series, which already has sold 65 million books and related items (10/16/04 *World*). The authors are considering writing another series, tentatively called *The Jesus Chronicles*. Sorry, we cannot endorse the *Left Behind* books. (See 3/03 *CC*)

AIDS IN AFRICA—AIDS kills about 6,000 people each day in Africa, more than wars, famines, and floods. Life expectancy in Botswana has dropped to 44. It has 70,000 orphans. Uganda became the first African country to beat back its AIDS epidemic, and AIDS there has declined dramatically through a U.S. funded abstinence/condoms/prevention program. (11/6 *World*).

KINSEY FILM DRAWS PROTEST—Concerned Women for America has tapped Dr. Judith Reisman, who wrote a 1991 book called "Kinsey, Sex and Fraud," as a prominent voice against Alfred Kinsey's legacy. Now, according to Kinsey, anything goes: promiscuity, pornography, prostitution, adultery, sodomy, group sex, sadomasochism, even incest. (11/14 *New American*) CWA, the nation's largest women's group, has encouraged members to hand out leaflets (at theaters) that discredit the new film and accuse Kinsey of committing child sexual abuse and scientific fraud. (*BP*)

ISLAM IS MOST VIOLENT—Alvin J. Schmidt, a U.S. sociologist and theologian, in a new book, describes Islam as "the most violent religion the world has ever known." (9/20 *C.News*) It's not a religion of peace, as the trendy mantra goes.

QUOTES ON FUNDAMENTALISM—Missionary Rocco Piserchia said Andy Rooney attributed voters' reliance on religion in the recent election to ignorance. "I am an atheist," Rooney said. "I'm sure I'll offend a lot of people by saying this, but I think religion's all nonsense." He said Christian fundamentalism is a result of a lack of education. "They haven't been exposed to what the world has to offer." Prof. Gerd Ludemann describes liberal theology as "contemptible." "I don't think Christians know what they mean when they proclaim Jesus as Lord of the world. That is a massive claim. If you took that seriously, you would probably have to be a fundamentalist. If you can't be a fundamentalist, then you should give up Christianity for the sake of honesty." (Al Mohler, 11/23/04 *Crosswalk*, adapted excerpts)

CORRECTION—Responding to a November *CC* article, the outgoing Southwide Baptist Fellowship Moderator wrote us (re the 9/28 SBF business meeting), said they did not "vote" to remain in the IBN—THAT choice is made individually. The *CC*'s information was from a "friend-of-SBF" source. Two of Dr. Rice's sons-in-law were there but only one spoke from the floor.

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OK TO LEGISLATE MORALITY?—When moral Americans ask for laws to outlaw abortion, drugs, alcohol, gambling, or pornography, liberals cry: “You can't legislate morality”! But most legislation relates to morality. When we make it illegal to murder, steal, or rape, we are imposing our morality on murderers, thieves, and rapists to prevent them from imposing their immorality on their victims. The same is true for assault, fraud, prostitution, tax evasion, etc. Liberals don't want *biblical* morality legislated, but they want to legislate their secular-humanist morality instead. It is often a question of *whose* morality is being legislated.

WHEN RIGHTS COLLIDE—When the permissible exercise of one person's right leads to the impermissible denial of another's, the conflict is resolved by “rule of law.” Most laws forbid or restrict the exercise of a basic right. Freedom of movement is a basic right, but traffic laws forbid driving on the left side of a two-way street. Traffic lights and signs often restrict desired movement (12/1/92 CACC). Prohibition is at times necessary to maximize freedom. A smoker's right to smoke ends where a non-smoker's right to breath unpolluted air (by cancer-causing toxins) begins. A baby's right to life trumps a woman's right to an abortion.

A RIGHT TO FOOD?—The Clintons have said health care is a right. This may sound reasonable, but it certainly is unrealistic. The right to a car may also seem right. In 1975 a liberal senator introduced a Senate resolution stating that everyone has the right to food. The “right” of course is meaningless if food is not available. This is a baseless, dangerous game. For example, could not a “hungering” rogue nation with nuclear capability use force to get what is their “right”? And if food is a right, the U.S. might be charged before a World Court with denying hungry nations what is rightfully theirs! To take from the “haves” to give to the “have nots” is socialism. That is what liberals seem to want.

ISLAM: AMERICA'S NO. 1 ENEMY—Pastor Marc Monte in a 69-page syllabus compares the Koran with the Bible, and concludes that the “religion of Islam as presented in the Koran is a religion of hate. The Koran itself is the single most significant piece of hate literature the world has ever known. The teachings of Mohammed are responsible for the deaths of more people than Hitler, Stalin, and Mussolini combined.”

MEDIA BIAS AGAINST GUNS—People are surprised to learn that survey data show that guns are used defensively by private citizens in the U.S. from 1.5 to 3.4 million times a year, at least three times more

frequently than guns are used to commit crimes (9/04 *Imprimis*). Guns do make it easier to commit crimes, but they also often make it easier for people to defend themselves. So, it's: "More guns, less crime."

AMERICA BECOMING A GAY NATION?—Gay activists want much more than legalized gay marriage, says an article in the October *Charisma*. Many areas of our nation are becoming homosexual havens. And it's not just San Francisco or Key West. A few years ago we were looking forward to seeing "beautiful Cape Cod." But alas, we were told that a part of the Cape is now a homosexual hangout. Popular actors and musicians are celebrating all things homosexual. Two female singers recently kissed on TV. We have gay marriages, gay adoptions, gay politics, gay cruises, Gay Days at Disney World, and gay churches. To our shame, we now applaud what was once considered perverse.

TBN, CROUCH DENY ALLEGATIONS—Paul and Jan Crouch started the Trinity Broadcasting Network in 1973. Paul, in 1998, reached a \$425,000 settlement for an alleged sexual encounter of eight years ago with a male former employee. TBN has programs by charismatic "faith healers" and by some new evangelicals. Benny Hinn is quoted as saying salvation and healing should never be separate.

GRAHAM SLOWING DOWN—Billy Graham, weakened by age (85) and a pelvic fracture, delivered a short sermon from John 3 about starting life over again. This was at Kansas City last month. About 1,300 churches supported the crusade. Typically in the past, liberal denominations and Catholics joined together ecumenically in his crusades. He has accepted an invitation for a crusade in LA in Nov., followed by a crusade in New York's Madison Square Garden next June. In KC, he began slumping about 45 minutes into his message, and finished the sermon seated.

WILLOW CREEK & PSYCHOHERESY—Bill Hybels' seeker-sensitive Willow Creek Community Church has embraced the emotionalism, self-enhancing, subjectivity, popular vocabulary, and self-seeking goals of psychotherapy and the recovery movement, along with their underlying psychologies....In addition to using the sales and management methods of the world, they have incorporated the world's methods of helping people deal with emotional pain and tragedy. They evidently believe secular psychological ideas to be so significant and essential for modern seekers that they give them Christ plus psychology—a syncretism that adapts and even perverts Christ and His Gospel... (Sep-Oct PsychoHeresy Letter)

CORNERSTONE DROPS ITS BAN ON DANCING—After 63 years the prohibition against social dancing at Cornerstone University (long a GARBC school) has been lifted. Its student handbook had banned social dancing, saying it could cause "personal spiritual harm" or "insensitivity to others." A school-sponsored dance might be held later this year. Wheaton College dropped its ban on on-campus dancing almost a year ago, and allows its faculty and staff to drink alcohol and smoke off campus.

GROWING COLLABORATION BETWEEN WCC, RCC—The World Council of Churches, for the first time, recently joined the United Nations' Int'l Day of Peace to pray worldwide for peace, and "Christian Unity." WCC general secretary Dr. Samuel Kobia preached at an ecumenical worship service and met with the Canadian Council of Churches leader. He said ecumenical unity is growing. All this is said to have led to a new stage in collaboration between the WCC and the Roman Catholic Church. All leaders are considering ways to change its structure to accommodate Catholics, Evangelicals, and Pentecostals and bring them all under official WCC membership. It seems the stage is being set for a world church and government.

DECEIVED ON PURPOSE: NEW AGE IMPLICATIONS OF THE PURPOSE-DRIVEN CHURCH is the title of a new book by Warren Smith. The book includes Rick Warren's relationship with Robert Schuller, and "Oneness" by T.D. Jakes. Neale Donald Walsch and other New Age leaders declare that God has a 5-step PEACE Plan to save the world through a "New Spirituality", part of which demands that Christians abandon their belief in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior (p15). (Some of these New Agers declare "The era of the Single Savior is over." etc.) Order this 185-page book from: www.discernment-ministries.com

LIBERALISM, A BIGGER COVERUP BY THE POPE?—A recent book *Vows of Silence* blames the Pope for covering up a sex abuse scandal. But, far more serious than covering up any sex scandal is the Pope's covering up of theological modernism in the Roman Catholic Church (9/27 *Chr. News*). *CN* Editor Herman Otten comments: “The Pope's refusal to see that liberal Roman Catholic theologians are removed from the Roman Catholic Church is even worse than his allowing thousands of practicing homosexual clergymen to continue serving as priests.”

INTERNATIONAL BAPTIST NETWORK (IBN)—Three major independent Baptist fellowships (Baptist Bible, Southwide, and World Baptist), fulfilling a “vision” of Dr. John Rawlings, came together at Highland Park Baptist Church (Chattanooga). Each Fellowship met and voted in late September. The SBF voted 215 to 58 to accept the officers presented, and to continue to be a part of the IBN. We were able to attend some of the Services and most of the business meeting. These disparate Fellowships are divided on many issues: KJV, CCM, and New Evangelicalism (ecclesiastical separation, Promise Keepers, Falwell and other conservative Southern Baptist leaders, e.g.). Adding to the confusion and weak stance, is the fact that Falwell is a member of both the BBF and SBC. And Rawlings is Falwell's mentor, and veteran BBF leader who was unable to speak at the meeting. Apparently two of Dr. Rice's sons-in-law, spoke from the floor in favor of the 215 majority. The SBF is now entangled with, and routinely fellowships with, new evangelicals, and compromising Southern Baptist leaders. [Much more could be said if space permitted, CCM rock music, etc.]. Will there now be a faithful remnant in the SBF who will “come out from among them and be separate”? We pray to that end. We grieve at the lack of discernment being evidenced by “fundamentalist” leaders of our day. [2Cor. 6:17, Zech. 4:6]

BBF LEADER MONROE SPEAKS AT IBN MEETING—The following is an excerpt from Dr. Bill Monroe's sermon: “Ladies and gentlemen, our time is too short to continue on the path that we've been going for the past 50 years... We are too badly out-numbered [“numbers” should not take precedence over doing right!], our resources are too limited, our time is too short to continue on the path that we've been going for 50 years....Now all I can speak for is Bill Monroe. But I can tell you this. I fear standing before God and trying to explain to Him why I wouldn't join hands with fellow Bible-believing Baptists to reach a world that's groaning with the lostness of almost 7 billion souls without hope, without God, without Christ and headed for a Devil's Hell. What am I going to say to my Lord when He said, 'Why did you get diverted by all that stuff? Why didn't you [just!] try to reach this world for Christ like I asked you to do?'...” When he said 'stuff,' his tone seemed to slur. Maybe our Lord would also ask: “How could you share pulpits and fellowship with those disobedient brethren who join hands with Moonies, Mormons, Catholics, or other errantists”? Why can't we do BOTH—defend the faith AND declare the Gospel? After all, BOTH are commands and Christians have no right to ignore or slur either of them.

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THE ROLE, PURPOSE & EFFECTS OF MUSIC—*Foundation* magazine offers a 65-page very informative booklet by Pastor David Moss for its July-August issue. There is a warning to heed: "Things done in the house of God are not acceptable to Him merely because they are done in the house of God. Neither are they acceptable to Him merely because they are done in the name of Christ." [Matt. 7:21-23] Phone: 805/528-3534.

MOVIE RATINGS NOW LESS STRICT—Today's movies contain significantly more violence, sex and profanity on average than movies of the same rating a decade ago (9/16 *Ala. Bapt.*). A movie rated PG-13 today contains comparable content to an R-rated movie a decade ago, according to a study by the Harvard School of Public Health.

IS IT HATE SPEECH TO COLLECT BIBLE VERSES ON HOMOSEXUALITY?—Last year a Pentecostal pastor in Sweden was found guilty of offending homosexuals in a sermon and sentenced to one month in prison under a trial test of a law against a law against incitement (9/04 *Chr. Today*). He had described homosexuality as "abnormal," and called homosexuals "perverts." The prosecutor played an excerpt from the sermon, called it an attack, and said: "Collecting Bible [verses] on this topic as he does makes this hate speech."

CHRISTIAN COALITION, CASINOS, CATHOLICISM—Ralph Reed, former head of the Christian Coalition (similar in many ways to Moral Majority), admits to accepting \$1.23 million in consulting fees tied to Indian-run gambling casinos (9/9 *Ala. Baptist*), but he says he never advocated in favor of gambling. Meanwhile, Alabama Christian Coalition head, John Giles, has found his home in the Roman Catholic church. Dave Hunt comments on this: "The Catholic Church teaches that a person much be baptized and become good enough to enter heaven....But the Bible declares that no one can ever be good enough to merit heaven. Salvation is a gift of God...."

MCCARTNEY MOVES FROM PK TO MESSIANICS—Promise Keepers founder Bill McCartney is joining a new effort to reach out to Messianic Jews aimed at linking evangelical Christians with Jews who believe Jesus is the Messiah (9/13 *C. News*). A December 3 "gathering" is planned.

MUSLIM TERRORISM & AIDS—"Infidels" have "hijacked" the supposedly "peaceful" religion of Islam.

Hurricanes and terrorism have taken a terrible recent toll. Yet: "HIV/AIDS globally is already the worst disaster in recorded human history." (*Record*) In Africa, some 28 million have the AIDS virus. (7/24 *World*) Despite the U.S. record \$15 billion initiative (more than all other countries combined!) to fight the global spread of HIV, we are disdainfully pilloried by AIDS activists.

PARLIAMENT OF THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS—This important meeting in Barcelona, Spain, July 7-13, of the Fourth Parliament of the World's Religions was covered by ACCC Exec. Sec'y Dr. Ralph Colas. His 6-page informative report is now available. Keynote speakers included: Swiss theologian Hans Kung, Deepak Chopra, and Dr. Jane Goodhall. More than 1,000 speakers led some 430 panels/workshops, plus large plenary sessions. A Catholic archbishop spoke. The Chinese government may have hindered the Dalai Lama from attending. Syncretism was very evident and those who disagreed were identified as a hindrance to world peace. At least 143,000 attended some part of the Parliament activities. Pluralism (all religions are the same) was emphasized. "Peace" was an oft-heard buzz word. Pagan religions (honoring the earth) were represented. An anti-American sentiment is evident and prevalent in countries like Spain. Dr. Colas spends a lot of time, effort, and travel costs in covering these meetings (with a press badge) NOTE: If these reports are a help to you, an offering to help with these costs would be appreciated. Send to: ACCC, P.O. Box 5455, Bethlehem, PA 18015. Phone: 610/865-3009.

MBI PRESIDENT TO RESIGN—Moody Bible Institute president Dr. Joseph Stowell plans to resign his post effective Feb. 2005 and pursue a ministry of teaching and preaching (9/16 *Ala. Baptist*). He had been at MBI since 1987 and had embraced ecumenism on several occasions. He served as the "Leadership Chair" for the 1996 Luis Palau "Say YES, Chicago" crusade. Stowell and Palau, "the Billy Graham of Latin America," were Promise Keepers speakers and sometimes joined with Roman Catholics in ecumenical endeavors, such as the Chicago crusade. *Moody Monthly* is soon to cease publication—it had been on the decline in recent years and became increasingly new-evangelical. Speakers for the upcoming MBI Founder's Week conference (Jan. 1–Feb. 5) include: Stowell, Ralph Bell, Jim Cymbala, Howard Hendricks, Tony Evans, Ravi Zacharias, and Joni.

ADRIAN ROGERS TO RETIRE—Former SBC president Dr. Adrian Rogers recently announced his plans to retire as pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church near Memphis, set for the spring of 2005. He will remain in Memphis but felt Bellevue needed a younger pastor. He had recent heart surgery but said health was not a factor in his decision. He will continue his worldwide radio and television ministry known as Love Worth Finding, and his pastor training institute. Bellevue had 9,000 members when he came there; today it claims 29,000. Note: Even though Bellevue was my dad's church in later life, and Dr. Rogers was a skilled expositor of the Word, I still felt it necessary to lovingly warn my dad of Rogers' unequal yoke with liberals in SBC colleges, etc.

WORD FAITH DANGER—Word Faith is the fastest growing movement within the professed Christian church. Two closely [related] factions are involved. The first is the Norman Vincent Peale ("positive thinking,") Robert Schuller ("possibility thinking") with their roots in the Hagin, Copeland positive confession. Here you run across such names as E.W. Kenyon and Wm. Branham (*Faith & Freedom*). Kenneth Copeland denies Christ achieved our salvation on the Cross. In his magazine he denies the deity of Christ and says "that every Christian is guaranteed physical healing and financial prosperity."

FUNDAMENTALISM IS NOT NEW—It is a mistake often made by educated persons who happen to have but little knowledge of historical theology—to suppose that fundamentalism is a new and strange form of thought. It is nothing of the kind; it is the partial and uneducated survival of a theology which was once universally held by all Christians. How many were there, for instance, in Christian churches in the 18th century who doubted the inspiration of all Scripture? A few, perhaps, but very few. No, the fundamentalist may be wrong; I think that he is. But it is we who have departed from the tradition, not he, and I am sorry for the fate of anyone who tries to argue with a fundamentalist on the basis of authority. The Bible and the corpus theologicum of the Church is on the fundamentalist side. —Kirsop Lake, via *Frontline*

ISLAM 101: Contrasts Between Islam and Christianity is the title of a new glossy finish 8-page pamphlet by

Dr. Gene Gurganus. He has served 53 years as an evangelist, pastor, and missionary church planter in a Muslim country. We reviewed his book *Peril of Islam* in the July CC. This much-needed pamphlet deserves widespread distribution and is available from: Truth Publishers, P.O. Box 1525, Taylors, SC 29687, or visit Web site at: www.perilofislam.com 10 copies \$3, 100 for \$12, postpaid.

NEW EVANGELICALISM—[This is one of 22 *Terms to Know in the 21st Century*, by Matt Costella, FEA, Box 6278, Los Osos, CA 93412] “A theological position that attempts to bridge the gap between Biblical fundamentalism (or traditional evangelicalism) and religious liberalism and neo-orthodoxy in an effort to gain intellectual and cultural respectability. Harold Ockenga, who coined the term 'New Evangelicalism' in 1948, said this new movement emphasizes infiltration rather than separation from error, the advancement of the social gospel and a willingness to re-examine certain Biblical teachings embraced by fundamentalists (such as, the nature of Scripture, the origin of man, the universality of the flood, etc.). The March 1956 issue of *Christian Life* elaborated upon the tenets of New Evangelicalism in the article 'Is Evangelical Theology Changing.' The article noted the characteristics of the New Evangelicalism: 1) A friendly attitude toward science, 2) a willingness to re-examine beliefs concerning the work of the Holy Spirit, 3) a more tolerant attitude toward varying views on eschatology, 4) a shift away from so-called extreme dispensationalism, 5) an increased emphasis on scholarship, 6) a more definite recognition of social responsibility, 7) a re-opening of the subject of Biblical inspiration and 8) a growing willingness of evangelical theologians to converse with liberal theologians. Today, New Evangelicalism is often manifested as a mood or attitude of disdain toward Biblical fundamentalism as well as a ministerial philosophy which encourages ecumenical cooperation and emphasizes 'love' at the expense of sound doctrine.”

CLINTON AT NOTORIOUS LIBERAL CHURCH—On the very eve of the Republican National Convention, former Pres. Bill Clinton took the pulpit of one of NY's most famous churches—Riverside Church. He delivered a message to mobilize religious liberals. The church, founded in 1927, was built by John D. Rockefeller Jr. Its founding pastor was the notorious Harry Emerson Fosdick. Fosdick, a Baptist, had formerly served as preaching minister at New York's First Presby. Church but was forced out after controversy arose when he denied Christian doctrines from the pulpit. Fosdick and Rockefeller founded Riverside as a bastion of progressive thought, mixed with theological and political liberalism (A. Mohler, 9-14-04 *BP*). [Note: We visited the Riverside complex in 1988—Union Seminary, NCC, Riverside, etc. There was ample evidence to support Dr. G.A. Weniger's charge that Riverside was “the No. 1 pulpit of modernism.” Speakers: Ortega, Tutu, Ting, e.g.]

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PK PLANS TO IMPACT SOCIETY, TIES WITH MESSIANIC JEWS—Promise Keepers leaders are planning a new strengthening of ties between evangelicals and Messianic Jews. Messianic Jews believe Jesus is the Messiah but consider themselves Jewish and observe Jewish rituals. Jewish religious leaders, however, consider them Christian and are offended by their efforts to evangelize Jews (8/14 *H. Times*). PK, known for its arena and stadium events, recently began taking stands on social issues (8/16 *Agape Press*) saying it is changing from a movement to a mission.

NO LIGHT FROM MOON—Sun Myung Moon's Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, formerly known as the Unification Church, has started a series of seminars on the Divine Principle to recruit 12,000 Christian ministers to “take down their Crosses” and follow Moon's teachings (8/9 *C.News*). He claims to be the new Messiah and have direct revelation from God. He makes the blasphemous claim that Jesus failed His mission. Yet, some big name evangelicals (e.g., Jerry Falwell) have spoken at his functions.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS GLORIFY THE OCCULT—Books, movies, music, and video games increasingly are making the occult seem acceptable. Since *Harry Potter* became a publishing sensation [J.K. Rowling's books have sold over 250 million copies!], the children's book market has been swamped with fantasy books that glorify paganism and the occult. So writes a charismatic Anglican priest in his new popular book *Shadowmancer* reviewed in the 8/04 *Charisma*.

U.S. AIDS FUNDING PROBLEMS—The U.S. has committed \$15 billion over five years to help AIDS victims, but has so far drawn disdain for our abstinence-friendly AIDS policies. (7/31 *World*). Some wonder why communist Vietnam, with state-funded abortions and a non-epidemic, was the choice to receive U. S. AIDS money.

SIX MARKS OF FALSE PROPHETS: 1) Through signs and wonders they lead astray after false gods (Dt. 13:1-4); 2) their prophecies don't come to pass; (Dt. 18:20-22); 3) they contradict God's Word (Isa. 8:20); 4) they bear bad fruit (Matt. 7:18-20); 5) all men speak well of them (Lk. 6:26); 6) they deny that Jesus, the one and only Christ, has come once and for all in the flesh (I Jn. 4:3). Any one of these marks is sufficient identification to indicate a false prophet. (Dave Hunt)

NEA'S LEFTIST AGENDA FOR OUR CHILDREN—The National Education Association is a powerful labor union whose goal is to nationalize our education system with the NEA in control. It was founded in 1857 but in 1917 was taken over by socialist progressive educators and became a powerful subversive labor union in the 1960s. (8/23 *New Amer.*) In the process, with the NEA in control, a “dumbing down” and moral corruption of our children has occurred in preparation for acceptance of a socialistic new world order. The NEA is active in destroying our traditional morality (homosexuality?) and supports “family planning” (abortion?).

WARREN COURT'S ACTIVIST LEGACY—Since the late 1950s, the Warren Court “dictatorship of nine judges” de-Christianized our public schools: Prayer and Bible readings were abolished and a radically secularist relentless war to remove all expressions and symbols of Christianity from our public square was launched. A few more examples of judicial activism (“legislating from the bench”): Judges have declared pornography, nude dancing in beer halls, and burning the American flag to be constitutionally-protected speech; created new rights for criminals; declared abortion a constitutional right of all women, declared homosexuality a protected right; and outlawed the death penalty for a generation. [CVN]

“To Know God Truthfully, To understand the Scripture comprehensively, and to live life rightly is the greatest conceivable human blessing.” (Frontline)

SBC: “UNITED IN ERROR”—“Better to be divided by truth than united in error.” Newly-elected Southern Baptist President Bobby Welch is very intent on bringing unity to his fractured denomination and plans to use a bus tour to bring everyone to “the Baptist table.” He hopes this will be a “sterling opportunity for everybody” to come to the Baptist table, “including moderates and liberals” who have withdrawn much of their support for the convention in the last 20 years (8/14 *H. Times*). He hopes to convince all groups to set aside their differences to create “a spiritual synergy” through evangelism. But a unity based on unscriptural alliances does harm to the doctrine of separation. A unity not based on truth (Bible doctrine) is an unscriptural one.

RADICAL METHODIST BISHOP SPRAGUE—UMC Bishop Joe Sprague denies the eternal deity, virgin birth, and bodily resurrection of Christ. Set to retire in August, he believes Muslims, Jews and born-again Christians all worship the same God. He was arrested several times for his pro-homosexual and anti-war activism, e.g., protesting the war in Iraq (7/23 *Agape Press*). His replacement is Bishop Hee Soo Jung who is more theologically moderate than Sprague, but “quite liberal.” Jung is said to be deeply committed to social activism.

ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT—[This is one of 22 *Terms to Know in the 21st Century*, by Matt Costella, FEA, Box 6278, Los Osos, CA 93412.] “A movement of men, churches, parachurch organizations and church councils that strives to unite all churches that claim to be ‘Christians,’ whether Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox, Pentecostal or Evangelical. While the ecumenical movement originally sought to unite only professing Christian churches, today a strong emphasis is placed upon the unification of all religions—Christian and non-Christian. Initially, the ecumenical movement intended to forge a visible organizational or institutional unity of all churches. However, the emphasis of the ecumenical movement is now upon a ‘unity by consensus’ or ‘unity in diversity’ model, that is, a unity in which those of all religious persuasions are now urged to retain their own religious or denominational identities while uniting around a common cause or belief. In the U.S., key proponents of the ecumenical movement include the World Council of Churches, the National Council of Churches, the Charismatic Movement and evangelical movements such as the Promise Keepers movement, Evangelicals and Catholics Together and any other individuals, churches or parachurch organizations that seek to minimize Biblical doctrine (truth) in an effort to find common cause with those who preach a false gospel.”

SINCE YOU ASKED—My double and blurred vision is as bad as ever. Combining two Parkinson's drugs gives me more strength (for which I am thankful), but there are side effects and the disease continues to progress.

NEW SBC & BWA LEADERS—David Coffey, general secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, has been nominated as president of the liberal Baptist World Alliance to succeed South Korean pastor Billy Kim. BWA Gen. Secretary Denton Lotz received a doctor of divinity degree from the Moscow Theological Seminary. CBFers Lolley and Leonard were to lead a Baptist tour of historic Baptist sites last month which included a stop at the BWA congress in England where “participants experienced the opening ceremony,” heard Rick Warren, and were students in Jimmy Carter's Sunday School class.

MORE THAN THESE is a new 270-page book by Pastor Ralph Ovadal detailing how Roman Catholic influence and doctrine have permeated the pro-life movement, including street-level ministries, Christian radio and pregnancy center networks. It documents stories of Protestants converting to the RCC due to Christians being involved in pro-life ministry with Catholics. Many evangelicals today accept Roman Catholics as “brothers and sisters in Christ.” Pastor Ovadal believes the pro-life movement has been a key factor in desensitizing Christians to the dangers and sin of accepting the Roman church as Christian and thus helping to advance its ecumenical strategy. This book is available from WCU, POB 771, Monroe, WI 53566, Ph. (608)328-4841.

T.D. JAKES' NEW PASSION FILM—Will the theater soon replace the church? Bishop T.D. Jakes, frequently mentioned to replace Billy Graham as America's preacher, has a new film that includes intense scenes of child rape, drug use, domestic violence and murder. He went to Cleveland recently for a private (to about 60 men) screen showing of “Woman, Thou Art Loosed.” He is hoping pastors will rent out theaters for a gritty, modern screen adaptation of Jesus overcoming suffering (8/15 *Huntsville Times*). Like Gibson, Jakes is hoping for an R rating as a way to reach contemporary audiences.

DR. COLAS' SPECIAL REPORT ON NAE—ACCC Executive Secretary Dr. Ralph Colas attended, with press credentials, the 61st Annual Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals at New Life Church in Colorado Springs. Ted Haggard, NAE president, is pastor of this charismatic mega-church. Notorious liberal Robert Schuller was a main speaker at this NAE convention. He received a standing ovation before and after his self-esteem message. The NAE reached a new low by inviting Schuller to speak. Get a copy of Dr. Colas' six-page special report of the NAE convention from: ACCC, 610/865-3009, offering appreciated.

ACCC MEETING—The 63rd Annual Convention of the American Council of Christian Churches is scheduled for Oct. 26-28 at Faith Baptist Church, Orono, ME. Host pastor is Rev. Dave Natale. Phone 207/866.5749. For motel (Bangor, ME): 207/942.7899. (Comfort Inn).

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EVOLUTION IS A MYTH—Sir Arthur Keith, a leading evolutionist of the twentieth century, candidly admitted: “Evolution is unproved and unprovable. We [evolutionists] believe it because the only alternative is special creation, and that is unthinkable.” Yes, once it is admitted that there is a God to whom an accounting must some day be given, belief in special creation must be avoided at all costs.

KENT HOVIND PARK RAIDED BY IRS—IRS agents raided the Pensacola homes and businesses of Kent Hovind, “Dr. Dino,” who runs a creationist theme park and museum saying he owes taxes on proceeds of over \$1 million. He travels around the world, on the Internet, in videos and in literature, arguing against evolution and for a biblical view of creation (5/6 AB). He denied any wrongdoing, and no charges have been filed against him. He suspects he is being targeted because of his religious beliefs. Per the *Fundamentalist Digest*: “For years, Hovind has fallaciously claimed that federal income taxes are 'voluntary' for all Americans, and that **regardless** of income status, individuals are **not** required to pay federal income taxes or file yearly reports....”

PRIESTS ACCUSED OF ABUSE WERE MOVED—Between 100 and 200 Roman Catholic priests from around the world were moved from country to country after they were accused of sex offenses against minors, according to an 18-month investigation by the *Dallas Morning News* (6/19 HT).

'SAVED' USES SACRELIGIOUS SATIRE TO TEACH TOLERANCE—“*Saved*” is a new teen comedy film that viciously mocks Christians. A Christian film reviewer calls it a “breeding ground for anti-Christian bigotry.” The film's heroine is Mary, who sees it as her mission to sleep with Dean, a homosexual, to “cure” him. So she is said to sacrifice her virginity to conquer his homosexuality. One scene has Mary testing God by staring up at a cross and cursing (6/12 *Houston Chronicle*). Characters lie, steal, smoke, throw Bibles and curse God. Other such offensive films are coming.

MARIJUANA: AMERICA'S LARGEST CASH CROP?—The social norm creeping into society today is that pot is harmless. Although alcohol remains the primary drug of choice among teens, marijuana is firmly No. 2. Marijuana is more than twice as potent as the marijuana of the 1970s (5/04 *Charisma*). And because of the increased potency, today's drug remains in a person's system about seven days, not a day or two like the weed of 30 or so years ago. Marijuana has long been known as a “gateway drug.” It is a dangerous and easily accessible

addictive drug. Be warned, be wise, beware!

TEN REASONS WHY I CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN THE MODERN CHARISMATIC

MOVEMENT—(By George Zeller, Middletown Bible Church, Ct., *Foundation*)— 1) The Charismatic Movement teaches that not every believer has received the Holy Spirit. 2) The Charismatic Movement teaches that tongues is the evidence of having received the Spirit. 3) The Charismatic Movement teaches that tongues is the evidence of being filled with the Spirit. 4) The Charismatic Movement teaches that Spirit baptism is an experience subsequent (following in time) to salvation and not enjoyed by all believers. 5) Some within the Charismatic Movement believe that it is necessary to tarry for the Holy Spirit. 6) Within the Charismatic Movement there is often an overemphasis upon the person or the Holy Spirit to the neglect of Christ. 7) The Charismatic Movement includes those who teach that it is God's will for every sick person to be healed. 8) The Charismatic Movement teaches that the Bible is not sufficient! (We need something else—visions, prophecies, added revelations, etc.!) 9) The Charismatic Movement believes that ecumenism is pleasing to God. 10) The Charismatic Movement makes experience the real basis of Christian unity rather than doctrine. [Bro. Zeller has a 37-page study titled, *The Charismatic Movement—35 Doctrinal Issues*, available, postage paid, for \$3.00 from him at 349 East Street Middletown, CT 06457. The Web site address is: www.middletownbiblechurch.org]

FALWELL WORSHIP LEADER LEARNS AT LAS VEGAS—Rev. Ray Rodgers Jr. (Lynchburg, June 27) sent us a copy of his letter to *The Forum* about Charles Billingsley (Thomas Road Baptist Church's music “worship leader”) going to Las Vegas to learn from “a quintessential showman (Wayne Newton) how to make an audience—or congregation—come alive.” The Wayne Newton Theater at the Stardust Hotel is one of the classrooms where singer Billingsley has sat trying to learn from Newton. He says, “I sit there with a note pad, noting how many songs he sings, where he takes a break, how long he talks in between....” The article said Billingsley “loves it when the crowd is rocking.” This should further confirm where contemporary music is heading—lulled and led by the world instead of vice versa.

LEGAL BATTLE OVER MARRIAGE—Christian conservatives want to ban civil unions and homosexual marriages, but their leaders (Don Wildmon, Mike Farris, e.g.) seem split on how to do it. Farris says: “As much as I want to stop same-sex marriage, I actually believe we would be in worse shape if the currently proposed Musgrave Federal Marriage Amendment were ratified.” The Musgrave FMA bans same-sex marriage but allows state legislatures to create civil unions if they choose (*5/22 World*). Activist judges and liberal politicians seek to rewrite and redefine the laws. Yet no society in human history has ever defined marriage as anything other than between men and women. Marriage (Divine Institution No. 2) benefits the family (especially children) and society.

NOW IT'S 'SAME-SEX DIVORCE'—They had been together for ten years, but it took only five days for one lesbian couple to decide “marriage” wasn't going to work for them. The two Toronto women were among the first homosexual couples to legally marry in Canada—but now they want a divorce, which is proving to be a bit of a problem. According to the *New York Times*, they cannot be divorced until Canada's Divorce Act is amended to reflect the “new reality of gay marriage.” An attorney for one of the women says the matter of same-sex divorce is “totally a technicality” in Canada's law on same-sex marriage. And an attorney with a Canadian pro-homosexual group describes the issue as more of a “housekeeping matter.” The women's case is scheduled to be heard in September. (*7/22 Agape Press*)

PARLIAMENT OF WORLD'S RELIGIONS MET IN SPAIN—Unlike previous Parliaments (Chicago-'93 and Cape Town-'99) that focused on creating consensus documents, this meeting was not about the unity of world religions. The Dalai Lama was scheduled to speak at the opening session, but canceled due to illness. Deepak Chopra and three large pagan groups (EarthSpirit, Covenant of the Goddess, and Circle Sanctuary) were among the 125 co-sponsoring groups. Dr. Ralph Colas attended this meeting with press credentials and his report will be forthcoming.

IBFNA NEW OFFICERS—We were unable to attend the FBFI and the IBFNA meetings in June. Dr. John

Vaughn months ago succeeded Dr. Rod Bell at the helm of the FBF, and Dr. Richard Harris is the new Moderator of the IBFNA. Gary Freel is Secretary, Tom Hamilton is Treasurer, and Dr. Chick Dear is editor of the IBFNA *Review*. These are good men and we hope to have further information about the conferences in the September *CC*.

LABYRINTH: 'PRAYER PATH'—Since ancient times, the labyrinth has been associated with the legend of the evil Minotaur, the half-man, half-bull monster who dwelt in a deep, dark labyrinth on the island of Crete. The 7/10 *Huntsville Times* had a series of articles on this trendy wave (New Age?) of alternative worship. It is said to be another way to meet God, and that its healing touch can “go beyond” (surpass?) the Christian experience. The local Weatherly Heights Baptist Church recently built a permanent labyrinth of stepping stones on its grounds.

GARBC BRIEFS—A pastor who attended most of this year's conference said most of the preaching was fine but he was disappointed with the “crossed over contemporary” music and the “worship.” He said the “partnering” relationship was ended by a vote of 4 to 1.

DR. RICE'S DAUGHTER SPEAKS AT SBC CHURCH—Southern Baptist pastor Dr. Jerry Falwell wrote in his 7/04 *National Liberty Journal*: “Dr. [John R.] Rice's daughter, Joy Rice Martin, and her staff conducted a very successful Joyful Woman's Conference here at Thomas Road Baptist Church...” O Timothy had a recent article titled, “John R. Rice's Daughters Speak at SBC Seminary.” We quote: “Two daughters of the late fundamental Baptist Evangelist John R. Rice spoke at a Southern Baptist seminary on Jan. 31, 2002, and the appearance was billed along the lines of reconciliation between independent Baptists and Southern Baptists. Paige Patterson, president of Southeastern, said, “we made history today....” Joy Rice Martin and Elizabeth Rice Hanford spoke at a chapel service at Southeastern. Martin said, “We're so glad we can stand together in the family of God. My dad would be pleased to see what God has done in this denomination.” But the question keeps arising: “What position would Dr. Rice take regarding fellowshiping with So. Baptists who are yoked with unbelievers?” He has given mixed signals on this. Hence a case can be made for both positions, so we give him the benefit of the doubt. More importantly for us God's Word has spoken (2Cor. 6:14-17, 2Thes. 3:6, 14-15, etc.)

DIVISIVE DEBATE DEEPENS AMONG DENOMS—In 2003 the Presbyterian Church (USA) had its highest percentage loss. Leaders say they are losing people to the secular world (8/04 *AB*). Deep rifts have worsened among Episcopalians and United Methodists over the past year. Liberal theology is a root problem.

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PERSECUTION IN INDIA—Though Bible sales have doubled in India in the last five years, persecution has risen alarmingly. Open-air evangelism and literature distribution have largely ceased, especially in the north (5/04 *Chr. Today*). “Freedom of religion” bills of four states outlaw or strictly regulate Christian conversions. Until repealed in May, conversion made you a traitor to your family and community. Harassment of evangelists and pastors is common. Persecution and outright violence breaks out frequently.

SBC SEVERS TIES WITH BWA, CONCERNS REMAIN—Southern Baptist Convention messengers at its annual meeting voted overwhelmingly June 15 to withdraw from the Baptist World Alliance. Study committee member and Southwestern Seminary president Paige Patterson said “We have noted, with sorrow, a continual leftward drift in the BWA.” The committee also cited BWA’s “increasingly anti-American stances, tolerance of liberal theology and disregard for its own procedures in accepting the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship as a member in 2003.” Patterson said the SBC can no longer afford, in a day when gay marriage is on, to be in an alliance of any kind with denominations which support it in any form or fashion. He said: “Nor is it possible for us to be any longer in affiliation with some BWA denominations that do not believe in inerrancy and infallibility of Scripture and regularly question it.” The committee recommendation called for the SBC to “withdraw its membership up from the BWA, effective Oct. 1, 2004....and to continue studying how the SBC may establish an even closer bond of fellowship with conservative evangelical Christians around the world.” Bible-believing fundamentalists likewise desire unity and fellowship with conservative Southern Baptists but not at the expense of disobedience to Bible commands—SBC schools/colleges are rife with liberals! (See how to obtain Dr. George Houghton’s SBC articles in the May 2004 *CC*.)

HOMOSEXUAL FACTS (9/03 *TBC Extra*)—In 1988, 74.9% of Americans thought sex between two members of the same sex was wrong. In 1998, only 54.6% felt that it was wrong. The Cathedral of Hope in Dallas claims to be the world’s largest homosexual church, with 3,000 members. The Harvey Milk High School will open this fall in New York as the first homosexual public school. The Median Age of Death for a Gay Male is 42; Gay Male with AIDS 39; Heterosexual Male is 75; Gay Female is 45; Heterosexual Female is 79. (See these verses: Lev. 18:22, 20:13, Dt. 23:17, 1Ki. 14:24, Mt. 15:19, Rom. 1:18-32, Gal. 5:1-21, 1 Tim. 1:9-10.)

THEATER CHURCHES—Too often today the Lord's House is turned into a concert hall and the service of song made a device for filling pews. The minister comes to his duties in the pulpit after the world and the flesh and the Devil in a sideshow have set things moving to their liking. Small wonder that preaching in such circumstances saves few souls. It is like expecting harvest with the enemy invited to go before the reaper sowing tares, and to follow him snatching away the seed. A pastor from yesteryear put it this way: "To make the song and service of God's house showy and entertaining was an abomination in God's sight." [An adapted excerpt from the Feb. 2004 *Evangelical Methodist*]

PERILS OF ISLAM: *Telling the Truth* is a book by Gene Gurganus who worked with Muslims for 17 years. It answers questions as: Why do Muslims hate the U.S.? What is their ultimate aim? Who are the good and who are the bad Muslims? Is Islam a threat to our freedom and faith? Why are we a main target? Can they be won to Christ? Will Islam succeed in Islamizing America? Brother Gurganus' book is available from *Truth Publishers*, P.O. Box 1525, Taylors, SC 29687.

ARE YOU A 'WATCHDOG'?—The Bible commands each believer to "watch thou in all things." This results in discerning the error and compromise that are flooding the world today, and warning unsuspecting believers of the unscriptural doctrines that are flourishing today. "A dog barks when his master is attacked. I would be a coward if I saw God's truth attacked, and yet remained silent without giving a sound." (3/15/93 CC) A watchful, discerning servant of Christ will be one who warns—always! A faithful testimony will be marked by watchfulness and warnings, and will be a ministry that practices Biblical separation from error and from those who embrace it. We must be alert "watchdogs" (not as those blind, sleeping, ignorant, dumb dogs of Isaiah's day that could not bark). We must expose error and lovingly warn those who are deceived by it. (1/1/01 CC)

JOEL OSTEEN EXPECTS 100,000—Joel Osteen pastors Lakewood Church, the biggest megachurch (charismatic) in Houston, succeeding his Southern Baptist father in 1999. The church has grown from 8,000 to 30,000 since 1999. His wife grew up in the Church of Christ (6/04 Charisma). Joel says, "Make church relevant." "Give them something to take away. I find today people are not looking for theology, [though] there's a place for it." The growth is said to be part of a divine process in which the mix of races is vital. It's the "cross-cultural" (diversity) approach to how church is done there—the effort to "overcome cultural and denominational barriers."

WCC LEADER TO DEEPEN CATHOLIC RELATIONS—Sam Tobias, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, said ecumenical unity is growing even as the form and structure of ecumenism is changing (*Foundation*). Regarding the future RCC/WCC relationship he said, "Membership is not what is most critical here, but rather the deepening of our collaboration." He added, "A renewed commitment must be given to the visible unity of the churches." The RCC is currently not an official member of the WCC but WCC leaders are considering ways the WCC structure could change to accommodate Catholics, Evangelicals and Pentecostals without bringing them under the official WCC umbrella. Last year a WCC leader said the co-existence of religions is becoming shaky, and said fundamentalism is "the greatest enemy of religion and the most dangerous force of our time." (10/03 CC)

CHRIST'S ONE SACRIFICE—We quote from an article by Dave Hunt, June, *The Berean Call*: "...If Christ, as Peter says, is gone into heaven, 'where Stephen saw Him when He was stoned to death (Acts 7:55,56), how can He continue to be offered (immolated) on Roman Catholic altars? What of Catholics who really love Christ, believe that He died for their sins, but have believed Catholic doctrine that the wafer becomes the body and blood of Christ and that He continues to be offered? Could they be saved in spite of such ignorance or misunderstanding? What are the limits of the error that can be held within the gospel, and does it matter? Would it matter if they believe that Christ died for our sins yet participate in the 'sacrifice of the Mass,' imagining that Christ is still being offered for our sins and that they are ingesting Him into their stomachs when they take that wafer and cup? Yes, Scripture says Christ 'suffered *once*' for our sins—but is it so serious an error to believe that He continues to be offered? Yes, it is!..." [Heb. 9:26,28, 10:12,14,18]

FOURSQUARE & MCPHERSON—The International Church of the Foursquare Gospel was founded in 1923 by flamboyant Pentecostalist preacher Aimee Semple McPherson. Jack Hayford's Church on the Way is the largest Foursquare church. Pat Boone has served as elder. Foursquare was one of the first to fully embrace the charismatic movement. Foursquare teaches healing, tongues-speaking, prophecy (3/15/93 *CC*). “Foursquare” referred to McPherson's understanding of Christ's role as savior, baptizer, healer, and coming king. Scandal repeatedly touched her personal life. Thrice-married she may have participated in a staged kidnapping of herself in 1926. Foursquare delegates in June elected Hayford as new president (6/14 *C.News*). He has spoken at Lausanne II, a Robert Schuller conference, and other ecumenical events.

ASHBROOK'S NEW NEUTRALISM—Pastor Dan Greenfield (3/04 *OBF Visitor*) listed three examples for fundamentalists: Robert Kecham, Richard Clearwaters, and William Ashbrook. He said: “It is my firm conviction that every young man preparing for the gospel ministry today needs to read William Ashbrook's *The New Neutralism*. Is it dated? Perhaps. But the book will provide the student with a scriptural and historical analysis of the new evangelicalism. Today's evangelicalism is built upon that foundation, and Christians need to see that a lack of militancy, doctrinal compromise, and failures in ecclesiastical separation never bring God's blessing.... Each of these fundamentalists [named above] separated from and exposed apostasy and those who compromised with it, faithfully preached the gospel, and considered new evangelicalism to be the greatest menace to Christianity.”

'HATE CRIMES' BILL—A dangerous "hate crime" amendment is being inserted as an amendment to the Department of Defense Appropriations Act 2004 (S.1382). This bill would censor any discussion or debate about same-sex marriage or special rights, even teaching children the homosexual lifestyle—and would even designate comments supporting traditional values AND even parts of the Bible as "hate speech"--a crime punishable by fines and even jail! Canada and Sweden already have such hate crime laws on the books and the results are disastrous! A Swedish pastor was arrested at his church because he read Bible verses that referenced homosexuality.

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WHAT'S WRONG WITH CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN ROCK MUSIC?—This question was posed to us by someone who “happened to stumble across” an article I had written on the subject. He said “It seems as if you are very narrow minded. I bet your church probably has no instruments [He's wrong; and his letter is full of grammatical errors and boasting.] He said, “You see, I attend World Harvest Church in Columbus, Ohio. We sing ANY song that glorifies our Lord and Savior. I don't listen to ANY secular music, but I love to listen to Christian rock...It magnifies the man that died on a cross for me. Its churches like yours; with such religious traditions, which cause people to run away from God.” We have warned of the danger of CCM/Rock—how it's even worse than secular rock. The writer is from a charismatic church (Rod Parsley, pastor) and does not lack for audacity. He says: “God doesn't live in your little box you try to keep him in. See, you live in the back woods of Alabama [Huntsville, Space City, USA!], I am from...Detroit....”

MASSIVE AID BUT NORTH KOREA STILL STARVES—The U.S. is the largest donor of food to North Korea (1/15/01 *CC*). Southern Baptist religious liberty specialist Richard Land recently called for “a complete cessation of all aid to North Korea by the U.S. until the fair distribution of that aid can be monitored and assured.” He said: “Kim Jong Il, free your people, feed your people, care for your people, and the world will rush to your aid. Until then, we cannot, we must not, we will not enrich you further while your people starve and suffer.” (4/29 Baptist Press) The world's suffering and poverty today are typical results of atheistic communism.

'TEACH CHILDREN ATHEISM, LET THEM DECIDE'—The Institute for Public Policy Research recommends that atheism be added to British school curricula and explicitly taught. A similar change has already been made in Scotland. The report says (3/04 *Faith and Freedom*): “Children should be taught atheism and then allowed to make up their minds on the validity of religion or atheism on the basis of which is best supported by the evidence.” Britain is now a secular society (Rom. 1:28) with “only 7% of the population attending a place of worship each week.” Evolution and humanism are already standard fare in most U.S. textbooks.

ANGLICAN ARCHBISHOPS WON'T ACCEPT FUNDING FROM 'APOSTATES'—Anglican archbishops in Africa have delivered a stinging rebuke to the Episcopal Church (ECUSA). The Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa (CAPA) voted to reject funds from any diocese that recognizes homosexual clergy

(5/1 *World*) and to refuse cooperation with any missionary who supports ordaining gay priests. The consecration (by ECUSA) of Gene Robinson (an open homosexual living with his partner) last year set off a global fracas that may split the ECUSA and worldwide Anglicans. The CAPA leader said “we will not on the altar of money” mortgage our conscience, our faith, our salvation.

HOMOSEXUAL MASTER PLAN TO DESTROY FAMILY—Homosexual activists' goals for the destruction of the family include: universal acceptance of the gay lifestyle, destruction of Scriptures that condemn homosexuality, muzzling of clergy and Christian media, special privileges in the law, overturning laws prohibiting pedophilia, indoctrinating children through public education, etc. (Dr. James Dobson newsletter, 4/04). Some danger points: 1. With the legalization of homosexual marriage, all public schools will be required to teach that this perversion is the moral equivalent of traditional marriage 2. Foster-care parents will be required to undergo “sensitivity training” to rid themselves of bias and must affirm homosexuality in youth 3. The impact of homosexual marriage will spread through the world and lead to polygamy 4. It will create millions of motherless and fatherless children. So far, only Belgium, the Netherlands, and Canada [and Mass.] have authorized homosexual marriage.

ABORTION NOTE—The Center for Disease Control reports that the teenage birthrate has declined by 30 percent in the last decade, while our abortion rate declined by almost half (4/0 *CT*).

DISNEY WORLD TO CELEBRATE 'GAY' FATHERS DAY—Disney World, which has hosted an annual “Gay Day” celebration each June for several years, attracting over 100,000 homosexual men and women, is now going to celebrate Father's Day as a second homosexual event, June 17-20 (5/04 *BB*). It is specially designed for lesbian, homosexual, bisexual, transgender parents and their families.

SBC TO NO LONGER ENDORSE FEMALE CHAPLAINS?—The Southern Baptist Convention currently has about 196 female chaplains from among about 2,500 endorsed by the mission board. The SBC executive committee voted to part from the Baptist World Alliance, saying it has become too liberal, and advocates “aberrant and dangerous theologies.” This will be presented in June at the SBC annual meeting.

'METHODISTS SHOULD SPLIT BUT WON'T'—Over 1,000 delegates met in Pittsburgh April 27-May 7 for the quadrennial General Conference of the United Methodist Church. One issue (homosexuality) dominated the meeting. It is also dominating other liberal mainline denominations including the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Episcopal Church. The UMC Book of Discipline says the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching, and “self-avowed, practicing homosexuals shall not be appointed to serve” in the UMC. There were suggestions of splitting, schism, and a lopsided vote for a unity resolution (869-41) drew the conclusion that “we're not ready to talk about an amicable separation” and, “the church should split, but won't.”

GAMBLING: NO WINNERS—If you gamble and win, you are taking money that someone else cannot afford to lose. If you gamble and lose, you are still supporting an industry that is destroying individuals and families. Gambling is a catalyst for domestic violence, divorce, and bankruptcy. The crime rate in gambling communities is nearly double the national average. [OBF *Visitor*, 3865 N.High St., Columbus,OH 43214.

MINISTRY GOES TO EXTREME TO ATTRACT YOUTH—Tulsa's Church on the Move, is a charismatic megachurch, “big on show and short on spirituality,” There is dancing, worship, video games, but no “hokey singalong” games. The ministry is called “Oneighty” and Blaine Bartel is its national director. He “makes the Bible more accessible.” Instead of saying, “Thou shalt not whatever,” he'll say, “This is what you shouldn't do.” This entertainment-based approach draws a crowd but has little effect on long-term spiritual growth.

THE SUBTLE DANGER OF THE ALPHA COURSE—The Alpha Course is a form of “religious science,” with millions of followers in thousands of churches—Catholic, Protestant, and evangelical. It was conceived by Nicky Gumbel of Holy Trinity Brompton Anglican Church in England after Gumbel got the “power” through

the “Toronto Blessing,” later passed it on to Steve Hill, who started the “revival” at Brownsville Assembly of God in Pensacola. Alpha has been endorsed by church leaders from Robert Schuller and the Archbishop of Canterbury to J.I. Packer and Leighton Ford. Alpha presents the gospel at times, but its “conversion” is more to a Christian lifestyle than to Christ the way, the truth, and the life; and its major aim is impartation of “supernatural power,” especially healing and speaking in tongues. Participants look forward above all to the big weekend when they will receive Holy Spirit empowerment. I remember the “testimony” of a man devoted to Eastern Mysticism who “got the Holy Spirit” that weekend—but clearly remained unsaved. [May 2004, *The Berean Call*].

RICK WARREN: PURPOSE & PRAGMATISM—Rick Warren's Purpose-Driven Church and Purpose-Driven Life seem fairly innocuous upon cursory examination. His books have been at the top of the nation's best seller lists for months. Churches across America are jumping onto the 40-day bandwagon, incorporating the Purpose-Driven model into their church structure. On the surface “purpose” doesn't seem like such a bad idea. God has a “purpose” for every life, great or small. A local church should come to understand God's “purpose” for its existence. The common definition of “purpose” once meant intention, aim, resolution or determination. This isn't what it means anymore. “Purpose-Driven” is the tip of a massive iceberg. The context in which to properly place the Purpose-Driven format is within a much larger initiative to transform local churches worldwide. “Seeker-sensitive” churches, Bill Hybels Willow Creek model, and many others build upon the basic underlying principles for church restructuring. The Purpose-Driven model originated from some radical philosophies about the nature of man and society. These are bent upon transforming the workplace, schools, government, and churches in our society. This new postmodern church growth movement, by its gospel of pragmatism, seeks to justify the use of worldly tools as long as “spiritual” fruit is being produced. A new 48-page paper *The Pied Pipers of Purpose* (by Lynn & Sarah Leslie and Susan Conway—Conscience Press) examines the influence of business guru Peter Drucker on Rick Warren, and was the basis for this article as well.

FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES—A *Christianity Today* reader, after praising CT for its candor in acknowledging that evangelicals distanced themselves from their fundamentalist brethren (see Feb. & April CTs), then wrote: “Yet wasn't it Ockenga who, in his historically famous speech at Fuller Seminary defined evangelicalism as 'a ringing repudiation of separatism'? Being a fundamentalist myself, I'm confused: evangelicals separated themselves from the fundamentalists? Because they considered themselves too...intellectual...?” Was it because they practiced that nasty doctrine of fundamentalism?

NEW BOOK: *From Pathos to Paradise: A Commentary On Revelation*, by Dr. Stewart Custer, 392 pages, BJU Press.

NEW VIDEO: *Dangers of Contemporary Worship Music*, by David Cloud, founder/director of Way of Life Lit., 610368, Port Huron, MI 48061. <http://www.wayoflife.org>

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ILLEGAL IN CANADA TO OPPOSE HOMOSEXUALITY?—Bill C-250, a repressive, anti-free-speech measure that is on the brink of becoming law in Canada, would add “sexual orientation” to the Canadian hate propaganda law, thus making public criticism of homosexuality a crime (4/19 *USN & WR*). It is sometimes called the “Bible as Hate Literature.” It could ban publicly expressed opposition to gay marriage, etc. The bill has a loophole for religious opposition to homosexuality, but few scholars think it will offer protection. As our northern neighbor liberalizes we’re usually not far behind.

CHINA'S CRACKDOWN ON CHURCHES—Red China's public security bureau has launched a new crackdown on unregistered churches, arresting several top leaders following the release of a new video and book that document huge growth among Christians outside the officially permitted church (4/4 *Chr. Today*). China's constitution guarantees freedom of religious belief, but requires all religious organizations to register with the government. It brands those groups that do not register as illegal or cults. In addition, China has the world's largest bloc of people with no religious affiliation: 625 million individuals.

SAME-SEX MARRIAGE OPENS DOOR FOR POLYGAMY—Pro-family advocates are worried that legalizing homosexual marriage will lead to other perversions of the family. They feel there is cause for concern among defenders of traditional marriage that legalizing same-sex marriages could lead to a push for polygamy. [*Agape Press*, 3/17/04]

HAGEE: ALL JEWS TO BE SAVED—In a long series of articles in the April *Charisma*, John Hagee said his views on the Jews are based on chapters nine through 11 of Romans. “Paul says the Jewish people have been blinded to the identify of Jesus by the hand of God for the benefit of the Gentiles, and they remain blinded to this day.” Hagee believes that in the long run “all Israel will be saved.” *Charisma* said “Thus, he believes Christians have no duty to evangelize Jews....” As to the charismatic movement, he distances himself from preachers who promote a “prosperity gospel.” He believes in “the spiritual gifts as taught in Scripture—tongues, interpretation, prayer languages and the rest.”

'BE RIGHT WING, OR WILL BECOME LEFT WING'—John Leo (4/12 *USN&WR*) writes: “Many advocacy groups start out straight, then drift ineluctably left.” He gave several examples, and said “Call this

'mission creep.' A group starts out with a clear mandate that commands respect across most of the political spectrum. Gradually it moves to a broader and vaguer agenda, typically headed left." Leo calls this "O'Sullivan's First Law," after a *National Review* former editor who stated it this way: "All organizations that are not actually right wing will over time become left wing." Let us stand unwaveringly and be on guard against drifting leftward.

OVER 10,000 MINORS ABUSED BY PRIESTS—Roman Catholic Church leaders said Feb. 27 that 4,392 priests have abused 10,667 minors in the past half-century, with at least \$657 million paid in legal settlements and treatment costs.

CHRISTIAN NIGHTCLUBS ARE POPPING UP—Faith-based night spots for youth are popping up as safe hangout spots. Sure, cigarettes and alcohol are banned and these popular entertainment venues are called "Christian." But the worldly rock music is just as addictive and poses great harm.

JUST CALL US THE YOGA NATION—Yoga is now practiced by 7 percent of U.S. adults, or 15 million people, up 28.5 percent in the last two years alone (*H. T.* 3/26/04). Many perhaps don't know that it has become mainstream, nor are aware of its Hindu roots. It is a means of reaching an altered state of consciousness—a doorway to the occult.

IS ABORTION, RELIGIOUS APATHY, SEXUAL PERVERSION BEGINNING OF END FOR AMERICA?—Over 2,500 years ago, lonely prophet Habakkuk watched as the nation of Judah spiraled downward into the depths of spiritual and physical depravity. Heart broken and soul wretched, he mourned and penned the words of Hab. 1:3-4. On Feb. 12, 2004, during what homosexual activists claimed as "Freedom to Marry" week, the San Francisco mayor ordered the city clerk to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples, on the pretense of "justice" and "equal rights." Over the next week, over 3,000 homosexual couples received marriage licenses, and most of these couples were immediately "married" by San Francisco city officials.... In 1994, Jim Nelson Black authored a book *When Nations Die*. He said in the past 2,000 years every empire—even those that seemed invincible at the height of their glory—collapsed into ruin. Every one of these empires had three factors in common before they fell: civil society devalued human life, forsook religious belief, and celebrated sexual immorality. These three factors took root in the U.S. in the early 1960s. The seeds sown 40 years ago have ripened into bitter fruit.... "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil." We as a society today do not hate evil, we embrace it. This is seen in the acceptance and celebration of homosexuality, abortion and pornography—and in the rejection of the knowledge of God. Acceptance of same-sex marriage represents a paradigm shift in American culture, and may well signal the beginning of the end of western civilization. Christians are commanded to be salt and light, which means to preserve virtue and expose sin. Yet we have failed miserably in this task.... [Adapted excerpts from *Agape Press*, April 16, 2004]

MAX LUCADO DROPS 'CHURCH OF CHRIST' NAME—Over 50 of his books have sold a combined 33 million copies, but to some in his Church of Christ denomination Max Lucado is an errant theologian whose positions on baptism and instrumental music are problematic (3/20 *H. Times*). So last October his Oak Hills Church of Christ dropped "Church of Christ" from its name – "an effort to reach people hesitant to attend a Church of Christ." Since the name change, average Sunday attendance has jumped to about 4,500, up from 3,300. Lucado is a popular speaker for the charismatic Promise Keepers and told a PK event: "It does not matter about your denomination—its all about God."

DIET GURU GWEN SHAMBLIN DEFENDS COUPLE OF MURDER—Gwen Shamblin is creator of Weigh Down Workshop diet and author of related books. She lost followers and her publisher in 2000 after publicly rejecting the Trinity (10/15/00 *C. News*, 4/4 *CT*). She founded Remnant Fellowship. Based in Nashville, she now defends a boy's parents who are charged with murdering him last Oct. Parents say he died accidentally after hitting his head on a banister.

ARE CONSERVATIVE SOUTHERN BAPTISTS FUNDAMENTALISTS?—That's the title of an excellent

timely pamphlet by Dr. George Houghton and available from Faith Baptist Theological Seminary (1900 NW Fourth St., Ankeny, IA 50021) or from the Web site www.faith.edu. This is the best and most vital paper we have seen on this subject. You will want to order a copy and then make copies for your church members. Two prominent GARBC schools (Cedarville & Western) have recently entered partnership agreements with Southern Baptist state conventions. Dr. Houghton has researched his subject very well and provides ample documentation for his reasoned conclusion.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS ARE NOT FUNDAMENTALISTS—Dr. George Houghton, based on the following and other evidence, concludes that conservative Southern Baptists are not Fundamentalists: 1) They disavow the fundamentalist label. 2) They Disavow Biblical Separation. 3) They are Committed to “Conventionism.” 4) They Still Tolerate Great Theological Diversity 5) They Endorse Doctrinal Latitude in Some Areas. 6) They are Sympathetic to Aspects of the New Evangelicalism. Conservative Southern Baptists are our brothers, but they are not fellow fundamentalists.

SBC GROWTH IN MEMBERSHIP, CHURCHES—The Southern Baptist Convention reports a record membership of 16.3 million, up .41 percent over 2002, and grew to 43,024 churches, an increase of 249 new congregations. The number of new churches represent a .58 percent growth (4/12 *BP*). The number of baptisms declined, and over 10,000 Southern Baptist churches did not baptize a single person last year.

SBC NAME CHANGE—It is widely anticipated that the Southern Baptist Convention in June will approve changing the name of its Annuity Board to Guide-Stone Financial Resources. When that is done, all four major SBC boards will have new names (3/18 *Ala. Baptist*). This, along with the recent decision to withdraw from the BWA, could pave the way for Southern Baptist to become a worldwide denomination. Another delay is that most of the names found attractive have already been taken by other U.S. Baptists.

THE POISON IN THE PASSION is the title of a 70-page booklet by Dr. Terry Watkins which is “A Bible Believer's analysis of Mel Gibson's movie *The Passion of the Christ*.” We have read numerous such analyses of this film, but this is the most thorough. Many prominent Christian leaders have praised this movie as the greatest evangelical event in modern history! You may order the book from its author: 5990 Willow Ridge Rd., Pinson, AL 35126, (205) 681-9956.

FBF & IBFNA MEET IN JUNE—The Fundamental Baptist Fellowship, Int'l's annual conference is at Bethel Baptist Church, Schaumburg, IL, June 15-17. Speakers include FBF President John Vaughn, V-P Chuck Phelps, Bob Jones III, Tim Jordan, Fred Moritz, Mike Harding, Gordon Dickson, Stephen Jones, and Craig Hartman. *** The Independent Baptist Fellowship of North America's Annual Conference is in Minneapolis (Bloomington), June 22-24. Speakers include Matt Olson, Kevin Bauder, Jeff Bailey, Richard Harris, Willard Benedict, Gary Freel, Mike McCubbins, and Scott Reeves. Current officers are: Jeff Bailey (Moderator), Tom Hamilton (Treasurer), Dan Brown (Secretary/Clerk); and Dave Reinhardt is Editor of the IBFNA's paper, *The Review*.

MISUSE OF 'LOVE' TO COVER COMPROMISE—New Evangelicals espouse an unbiblical view of “love,” divorced from doctrine and truth and from obedience and purity. In the 1950s Fuller Seminary President E. J. Carnell said, “the mark of a true disciple is *love*, not doctrine” (5/1/96 *CC*). But Jesus and John made obedience (doctrine) the defining mark of love (John 14:21, I John 5:3). James 3:17 puts purity (holiness) first, then unity (love). New Evangelicals embrace a false view of love which allows them to disobey, in the name of “love,” separation commands and *unlovingly* excoriate fundamentalists who expose their compromise. Biblical love operates in the bounds of doctrine and truth. New-evangelical “love” disregards separation commands, elevates unity above truth, and produces ungodly alliances and a diluted message. Jack Van Impe and others in recent years emphasized new-evangelical “love” as their ministries became ever more ecumenical. Yet they continued “unlovingly” criticizing fundamentalists for exposing their compromise, calling them “unloving,” “judgmental,” etc. We must “speak the truth in love,” but we must indeed speak the truth, exhort and lovingly warn those deceived by error.

METHODISTS DISAGREE OVER LESBIAN PASTOR—The president of a women's movement in the United Methodist Church says the acquittal of self-avowed lesbian pastor Karen Dammann could very well split the denomination. A UMC jury from the largely ultra-liberal Pacific Northwest conference effectively nullified church law by the acquittal.

RABBI BUILDS BRIDGES BETWEEN EVANGELICALS, JEWS—Orthodox Jewish rabbi Yechiel Eckstein has lectured in new-evangelical schools and has been praised by Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson, and Paul Crouch for his ministry of building bridges between evangelicals and Jews. Eckstein defends the ancient Pharisees who Jesus said were of their father the devil, but he says Jesus never said those words recorded in John 8:44. Eckstein in 1994 plainly said: “But I'm not a Christian, I'm a Jew...I'm still a rabbi...” He frowns on evangelism of Jews and says Jews can be saved without Christ. He is president of the *International Fellowship of Christians and Jews*, and calls himself a bridge-builder. Recently, 2,000 Christians and Jews met to pray for the peace of Jerusalem at First Baptist Church (SBC), Raytown, the largest Southern Baptist Church in Missouri. (4/6 BP).

NRB & NAE REPORTS—ACCC Exec. Secretary Dr. Ralph Colas attended the National Religious Broadcasters and the National Association of Evangelicals conferences with press credentials. (Get reports from: POB 5455, Bethlehem, PA 18015.) He usually gives us a pre-release copy of his worldwide conference reports. Liberal Robert Schuller was a main speaker at both the NAE (Charlotte) and the NRB (Nashville). Chuck Swindoll, Franklin Graham, Adrian Rogers, and John Piper were other main speakers at NRB. Ted Haggard, a charismatic, is the new head of the NAE. Those who embrace Schuller's self-esteem psychology (“possibility thinking”) reject the truth that man is not inherently good but, after the Fall, is inherently sinful and needing redemption.

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GIBSON'S PASSION TOPS THE LISTS—Evangelical enthusiasm for *The Passion of the Christ* film may surprise some since it was shaped from start to finish by a devout Roman Catholic and by a rather medieval Catholic vision. It seems to matter not with many Christians that it is a Catholic film and a huge money raiser for Rome's coffers. Those who buy tickets are giving money to promote a false works-righteousness salvation. From interviews we learn that Gibson calls Mary "Co-redemptrix" and "Mediatrrix." He identifies with a Catholic traditionalism that rejects many Vatican II reforms. Traditionalists believe only Catholicism is the true path to salvation, though Gibson seems confused on this at times. It's another case where "the Book is better than the movie."

ROME REJECTS JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH ALONE—"We have the same vocabulary but a different dictionary" is what we used to say to Mormons who used Biblical terms but deceptively ascribed new meanings to them. Catholics and others today are making great inroads for their false-gospel religions by adopting this ruse (e.g., *Passion* movie). Mike Gendron had the following quote, in his Jan-Feb *Proclaiming the Gospel*, by John MacArthur: "Catholicism is a false system. It is not the church of Christ, it is the church of anti-Christ. If you follow Catholic theology you'll go to hell. I am not saying that to be unkind but to be truthful. Being truthful is the only way to be kind. People need to come out of that system. It is a system that exalts Mary and is a system of paganism mingled with pseudo-Christianity."

TAMMY IN NUDE FILM?—Tammy Faye Bakker Messner, of scandal-ridden PTL notoriety, and porn legend Ron Jeremy [he has starred in over 1,600 pornographic movies] were to be in an upcoming episode of "Surreal Life 2" shot at a Palm Springs desert nudist resort (*Daily Haggis* via *Desert Sun*). They were to be told they have to play naked. A bad "sign of our times!" Tammy in recent months has championed homosexuals / homosexuality.

WORLD VISION IS CHRISTIAN IN NAME ONLY?—World Vision International, "the world's largest international Christian humanitarian organization," is a member of the liberal World Council of Churches. But it is said that one could conclude WV is "Christian" in name only. The March-April *PsychoHeresy Awareness Letter* states: "The extreme ecumenical spirituality promoted and the secular and psychological strategies recommended demonstrate that World Vision is not a Christian organization in the biblical sense." WV former

president Robert Seiple said the UN fills a necessary role and Christians should support it [1/1/96 CC].

DR. JOHN C. WHITCOMB: "Truth cannot be perpetuated through compromise, and compromise cannot be avoided without separation."

ABORTION OF CHILD OK, BUT BETTER NOT DESTROY AN EAGLE EGG!—It's legal to kill a human baby by a horrendous procedure: the D&X. Yet in California it's illegal to destroy an eagle egg, and there's a large fine. We hear no debates about at what stage the eaglet becomes an eagle or has "meaningful life." You break an eagle egg, you kill an eagle. It's all so simple. [12/03 *Reader's Digest*].

GAY TV—The pornographic MTV is forging ahead with plans for an all-homosexual television network that will be on all basic cable plans. Outlet, the name of the 24-hour network, will feature gay-themed lifestyle and entertainment programming. MTV apparently thinks homosexuality now has mainstream acceptability.... [2/28 *World Magazine*]

CHURCHES SHIFT TO CONTEMPORARY—According to a newly released study, the typical Protestant church service in the U.S. has become more modernized and diversified in recent years as more churches incorporate non-traditional music, diverse styles of worship, and modern technologies into their worship experience. A report on a new study shows a big increase in contemporary worship styles in America's Protestant churches over the last five years. While 44 percent reported no significant change, 15 percent said their churches had moved in much more contemporary direction, while another 36 percent said their worship had become a little more contemporary. Only 5 percent said their worship had become more traditional during the time period. Contemporary worship outpaced traditional by eleven to one. Larger churches and churches led by younger ministers were most likely to have shifted toward more contemporary, and Pentecostal churches were over twice as likely to move that way. A big change found was in the use of electronic media—computer graphics, music videos, movies, drama, etc. Praise and worship choruses during worship rose from 38 percent in 1999 to 74 percent today. The use of Christian rock, pop, or country music in worship rose from 9 percent five years ago to 25 percent today. The greatest growth was in worship elements that, nevertheless, are used by fewer than half of the churches. The study revealed that the most popular elements of worship continue to be in some churches: 95 percent of churches pass an offering basket or plate; 88 percent sing traditional hymns; 89 percent celebrate communion; 85 percent use a printed bulletin or order of service; and 78 percent use hymnals at least once a month. "Even traditional elements such as hymns, altar calls, and communion celebrations have become more common as churches diversify. Much has changed about Protestant worship over the past five years, but one thing has remained fairly uniform—the length of the pastor's sermon. Today the average minister preaches for about 31 minutes. [Adapted, Agape Press]

WELCH TO BE NOMINATED NEW SBC PRESIDENT—Alabama native Bobby Welch, pastor of First Baptist Church in Daytona Beach, will be nominated as president of the Southern Baptist Convention at the SBC's annual meeting in June in Indianapolis. Gerald Davidson, an "opponent of liberalism," will be nominated as vice president. A new name for the SBC will be studied.

SCHULLER AN N.A.E. SPEAKER—Robert Schuller spoke at the National Association of Evangelicals' annual meeting last month (2/04 *BB*). He received a standing ovation. But some conservative theologians were concerned over his reinterpreting doctrines of Scripture "to conform to his self-esteem philosophy." In his *Self-Esteem* book, Schuller says positive Christianity does not hold to human depravity but to human ability, that to be born again means we must be changed from negative to a positive self-image, and that sin is any act or thought that robs myself or another human being of his or her "self-esteem." Further, hell is "the loss of pride that naturally follows separation from God." Some say Schuller is an apostate and universalist. ACCC Exec. Sec'y Dr. Ralph Colas covered the NAE meeting and his report will be ready as soon as free-will-offering funds are available. When you read the quotes from Schuller in Dr. Colas's report next month, you may wonder why the NAE would schedule him and honor him as a speaker!

BIBLE SOCIETY SPONSORS ROCK CONCERT—The American Bible Society sponsored a "hip-hop" rock concert at Bayfront Park in Miami. An expansion of the sensual ungodly "rap" music, "hip-hop" incorporates key elements for a whole life-style from dress to music to language and "everything" in the current cultural scene that's "in." ABS is "working on effective ways to use hip-hop music and lyrics" that are often used as a "challenge to moral norms," as "constructive and compelling expressions of Christian faith and values." (Feb. 04, *Faith And Freedom*) The "dress, music and language" of hip-hop are satanic in source....The ABS forsook its Biblical heritage decades ago."

ZASPEL AND FUNDAMENTALISTS—When the fundamentalists lost in their battle to save their denominations from apostasy, the fundamentalist became a man who not only believed right, but also a man who separated himself from unbelief and apostasy. *** There never would have been a need for the word "Fundamentalist" had there not been a great departure from "the Faith once for all delivered." [Dr. James A. Zaspel, January-February *FrontLine* Magazine]

EARLY GRAHAM ECUMENISM EXAMPLES—In a 1962 Sao Paulo Crusade, a Roman Catholic Bishop blessed converts as they came forward. At the benediction of a meeting in Yugoslavia in 1967, a Roman Catholic priest, a Lutheran minister, two Orthodox priests, and a Presbyterian held hands on the platform and sang Blessed Be the Tie that Binds. In his 1973 St. Louis Crusade, 50 nuns served as counselors. Graham's crusade in the Philippines in 1977 was sponsored in part by the liberal National Council of Churches of the Philippines. In the 1983 Orlando Crusade, Graham's staff gave about 600 decision cards to Catholic churches for follow-up. In the 1987 Denver Crusade, 80 Catholic counselors were used. A crusade counselor supervisor stated that Catholics have trouble with the expression, "born again," and he tries to work at the crusade "to help Catholics express their new and renewed faith in their mother church." [Scott Williquette, Jan-Feb *FrontLine*] Graham once said: "I have found that my beliefs are essentially the same as those of Orthodox Roman Catholics."

GARBC UPDATE—The GARBC has come full circle with the partnering vs. approval system—that is, if things go as presently planned with no problem from the floor as happened at last year's annual meeting. In the Jan. *Baptist Bulletin*, Dr. John Greening discussed the GARBC partnering issues and the relationship between Cedarville University and the Ohio SBC. Overall, it was a good statement, but we wish he had gone a step further in his discussion of the SBC to cover the partnering of GARBC's Western College with SBC, and the unbelief still remaining in SBC colleges, etc. It will be interesting to see how all this plays at the annual conference. *** We were disappointed in the positive review of *The Passion of the Christ* movie in the GARBC's March *Baptist Bulletin*. The reviewer said it could "potentially become the masterpiece that will visually define the crucifixion for generations to come." *** Another disappointment was in seeing the "Gen. Association of Reg. Baptists" on a "Partial List of Denominations offering ALPHA." We have had several articles exposing the ecumenical, Catholic, and charismatic links of the Alpha Course.

BAYLOR GAY MARRIAGE CONTROVERSY—Baylor University student paper wrote (Feb. 27): "Gay couples should be granted the same equal rights to legal marriages as heterosexual couples." The editorial board voted 5-2 in favor, but Baylor President Robert Sloan opposed the paper's statement and said same-sex "marriage" is out of step with the vast majority of Baylor's 14,000 students and 100,000 alumni. Baylor is a "moderate/liberal" Baptist school located in Waco, Tex. [Baylor is hiring Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox faculty, per a letter in the March *CT*. The writer said conservative Baptists have far more in common with conservative Roman Catholics than with liberal Baptists, but concedes that they differ vastly in certain areas.]

WORLD HAS CONVERTED THE CHURCH—Through "contemporary Christian music" and "contemporary worship," the church has been converted to the "religion" of the world! Some of the largest presumably evangelical churches have designed their Sunday morning services based upon what the ungodly want. Missing are the fear of a holy God's wrath against sin...Seeker-friendly churches must not "offend" with the Truth, but pamper with the flattering "gospel of self-esteem, self-love, and positive thinking—a "gospel" that cannot save. As Paul foretold, "they will not endure sound doctrine..." (2Tim.4:3). Creating large, rich churches

is not new....[T]he Roman Catholic Church—the world's largest and wealthiest—grew out of a marriage between the Roman world and the church, making "Christianity" the state religion. Historian Will Durant explains: "...the world converted Christianity....[Paganism] passed like maternal blood into the new religion, and captive Rome captured her conqueror..." [Adapted, Dave Hunt, 2/04 *Berean Call*]

WHO'S TO BLAME FOR SBC SPLIT FROM BWA?—After a time of wrangling and finger-pointing trying to assess blame for the recent rift within Baptist World Alliance circles, some say all three groups (BWA, SBC, & CBF) are guilty. Of course, with the SBC, we hope it is a step of obedience to Biblical separation commands. The mostly liberal Cooperative Baptist Fellowship broke away from the mostly conservative SBC and applied for membership in the liberal BWA. The BWA then, amid strong protest by the SBC (biggest BWA donor), approved the CBF for membership, setting off a storm of protest by the SBC and resulting in SBC's recommending dropping financial support and severing ties with the BWA at the SBC June meeting. An SBC official has denied exhibition space to BWA at the SBC's annual meeting.

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MORMONS LEAVE BECAUSE OF DNA EVIDENCE—Recent DNA evidence questioning the accuracy of Mormon history is providing an open door to evangelism of Mormons. *The Book of Mormon* describes how Israelites emigrated to the Americas 2,600 years ago, with the now extinct Lamanites and Nephites becoming the ancestors of American Indians. But anthropologists say there is no match of Jewish DNA with that of American Indians. An inaccurate *Book of Mormon* creates questions about the foundation of Mormon teaching (2/04 CT). Reportedly about 300 people have left Mormonism partly because of evidence presented from interviewing eight scientists including a Mormon scholar.

MEL GIBSON'S NEW MOVIE 'THE PASSION'—Billy Graham praises it. Most reviews speak of it in glowing positive terms (e.g., Schuller, Campus Crusade, Dobson, Hybels, etc). Most all the criticism we've heard has centered around the "anti-Semitism" issue. But our main concern is the big "C" question – Catholicism! It's a Catholic film! Reasons for our concern: 1. Gibson's Catholic roots, staunch RC heritage. While filming, he, cast and crew members regularly attended Catholic Mass together. He said there is no salvation for those outside the [RC] Church. (New Yorker, 9/15/03) 2. Big emphasis on Mary, strong Marian imagery. The actor who played Jesus in the film prayed the Rosary to Mary every day. He said for him, being a Christian is a continual conversion process. 3. The film is not based entirely on the Bible but also on visions of RC nuns/mystics. 4. It equates church with Catholic Church, and links Crucifixion to Last Supper to highlight "Holy Communion" sacrament. In conclusion, we do not doubt that many will be saved as a result of this movie, and we rejoice in this. But many will be confused about Catholicism, and others will use the film as a shortcut to supplant other forms of evangelism ("It pleased God by the foolishness of *preaching* to save them that believe.")

TRASH MTV—What happened at the recent Super Bowl halftime show was in most part what raunchy MTV is all about—what they do every day. By week's end it was admitted that the disrobing was done by design. Hip-Hop music is salacious at best, pornographic and prurient at worst—the grinding, bumping, groping rebelliousness of it is cause for concern by any society concerned about decency.

SAN FRANCISCANS DEFY 'GAY' MARRIAGE LAW—Some 1,700 same-sex couples recently got "married" since Feb. 12 despite a 2000 state law banning such unions (2/17 BP). Mass. likely will issue same-sex licenses sometime in May.

THE BAPTIST CHALLENGE by M.L. Moser (Little Rock, Ark.) is again being published and is on the Internet at this Web address: www.centralbaptistchurch.org/challenge.htm

O.K. TO KEEP TEACHING ISLAM IN CALIF. SCHOOL—A federal judge has ruled that a California school district may continue requiring seventh-grade students to make believe they are Muslims, wear Islamic garments, memorize Quran verses, etc. (2/04 *NLJ*) The school's chief counsel said: “While public schools prohibit Christian students from reading the Bible, praying, displaying the Ten Commandments, and even mentioning the word 'God,' students in California are being indoctrinated into the religion of Islam.”

ALPHA, PAPACY MOVE CLOSER, UNITED BY MARY-WORSHIP—The latest *Alpha News* reveals ever-closer ties between the growing Alpha phenomenon and the Roman Catholic Church. A recent sermon exalted Mary, not Christ. The Pope's June encyclical on Europe concluded: “There must be entrustment to Mary. The whole Church looks to Mary.” The papacy now has its own Alpha office (1/04 *Faith And Freedom*). Alpha founder Nicky Gumbel (3/1/98 *CC*) says “the differences between Protestants and RCs are totally insignificant compared to the things that unite us.”

TOLERANCE OF HERESY BETTER THAN SCHISM?—The Episcopal bishop of Virginia has told his diocese's annual meeting that it's better to live with heresy than split the denomination over homosexuality. He is one of 60 Episcopal bishops who voted last summer to approve the appointment of V. Gene Robinson, the denomination's first openly homosexual bishop (2/04 *Agape Press*). As liberal ECUSA leaders depart from biblical standards, conservative Episcopalians, instead of obediently separating from liberals are forming a “church within a church” and remaining “unequally yoked” (2Cor. 6:14) with the unbelievers. Someone has said: “Better to be divided by truth than united in error.”

UNBELIEVING PASTORS—A new study by the Barna Research Group found that 49 percent of Protestant pastors reject core biblical beliefs (2/7 *World*). Barna put together a bare-bones list of basic biblical teachings that all should have been able to affirm: There is absolute moral truth based on the Bible; biblical teaching is accurate; Jesus was without sin; Satan literally exists; God is omniscient; salvation is by grace alone; Christians have a personal duty to evangelize. In the two largest denominations, So. Baptists had the most pastors, percentage-wise (71), who hold a biblical worldview; Methodists had the fewest (27). Barna says it is discouraging that one in four SB preachers does not take Bible teaching seriously.

LABEL THIEVES—Homosexual activists keep stealing Christian terms. For example, the once-good word “gay” now is used to describe a sinful lifestyle. Other terms they have co-opted include: the rainbow (God's sign to Noah), the triangle (Christian symbol for the Trinity), and, lavender.

LUIS PALAU FESTIVALS—Five years ago ecumenical evangelist Luis Palau scrapped his evangelistic crusades in favor of citywide festivals. He wants to make evangelism “more accessible, active and contemporary.” Last year over 700 Florida churches sponsored a Fort Lauderdale “Beachfest,” geared much toward spring break college students (2/03 *Chr. Today*). As in Billy Graham crusades, Roman Catholics were often involved in leadership roles (e.g., his 1996 8-week Chicago crusade.)

CBC-FINDLAY WITHDREW FROM GARBC—On July 15, 2001, the Calvary Baptist Church of Findlay, Ohio voted unanimously to withdraw from the GARBC. A revised report dated Oct. 28, 2003, prepared by Pastor Gordon Dickson, gives reasons for the withdrawal: 1. The GARBC has drifted from its original Scriptural mission statement, and attempts to correct this drift have failed. 2. The GARBC has drifted from Scriptural obedience by refusing to confront doctrinal error in its ranks. The recent dissolution of the approval system demonstrates this unwillingness to confront error. 3. The GARBC has drifted from its correct Scriptural view of the autonomy of the local church by placing those who did not officially represent local churches on their governing councils. 4. The Bible commands us to withdraw from fellowship with unbelievers. Developments at GARBC schools (prior to dropping of the approval system) indicate there are unbelievers in the ranks. In

addition, if a brother in Christ will not obey 2Cor. 6:14-17, the Bible further commands us to separate from this brother who is walking "disorderly." Our brothers have refused to separate from apostasy in the ranks. We pray that they will reverse the dangerous course...

BOBGANS' NEW BOOK—Martin & Deidre Bobgans' new book, *Christ-Centered Ministry versus Problem-Centered Counseling*, reveals the origins and faults of problem-centered counseling and encourages local congregations to minister as God has called them to do....Get this 136-page book at special price of \$9 and a free newsletter from Eastgate Publishers: 1-800/216-4696.

A MILITANT FUNDAMENTALIST is simply someone who is unwilling to tolerate unbelief and compromise, either by the person holding an error put out of an organization or church or by leaving himself if the error is being tolerated and others in the organization are unwilling to do anything to remedy the problem. In other words, a militant fundamentalist is unwilling to work in religious endeavors with those who are unregenerate or compromisers of the truth. He will have a sense of outrage at the piracy that has taken place in an institution or organization in which control has been taken over by unbelievers or compromisers who are unwilling to obey the commands of Scripture to separate, resulting in either the expulsion of those teaching or practicing the error or the conscientious departure from that ministry by those who have remained true to the Scripture. [The above is an excerpt from an article by Pastor Gary Freel of Boone Iowa, in the Jan-Feb *Foundation* magazine.]

EDITOR'S HEALTH—My EYES, after the cataract and lens replacement surgery last year, were much better for awhile, but now the blur and double vision problems are recurring, albeit not as bad as before.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE UPDATE—My PD symptoms are increasing. My medication was doubled a few months ago but doesn't seem to help much. And, of course, there are the usual side effects from the medication. Please pray that my neurologist and I, when I see him in April, will know what medications might be added or changed. It now takes almost twice as long for me to do the CC.

BWA LEADERS BEG SBC TO REMAIN MEMBER—Baptist World Alliance leaders are making a strong emotional appeal to Southern Baptist leaders for the latter to, with their money of course, remain within the liberal BWA fold. It seems ironic for liberals, when they start losing power and control of a somewhat conservative organization, to start making pompous claims to spirituality. We hope and pray that SBC "conservatives" will stick to their decision to withdraw from the apostate BWA—instead of capitulating, as has the SBC's Women's Missionary Union, to pressure to affirm its relationship with the BWA. By a 62-10 vote Feb. 17, the SBC Executive Committee approved recommending that the SBC at its June annual meeting go ahead and withdraw from the BWA. Meanwhile, BWA Pres. Billy Kim and BWA Gen. Sec'y Dennis Lotz are speaking in prominent moderate/liberal SBC churches to rally support for BWA.

BARTH'S FLAWED THEOLOGY—A darling of many New Evangelicals, Karl Barth was hailed by Billy Graham as a great theologian (12/1/03 *Chr. News*). Yet, despite Barth's greatness as a theologian, he denied the Trinity, the physical resurrection of Christ and other Christian doctrines. He also led a disgusting lifestyle.

CHURCH UNITY OR CHURCH PURITY?—No question is receiving so much attention at the present time in all branches and revisions of the Christian church as the question of church unity. It is being written about, talked about, and preached about. Now we are all agreed, surely, that the Christian church should be one, that she was meant by God to be one. And therefore, we must agree, further, that it is a tragedy that division ever entered into the life of the church. In addition, we must all regard schism as a grievous sin. That is common ground, but having said that, one must also point out that there is obviously great confusion, and much disagreement, as to what constitutes unity, as to what the nature of unity is, and as to how unity is to be obtained and preserved. [Excerpt from June 1962 sermon by Dr. David Martyn Lloyd-Jones, which, in turn was excerpted from an article by Dr. Bud Talbert appearing in the Sep-Oct 2003 *Frontline Magazine*]

WCC WANTS BROADER ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT—The World Council of Churches has extended

an invitation to Roman Catholics, Pentecostals and Evangelicals to meet and consider new ways in which they might better work together in the future. According to an Ecumenical News International report, leaders from several WCC member churches and agencies issued a report on November 24, 2003, calling for representatives from the RCC as well as Pentecostal and Evangelical churches to meet prior to Nov. 2004 “to discuss forming a new network of relationships.” The WCC is looking for new ways to “reconfigure the ecumenical movement” in order to create a broader umbrella of ecumenism with churches and agencies not currently affiliated with the WCC. [Jan-Feb 2004 *Foundation*]

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ISLAM & CHRISTIANITY EQUAL RELIGIONS?—Fuller Seminary has received a \$1 million grant from the Justice Department to help fund a project aimed at calming relations between Christians and Muslims, seeming to promote the idea that the two are equally acceptable religions. Its proposed interfaith code of ethics rejects offensive statements about each other's faiths, affirms a mutual belief in one God, and pledges not to proselytize. Nearly 100 retired SBC missionaries signed a plea in June asking Christian leaders to refrain from making inflammatory public statements about Islam which would harm missionary work in Muslim lands (1/3/04 *World*). An SBC spokesman said "for Fuller to declare that Christians and Muslims worship the same God would be a radical departure." (12/8 *Agape*) The Council on Amer.-Islamic Relations is demanding an apology from Paul Harvey for referring to Islam as "a religion which encourages killing."

CHINA CRUSHES HOUSE CHURCHES—Inside sources say Red China is crushing the house church movement. It considers unregistered churches political subversives. Protestant churches can register only through the China Christian Council and its related Three-Self Patriotic Movement. Both closely cooperate with the Communist regime, which forbids worship outside state-backed official "patriotic" religious bodies (1/04 *Chr. Today*). Worship is allowed only in government-monitored churches, temples, and mosques. In a two-month period beginning last mid-August, authorities closed or bulldozed over 100 churches in one town. (12/23 *Huntsville Times*). Today, about 15 million Protestants and 10 million Catholics worship in the official churches. Millions more belong to unofficial house churches.

FAITH-BASED FUNDING RULES STILL APPLY—In 2000 Congress voted to give \$600,000 to fund Bowery Mission's summer camp for at-risk youth through the Dept. of Justice. But a Justice Dept. bureaucrat said Bowery couldn't receive the money unless it stopped hiring only Christians. Bowery said that would destroy its mission. After a year of wrangling, Justice let the grant go through on a one-time deal (Jan. '04). So all the rules are still in effect and Christian organizations can't get Justice Department grants if they hire only Christians. Washington runs what it funds!

PAY-OFF YEAR FOR RCC—Last year was pay-out year for the Roman Catholic Church. U.S. dioceses agreed to pay alleged victims of clergy sexual abuse nearly \$100 million, probably millions more undisclosed, and the end is nowhere in sight. The Boston archdiocese alone paid out \$10 million in 2002 to 86 alleged

victims of priest John Geoghan, who was killed in prison. It agreed in September to pay \$85 million to 552 people to settle claims. (12/27 *World*).

JOHN MacARTHUR ON CATHOLICISM—Mike Gendron had the following "Quick Quote" by John MacArthur in his Jan-Feb *Proclaiming the Gospel*: "Catholicism is a false system. It is not the church of Christ, it is the church of anti-Christ. If you follow Catholic theology you'll go to hell. I am not saying that to be unkind but to be truthful. Being truthful is the only way to be kind. People need to come out of that system. It is a system that exalts Mary and it is a system of paganism mingled with pseudo-Christianity." "...[T]he truth shall make you free."

TOLKIEN, LORD OF THE RINGS—Despite the PG-13 rating and occultic imagery presented in J.R.R. Tolkien's popular book and movie trilogies, many evangelical Christians have highly praised the "Lord of the Rings" as harmless fantasy. The third movie ("Return of the King") was released in Dec. 2003. We ran an article in the July 2003 *CC* warning of the danger, and David Cloud did an incisive analysis of the series, and commented thusly: "Though not as overtly and sympathetically occultic as the Harry Potter series, Tolkien's fantasies are unscriptural and present a very dangerous message." Tolkien was a Catholic and many of the "Lord of the Rings" heroes are wizards and witches.

FALWELL PRAISES RICK WARREN'S GROWTH METHODS—Dr. Jerry Falwell and other Southern Baptist leaders have highly praised Rick Warren's pragmatic philosophy of ministry and unbiblical, marketing-inspired methods for church growth. Fundamentalists must beware of Warren's "Purpose-Driven" methods and inaccurate theology, and for Falwell's influence and compromise. Secular marketing strategies, capitulation to an ungodly culture and meeting the perceived needs of the unregenerate may result in higher "numbers" at church, but the implementation of such "methods" does not glorify God nor accomplish His work in the way He desires. (*Foundation*).

DEAN THINKS HOMOSEXUALITY NO SIN?—Presidential candidate Howard Dean stated the following in his views on homosexuality: "From a religious point of view, if God had thought homosexuality is a sin he would not have created gay people." This is similar to the old "born that way" argument that winds up blaming God for a wicked life-style. We have said over and over (e.g., 6-1-95 *CC*): "It is absurd, unscriptural and blasphemous to suggest that the homosexual is not responsible for his perverted life-style, or that an adulterer is not to blame for his sin. To do so implies that God is to blame. If a person was born without a choice in the matter, God (under the Law) would never have required the death penalty for homosexuality. Capital punishment was for crimes a person committed voluntarily (see Lev. 20, etc.)." Life-style choices stem from our volition.

TORONTO DROPS LAUGHTER & BIZARRE NOISES—A decade ago charismatic worshippers at a small church near Toronto's airport began laughing uncontrollably. They also made animal noises – braying, barking, howling and roaring. They collapsed to the floor, staggered as if drunk, shook and jerked; wept, wailed and yelped. Faces contorted, groans, and bodies prone on the floor, "slain in the spirit." (12/27 *HT*) These wild manifestations were called "Holy laughter," "laughing revival," "signs and wonders," etc., but now dubbed "the Toronto Blessing." In 1996, the church was kicked out of the Vineyard movement for being too extreme.

WCC PROGRAM HAS ANTI-AMERICAN SLANT—World Council of Churches committees are meeting in New York City to plan a year-long series of events as part of the WCC's "Decade to Overcome Violence"—events that will target the U.S. as a proponent of violence (1/13 *AgapePress*). Over 30 denominations (mainly mainline/liberal Protestant) belong to the left-wing WCC. In the past it has largely ignored human rights violations and aggression by the old Soviet bloc and instead focused on the sins, real and imagined, of the U.S. and its allies. In its supposed passion for social justice, it seems to ignore crimes and oppressions of communist and Islamic dictatorships against Christians. (ACCC Exec. Sec'y Dr. Ralph Colas has provided first-hand coverage of most recent key meetings, and many reports are available on WCC's apostasy.

CORNERSTONE APPOINTS FAGERSTROM PRES. OF GRTS—Cornerstone University has appointed Dr. Doug Fagerstrom as the new president of Grand Rapids Theol. Seminary. His background and associations with New Evangelicals clearly reveal his stance. He has ministered (and was ordained) in Wooddale Church (Minneapolis) pastored by Leith Anderson who recently served a stint as interim head of the NAE; served at Calvary Church (Grand Rapids); attended Denver and Bethel seminaries; and has a doctor of ministry degree from Northern Bapt. Theol. Seminary (Amer. Baptist, Chicago). His bio lists "drama in worship" as an area of expertise. Considered alone, it may appear we're overdoing it a bit here, but as a package, it looks new-evangelical.

GRAHAM CRUSADE SET FOR JUNE, KANSAS CITY—Billy Graham's 415th crusade is scheduled for Kansas City, Mo., June 17-20. He recently suffered a broken hip when he fell in a hotel room, at Jacksonville, Fla. near Mayo Clinic. The hip required a partial replacement surgery. The hospital expects a complete recovery, and he at age 85 plans to be at the crusade as scheduled.

GARBC'S PARTNERING SYSTEM—At the 2003 GARBC Annual Conference the Council of Eighteen voted to no longer partner with Cedarville University, due to the recent partnering relationship between CU and the Ohio Southern Baptist Convention. One hundred twenty GARBC messengers voted to sever the relationship, and 180 voted to delay action until its 2004 meeting. The Council of Eighteen met in November and voted to recommend to the 2004 GARBC messengers that the Partnering Policy be repealed. Should that vote carry, no formal partnering relationships will exist between the Association and agencies, and no listing of agencies will appear in GARBC publications (*Jan. Baptist Bulletin*). But what about Western Baptist College, another GARBC partner which recently linked with Northwest Baptist Convention (SBC)? No mention was made of it, and our query to the *BB* office was not answered.

SBC TO DEPART BWA—The Southern Baptist Convention is almost certain to drop out of the Baptist World Alliance this year, saying it is becoming too liberal and "openly advocating aberrant and dangerous theologies." (12/20/03 *HT*) Since the SBC is the BWA's largest and most generous member this would be a huge blow to the BWA which received \$300,000 last year from it. The alliance is understandably upset. Its leader Denton Lotz called it a tragic move that would "bring a schism within the life of our worldwide Baptist family and thus is a sin against love." But James Draper, an SBC leader, says the alliance "seems to have lost its doctrinal moorings and shows no desire to engage in the kinds of discussions that would return the organization to its biblical foundation." See 2 Cor. 6:14-17.

RC BISHOP REFUSES COMMUNION TO PRO-ABORTION POLITICIANS—A pro-life group is praising a Roman Catholic bishop for using the authority of his office to deal with what it calls a public scandal. Bishop Raymond Burke of La Crosse, Wis., has issued a formal decree barring pro-abortion Catholic politicians from receiving Communion. (1/13 *RT*), Per Burke, a Catholic legislator who supports procured abortion or euthanasia, after knowing the teaching of the Church, commits a manifestly grave sin which is a cause of most serious scandal for others. Since Amer. Life League's effort began last year, it has identified over 500 state and federal officeholders who claim to be Catholic while making public pronouncements on abortion that are contrary to Church teachings. ALL will continue to publish the names of public officials who claim the Catholic faith, yet ignore the Church's teachings on the sanctity of human life. We will continue to...send a loud and clear message to all Catholic public officials: "You cannot be pro-abortion and Catholic."

NRB CONFERENCE—This takes place in Charlotte this year (Feb. 13-18) and, true to form, includes ecumenical speakers and CCM singers. Speakers include: Chuck Swindoll, Franklin Graham, Adrian Rogers, John Piper, Michael Cassidy, Chip Ingram, and Janet Parshall. Music by: Talley Trio, Larnelle Harris, and Stuart Neill. Pres. Bush and Tom DeLay are invited. Dr. Colas will attend with press credentials.

MAXWELL & NEW AGE—A *Nov. Faith And Freedom* article lists three disturbing things about popular author John Maxwell. First is the manner in which he handles the Scriptures to "teach" his principles is sometimes egregiously mistaken.... Second he either implicitly or explicitly endorses some New Age teachers

and doctrines. Third in addition to the New Age elements peppered throughout his material, Maxwell also employs questionable theological doctrines, such as the mistaken notion of the miraculous, a conspicuous absence of the cross, and questionable psychological doctrines (self-esteem, etc.).

WITH INTEGRITY—Jim and Una Wendorf have an "online source for Bibles, Christian books, CD's, music, and gifts you trust." Web address: withintegrity.org Phone 800/699-2623

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ANGLICAN SYNOD SAYS MASONRY IS A FALSE RELIGION—Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams said he had "real misgivings about the compatibility of Masonry and Christian profession," and said he wouldn't appoint any Freemasons to senior posts. After an outcry, however, he apologized for causing "distress." But the Sydney Anglican synod called on its members to choose between lodge and church, and told congregations not to let Masons to use their facilities (12/3 *Chr. Today*). It said Freemasonry "teaches and upholds a system of false religious and spiritual beliefs."

TOP EPISCOPAL BISHOP RESIGNS FROM DIALOGUE—The presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, under fire for his support of an openly gay bishop, has resigned as co-chairman of long-standing talks with the Roman Catholic Church. Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold said he would step down from the 33-year-old Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission because the consecration of openly gay Bishop V. Gene Robinson of New Hampshire has caused strain between the two churches. (12/2 *Crosswalk*)

PLAYBOY CULTURE TREATS WOMEN AS SEX OBJECTS, PREGNANCY AS A DISEASE, ABORTION AS THE CURE—Statistics indicate the total cultural victory of pornography in America today. Hollywood releases 400 films each year, while the pornography industry releases 700 movies *each month!* Porn is, as a minimum, a \$10 billion a year business (12/3 *CT*). And online sex addiction is no longer just a male problem. Nearly one in three adult Web visitors is a woman.

GEORGE SAYS WE SHOULDN'T IGNORE MARY ANY LONGER—Timothy George, ecumenical executive editor of *Chr. Today*, gives reasons why evangelical Protestants have an "almost instinctive distrust" of Mary. He writes (12/03 *CT*): "First, we find no biblical warrant for the kind of devotion to Mary that flourishes among many of the Catholic faithful. Mary's perpetual virginity (belief that she had no children after Jesus and remained a virgin throughout her life), immaculate conception (that she was born without the stain of original sin), and bodily assumption (that she was taken body and soul into heaven after she died without seeing corruption) are extrabiblical beliefs that cannot be traced to the earliest historical memory of the church." Of course we shouldn't ignore Mary but neither should we give her an exalted position of worship as many Roman Catholics do.

PREACHER, OR WORSHIP LEADER?—Churches are now hiring "worship leaders" to bring the modern audiences into the "spirit of worship" that is supposedly missing in old-fashioned congregations. Church musicians are the leaders of worship and pastors are secondary to that worship. Pastors have largely become puppets doing whatever their people want. (*The Projector*)

HOMOSEXUAL UNIONS ARE BRIEF—A recent study on homosexual relationships (*Wash. Times/Door-Step Evangel*) finds they last 1 ½ years on average—even as homosexual groups are pushing nationwide to legalize same-sex "marriages." The Dutch study—which focused on transmission of HIV—found that men in homosexual relationships average eight partners a year outside those relationships. Most couples have arrangements whereby the partners may have sexual activity with others. AIDS kills about 6,000 people a day in Africa—more than wars, famines, and floods. Yet it is a largely preventable, politically-protected disease (8/1/87 CC).

CATHOLICISM & ISLAM—Catholicism and Islam each have over one billion adherents, nearly all of whom enter their faiths as infants. Over 16 million babies are baptized into the Catholic Church each year. Though baptism is not part of Islam, all children born into a Muslim family *are* Muslims. Their official "confirmation" follows as soon as they are able to confess the *shahada* ("There is no God but Allah, and Muhammad is his messenger"). Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world today; Catholicism the largest religious body among professing Christians (11/2 *Berean Call*).

CHRISTIANS HAVE RIGHTS TOO--In a strongly worded opinion issued last month, Detroit Federal Judge Gerald Rosen upheld the right of a Christian student to express her religious beliefs in opposition to homosexuality during her high school's "Diversity Week" program that was designed to promote the homosexual agenda. The case involved a federal lawsuit filed on behalf of a student whose religious views against homosexuality were censored and excluded from the 2002 "Diversity Week" program. This is a big victory for the First Amendment rights of Christian students and a big defeat for those who consider public schools as their private platform to advance the homosexual agenda.

ISLAMIC CHAPLAINS SUE—About three dozen chaplains are suing the Navy, alleging religious discrimination (11/1 *World*). The Navy's religious patronage system promotes Roman Catholic and liturgical Protestant chaplains over Baptist, Pentecostal, and other evangelical chaplains. Conditions have improved for some since the 1999 lawsuits.

WICCA IS BECOMING POPULAR—Wicca (witchcraft) is a fast-growing New Age pagan religion. Though commonly viewed as a female activity, males accounted for over 15,000 people executed for witchcraft in early modern Europe. Two Australian pastors, accused of vilifying Islam, recently were being tried under new "hate laws" being used by a witch.

ANNIVERSARY EDITION—By the grace of God, we have now completed 20 years of publishing *Calvary Contender*!

ETS MAY SPLIT OVER 'OPEN THEISM'—Evangelical Theological Society members voted Nov. 19 to retain two members (Clark Pinnock, John Sanders) who published views supporting "open theism," the belief that God sometimes changes His mind depending on human actions. Ouster requires a two-thirds vote—Pinnock got 32.9 percent removal votes, Sanders got 62.7. [Pinnock voluntarily revised and clarified certain statements in his writings.] At open theism's core is a denial of God's exhaustive foreknowledge of future events. Open theists claim that God does not know the future decisions of humans because those choices have yet to be made. Carl Henry warned [12/9 BP e-mail]: "Once the sovereignty and exhaustive foreknowledge of God are compromised, much else soon goes with it. At the end, one is not left with a doctrine of God at all." Norman Geisler gave examples from Pinnock's other writings that undermine inerrancy, and presented 12 reasons why open theists should not be members of the ETS.

CLERGY LEADERSHIP NETWORK—A newly launched Clergy Leadership Network coalition of liberal/radical religious leaders (including William Sloan Coffin, Rev. Joan Campbell Brown) hopes to become "the Christian Coalition of the left" and seeks to counter the influence of conservative Christian organizations (*New York Times*). The 24-member founding group will also include Catholic and Jewish members, and they hope, Muslim members as well.

CARL HENRY DEAD AT 90—Theologian Carl F.H. Henry, the first editor of *Christianity Today* magazine died at home in Watertown, Wis. at age 90. He attended Wheaton College with Billy Graham who later urged him to head a new magazine dealing with biblical orthodoxy and faith issues. He was among the early leaders of the NAE, the author of several books, and was a major figure of the latter half of the 20th century—instrumental in shaping the new-evangelical movement. Henry defended biblical inerrancy, and dialogue with Roman Catholics. He did not sign the 1994 Colson-Neuhaus document (ECT) but said it clearly took Evangelical-Catholic unity beyond preserving cultural values. He called for recognition of both groups as Christian brethren.

ANOTHER GARBC SCHOOL LINKS WITH SBC—The Northwest Baptist Convention (SBC) has endorsed Western Baptist College (GARBC-related "partner") as an educational institution that their member churches should support financially and promote as a preferred college for their young people. The NWBC executive board approved this, and WBC's President Dr. Reno Hoff spoke at the NWBC convention. The NWBC has 429 congregations in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and northern California. Cedarville University, another GARBC-related school, (a "partner") recently became linked with Southern Baptists of Ohio.

WCC CHIEF NOTES PROGRESS OF ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT—Konrad Raiser, outgoing head of the World Council of Churches, in a Nov. 20 interview, listed progress of the ecumenical movement during his 11-year term. He pointed first to the agreement signed in Augsburg in 1999 between the Lutheran World Federation and the Roman Catholic Church, the result of a long process of dialogue. He said: "As we continue our search for unity, we already feel that the links between us [WCC and Catholic partners] are so strong that the obstacles that arise do not call into question the progress already made. [But] it is impossible to overlook increasing fears among Roman Catholics, but also among Anglicans and Lutherans, Methodists and Orthodox, linked to the identity...of each tradition." The Orthodox churches now feel they are being listened to. Raiser mentioned exploring ways to create a Global Christian Forum. He says that without a structure of reference, the WCC risks the rise of a militant, populist and fundamentalist Christianity.

WHY WAIT A YEAR FOR CEDARVILLE DECISION?—At the GARBC's annual conference last June, action against Cedarville University for entering into a partnership with Ohio Southern Baptists was delayed one year. *Sword of the Lord* editor Dr. Shelton Smith commented as follows (10/10): "Cedarville University has been a GARBC school for many years. For almost twelve months they have also been connected in an official partnership with the Ohio State Convention of Southern Baptists. We commend the GARBC Council for voting to sever the relationship with Cedarville but must admit we are gravely concerned that they did not have sufficient influence to get it passed in their general assembly. So now it will be sometime in 2004 before a final decision is made. It has the appearance of a delaying tactic of Cedarville loyalists, and it also seems that the folks who wanted to cut the ties did not sufficiently pitch their case...."

FUNDAMENTALISM: 'PASS IT ON'—The history of fundamentalism must be passed on to the next generation with accuracy and passion. The issues and reasons that engendered the movement must be inculcated, and its primary causes of failure—disobedience and compromise—must be clearly and specifically pointed out and warned against. Fundamentalist distinctives, emphases, and biblical foundations must be regularly taught. Opportunities must be provided for these to also be presented, especially from the chapel pulpit and classroom teaching. Its practical work departments and musical program must be thoroughly consistent with and support and promote fundamentalism. Churches must keep close watch on the schools it relies on to train its young people. They cannot blindly trust what a school *says*—attention must also be paid to its *practice*. The leadership of both the local church and educational institutions must be willing to make the tough decisions necessary to preserve purity of doctrine and testimony, even if it would involve a loss of constituency. [This is

an excerpt from an excellent 43-page paper by Daniel Greenfield, Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary, analyzing GARBC's partner Cedarville University's fall to new evangelicalism.]

VIRGINIA BAPTISTS, AVERETT UNIVERSITY CONFLICT—Virginia Baptists have escrowed over \$350,000 that would have gone to Averett University next year. But it's in escrow until a conflict over homosexuality and biblical authority is resolved. Averett attracted the ire of some Va. Baptists last August when its religion department head wrote an article endorsing the action of the Episcopal Church to ordain an openly homosexual bishop, and criticizing a literal method of Bible interpretation (12/11/03 *Ala. Baptist*). Then in September, the notorious John Shelby Spong lectured on campus, reportedly saying the God who is revealed in a literal Scripture reading is "immoral" and "unbelievable."

BIBLICAL FUNDAMENTALISM—(The first of "22 terms to know in the 21st century," *Foundation*, Sept.-Oct. 2003). "Biblical Fundamentalism is a movement of men and ministries who, recognizing God's Word as completely authoritative in every area of which it speaks, are dedicated to theological orthodoxy and an attitude of disdain for unbelief as well as theological, ecclesial or ministerial compromise. Such an attitude manifests itself by militant defense of the faith once delivered (as recorded in its completeness in God's Word, the Bible) and subsequent separation from those who entertain unbelief or compromise. Biblical fundamentalism is always marked by 1) ecclesial separation from unbelievers or even brethren who propagate false doctrine and, 2) defense of absolute truth as revealed in God's Word."

SUPERCOMPUTER—IBM is building the world's fastest supercomputer. Code-named Blue Gene, it uses 130,000 processors and runs six times faster than today's speediest machine. Engineers are to install it in 2005. [11/29/03 *World*]

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MAJOR INCREASE IN PROFANITY ON TV—Foul language on television shows has increased dramatically on nearly every network and time slot—including the so-called "Family Hour" from 8 to 9 p.m. (10/24 *Sword of the Lord*). Foul language, including curses or intensives, offensive epithets, scatological language, sexually suggestive or indecent language, and censored language increased by 94.8 percent during the Family Hour between 1998 and 2002.

IRELAND FIRED AS HEAD OF YWCA—Six months after being named new president of Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA), feminist Patricia Ireland was fired. It reportedly proved to be the "wrong platform" for her advocacy of women's issues and social justice. But Bob Knight of the Culture and Family Institute thinks the former head of the liberal National Organization for Women (NOW) was let go because "the money spigot [to YWCA] was turned off... when its supporters found out what they had done." He said, "If you're truly interested in young women getting a Christian experience, why would you put a bisexual, leftist feminist in charge of them?" (10/27 *AgapePress*) Many critics of the YWCA claim it has a strongly liberal leadership—and that that is what led to the hiring of Ireland in the first place.

WORLD PANTHEISM MOVEMENT—Pantheism, the idea that "God is all and all is God," is at the crux of the New Age movement and some Eastern religions. The World Pantheism Movement, founded in 1998, now claims 2,000 members in 56 countries (11/10 *C.News*). Its Web site quotes pantheistic philosophies of such notables as Albert Einstein, Carl Sagan, Henry David Thoreau, and Mikhail Gorbachev.

HOMOSEXUAL GAINS IN 2000—Last June the Supreme Court struck down Texas' anti-sodomy law, ruling 6-3 that homosexuals "are entitled to respect for their private lives." Then Canada's Ontario legalized same-sex unions (*Charisma*, 11/03), thus prompting efforts to legitimize gay unions across the nation. In August, the Episcopal Church USA elected an openly gay priest to serve as a bishop, and California Gov. Gray Davis passed a law fining businesses \$150,000 if they refused to hire a cross-dresser [e.g., man wearing a dress]. In September the Harvey Milk School, the first publicly funded high school for gay students, opened in New York City.

MARRIAGE AMENDMENT IN CONGRESS—A Federal Marriage Amendment was recently introduced in

Congress, which states: "Marriage in the U.S. shall consist only of the union of a man and woman. Neither this constitution or the constitution of any state or federal law shall be construed to require that marriage status or the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon unmarried couples or groups."

METHODIST PASTOR A LESBIAN—Karen Dammann, interim pastor of a United Methodist Church in Ellensburg, WA, likely will face a church trial, and could be removed from her pulpit. She is a lesbian in an open relationship with another woman (11/8 *World*). The UMC Book of Discipline bars "self-avowed, practicing homosexuals" from being ordained or serving as pastors, but liberal bishops generally follow a "don't ask, don't tell" policy to circumvent the rule.

PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTION—The procedure normally consists of the delivery of an intact baby feet-first until only the head is left in the birth canal. The doctor pierces the base of the infant's skull with surgical scissors, then inserts a catheter into the opening and suctions out the brain. The collapse of the skull provides for easier removal of the baby's head. This typically occurs during the fifth or sixth month of pregnancy. Congress (Oct.) approved a bill to ban this gruesome procedure. The Senate voted 64-34 for the bill, while the House approved it 281-142. (11/6/03 *AgapePress*)

MOTHER TERESA'S CATHOLICISM NOT ENOUGH—Pope John Paul II has given high priority to making Mother Teresa a saint, and blessed her Oct. 19 in a beatification and Mass attended by 300,000. But faith in Jesus Christ alone makes one a saint. If you're not a saint before death, you can't become one after death. Letters reveal Mother Teresa's inner struggle and feelings of abandonment by God. (11/3 *Chr. News*) She wrote: "I want God with all the power of my soul – and yet between us there is terrible separation." And again: "Heaven from every side is closed." And her sad lament from the heart: "I feel just that terrible pain of loss, of God not wanting me, of God not being God, of God not really existing." Mother Teresa was a universalist who did not believe that Jesus Christ was the only way to heaven.

POPE TOLERATES FALSE TEACHERS, TEACHINGS—*Christian News* has often noted that Pope John Paul II rejects the scriptural doctrine of justification by faith alone in the merits of Jesus Christ. He maintains that Jews, Muslims, and all non-Christians, including voodooists, can get to heaven without saving faith in Jesus Christ. He says the theory of evolution is not contrary to the Bible. He has taken no disciplinary action against the many Catholic theologians and bishops who deny basic doctrines of the Christian faith, including the virgin birth, deity and resurrection of Jesus Christ. During the years of this pope, *CN* has often documented the theological liberalism now tolerated within Rome. The Pope has done virtually nothing to remove the many homosexuals who are serving as priests (11/3 *C. News*). Yet some Protestant publications and leading evangelicals have highly praised him (e.g., 10/25 *World*, 10/4/97 *World*).

RICK WARREN'S 40-DAY PLAN FOR GOD'S PURPOSE—Rick Warren's Saddleback Church (Calif.) is one of the nation's largest with 17,000 members. His latest book *Purpose-Driven Life* lays out a step-by-step 40-day plan to discover God's purpose for one's life. In another book he gives 10 essentials for a church to keep on growing: One of these: You should change the primary role of the pastor from minister to leader. He says you can grow a church to 300 with pastoral/ministry skills, but for it to grow beyond 300 will require leadership skills. Warren wanted his church built around unbelievers and thus uses worldly methods to build his church. But *methods* are important. I Cor. 3:10 warns: "But let every man take heed *how* he builds [on the foundation of Christ.]" Warren uses rock music, casual dress, etc., and Southern Baptists and other new evangelicals are climbing aboard his Purpose bandwagon in droves. So now it is seen as mainly an ecumenical outreach tool "bringing Lutherans, Episcopalians, Methodists, Baptists together."

STANLEY 'CLARIFIES' STANCE ON FEMALE PASTORS—Popular Bible teacher and former Southern Baptist president Dr. Charles Stanley ridicules the SBC's mandate that wives should submit to their husbands and he doesn't support its ban on female pastors (10/30 *Ala. Bapt.*). He said he was led to Christ by a quiet female evangelist, not by a fiery female pastor (see 7/15/00 *CC*), and added, "You just can't draw the line and say, "You can't do so-and-so." [Note: After a Texas paper reported that Stanley "disagrees" with the 2000

Baptist Faith & Message, he told Baptist Press (11/6 *Ala. Baptist*) that he is "absolutely" supportive of the BF&M and its stances on the role of women, but thinks a clarifying amendment was needed. He makes a distinction between "pastor" and "preacher," saying the latter can be a woman.]

ACCC RESOLUTION ON ROBERT SCHULLER & NAE—Robert Schuller, pastor of the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, CA, and the number one TV preacher watched on hundreds of stations in over 180 countries with an audience of over 20 million, will be a speaker at the 62nd annual meeting of the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) in Colorado Springs, in March of 2004. Mr. Schuller's involvement further demonstrates the harmfully inclusive policy of the NAE. Over the years the organization has reached out to many speakers for its programs, but this year is different. Robert Schuller is a false prophet, a wolf in sheep's clothing! His erroneous definition of sin as "anything that robs myself or another human being of his or her self-esteem" has led him to deny and distort the Gospel of grace. Man's greatest need is not self-esteem, but regeneration. Our Lord said: "*Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves*" (Matt. 7:15). Schuller's Possibility Thinking is no different than Norman Vincent Peale's Positive Thinking – both are error (II Pet. 2:1, I Jn. 4:1)! ... We believe salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, and in Christ alone! We further reaffirm our commitment to Biblical separation from apostasy (Schuller) and from those who compromise with apostasy (NAE). We also remind Bible-believing Christians of the danger of the NAE, especially with this latest compromise of inviting a false prophet to come into its annual meeting as a speaker.

NCC PAYS OFF DEBT—The National Council of Churches is paying off all debts, doubling its net worth and tripling the amount of reserve funding, per NCC General Secretary Bob Edgar. The NCC is the leading ecumenical organization in the U.S. Its 36 Protestant, Orthodox and Anglican member denominations comprise 50 million adherents in 140,000 local congregations nationwide. Along with interfaith relations, Council programs include education and leadership ministries, Bible translation, environmental justice, faith and order [Sad to say, So. Baptists and Catholics have long served together on this ecumenical commission!], church renewal, public policy research and advocacy...and work to reduce poverty.

WHAT DOES 'SOUND IN THE FAITH' MEAN (Tit. 1:13)?—It is sometimes said: "The vast majority of our people are still 'sound in the faith.'" What is meant by the expression, "sound in the faith"? Is one "sound in the faith" who simply does not deny the fundamental doctrines of God's Word? Can one be said to be "sound in the faith" who refuses to obey God's command to "earnestly contend for the faith" (Jude 3)? By no means! Such an one is spiritually sick. He is like a soldier who professes loyalty to his country and then refuses to fight the enemy. Such "soundness" and such "loyalty" are a sham and a shame!... [F.G. Huling, Sept.-Oct. *Foundation*] Concerning deceivers, etc., we are told by Titus 1:13 to "rebuke them sharply, that they may be *sound in the faith*." This, of course, is to be done in love and with a right spirit.

WORD OF LIFE BREAKS DOWN WALLS—It is sad to see how Word of Life is bringing together staunch New Evangelicals and professing Fundamentalists. But its "2003 schedule of speakers included the president of Dallas Theological Seminary, the senior pastor of Moody Church, the president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the chancellor emeritus of Moody Bible Institute. All of these are New Evangelicals who support Graham-style ecumenical evangelism and radically ecumenical organizations such as Promise Keepers." Joining them are Tennessee Temple University Pres. Dr. David Boulter, Dan Gelatt (assistant to the director of ABWE), etc. [*O Timothy*, Vol. 20, Issue 10]

THE MINISTRY OF MARRIAGE is the title of a new book by popular marriage seminar speaker Dr. Jim Binney who founded L.E.A.D. (Leadership Enrichment and Development. Dr. Frank Garlock wrote the Foreword. Dr. Binney says that couples who hope to test their compatibility by living together before tying the knot are 80 percent more likely to divorce than those who do not. You may order this 232-page book from BJU Press, Greenville, SC 29614-0060. Contact Mary Jordan by e-mail at: mjordan@bjup.com for questions.

ACCC MEETING—As ACCC Exec. Secretary Dr. Ralph Colas put it: "Dr. John McKnight and his wonderful

church family were most gracious hosts. The music, by a Clearwater Christian College group, was Christ-honoring, messages were on target, and the fellowship was sweet." Some of the speakers: John McKnight (ACCC Pres.), John Ashbrook, Richard Harris, Clay Nuttall, Ed Panosian (BJU), Morris McDonald, Frank McClelland, and Ron Cooke (in place of George Youstra who had foot surgery). Mike Brown presented resolutions on topics below, e.g.: The growing acceptance of Homosexuality, Schuller & the NAE, Biblical Separation, Harold Camping, Commendation of Pres. Bush, Judicial Activism, and God of Sports. The theme of this 62nd Annual Conference (Dublin, MD), "The Trust Committed to Us."

NEW BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY—Last July at Maranatha Baptist Bible College in Watertown, WI the Fundamental Baptist Historical Society was organized. Bob Dalton is its secretary and Dr. David Cummins, a pastor and evangelist for over 40 years, is its president. The latter co-authored the daily devotional *This Day in Baptist History*. The F.B.H.S. was born out of a concern to see the great Baptist heritage and distinctives given proper emphasis in a time of seeming de-emphasis and neglect among Baptists. It will publish "The Baptist Historian," a quarterly paper with articles on great Baptist heroes, issues, events, doctrinal distinctives and other areas of interest. "The Society will also have speakers available to share our Baptist heritage in our churches, Christian schools, and colleges." *The Baptist Historian* welcomes articles, apt quotes, and comments from readers. To receive this quarterly or to send articles or correspondence, write to *The Baptist Historian*, 8013 Fieldstone Road, Knoxville, TN 37938. Please attend the Fundamental Baptist History Symposium at Burge Terrace Baptist Church in Indianapolis, January 20-22, 2004.

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BIBLE IN MAGAZINE FORMAT FOR TEEN GIRLS—Teen girls are turning for advice—about fashion, dating and getting along with their parents—to *Revolve*, a perky youth-oriented NT in magazine format using Thomas Nelson's New Century Version text. *Revolve* has been so popular that a "Bible" geared toward teenage boys is planned for next year. But some are concerned that it may compromise, or trivialize, the Gospel message (9/29 *Chr. News*, 9/27 *Houston Chron.*).

CCW MUSIC BRINGS GREAT CHANGES TO CHURCHES—Contemporary Christian Worship music is spreading across all denominational lines. And when it enters a church, it brings more than a change in music. It brings a worldly philosophy of Christianity and a gradual lowering of all standards of morality and doctrine (*O Timothy*). CCW is a catalyst for the ecumenical movement and the emerging world church of Antichrist. Be warned, Be wise, Beware!

HATE CRIME LAWS ARE DANGER FOR CHRISTIANS—Hate crime laws create protected categories of victims who are seen as more important than other victims. The FBI's 1999 list of 7,876 hate crimes—defined as "a criminal offense committed against a person, property, or society which is motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's bias against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or ethnicity-national origin." (5/03 *C.Today*) Laws prohibiting discrimination against homosexuals have been used to bar religious leaders from quoting scripture as a basis for calling homosexuality a sin.

GAY UNIONS BRIEF—A recent study on homosexual relationships [Dutch] finds they last 1 ½ years on average. By contrast, among heterosexuals, 67 percent of first marriages [U.S.] last at least 10 years. The Dutch study found that men in homosexual relationships on average have eight partners a year outside those relationships (7/28 *Chr. News*). Marriage was created in large part to sustain child-rearing. It is a union born of the need to procreate and protect one's offspring. It ensures the survival of the human race (8/31 *CN*).

ABORTION DRUG RU-486 DANGER—Two women have died in the U.S. after taking RU-486, also called mifepristone, since the FDA approved it two years ago. A pro-life activist says: "We want this drug taken off the market because it kills human beings...most often the unborn." It can cause prolonged bleeding and severe cramps. RU-486 is not just "baby poison," it is potential poison for mothers who take it.

HAITI OFFICIALLY SANCTIONS VODOO—Voodoo venerates a mixture of African gods and Catholic saints and practices spiritism. Recently Pres. Aristide declared it an officially recognized religion. Pastors and others are skeptical.

NAVY CHAPLAIN SUCCEEDS OGILVIE—Rear Admiral Barry Black was recently selected as chaplain of the Senate to replace Lloyd John Ogilvie, a Presbyterian minister who retired in March. Black is the first African American and the first Seventh-day Adventist to serve in this position. The SDA is usually listed as a Sabbath-keeping, Law-enslaving cult.

GORBACHEV'S PROPAGANDA TOUR COMES TO AUBURN—Mikhail Gorbachev is an admitted lifelong Leninist (communist) and has supported worldwide repression, terrorism, and nuclear proliferation to terrorist states. Russia's so-called transformation under him, Yeltsin, Primakov, and Putin has been a colossal deception (9/22 *New Amer.*). Lifelong communists still control the centers of Russian power: the presidency, the Congress, the military, the secret police, the media, the judiciary. He in Oct. came to Middle America (Wisconsin's Fox Cities, Auburn Univ, e.g.) as co-chairman of the Earth Charter Commission (10/1/00 CC). He is chief drafter of a "new Ten Commandments" to guide humanity into a new world order. But he said he wonders if a "democratic world order is at all possible." (10/7 *H. Times*) A couple of years or so ago he took his charm offensive to Union University (SBC) and to Robert Schuller. The \$87,000 Auburn shelled out for his speech came from student activity fees, not state funds.

FEDERAL MARRIAGE AMENDMENT—This amendment was offered last May and reads: "Marriage in the U.S. shall consist only of the union between a man and a woman. Neither this constitution or the constitution of any state, nor state or federal law, shall be construed to require that marital status or the legal instruments thereof be conferred upon unmarried couples or groups." (9/03 NLJ) To be added to the Constitution, it must be passed by 2/3 of the U.S. House and Senate and ratified by 3/4 of the state legislature (by majority vote only without the signature of the governors).

MISS. COURT RULES FETUS HAS 'PERSON' STATUS—The Mississippi Supreme Court ruled Aug. 21 that a fetus is a "person" worthy of some legal protections under state law, that a woman had the right to pursue a wrongful death lawsuit on behalf of her unborn child (9/11 *Ala.Bapt.*). Under Mississippi law, women already had the right to sue for the wrongful death of babies born prematurely or late-term fetuses that otherwise would have been expected to live had they been born. However, the new ruling expands that right to mothers with unborn children that have not reached the so-called state of "viability," or ability to live outside the womb.

ACCC 62ND ANNUAL CONVENTION, Darlington, MD, Oct. 21-23. More on this in the next CC. Call 410/457-5101.

TRUTH MIXED WITH ERROR IS NOT TRUTH—"The Roman Catholic Church does teach some truth, but whenever God's truth is co-mingled with the errors of men, it is no longer truth. In fact the mixture becomes much more insidious than outright error. Rarely will people be gullible enough to believe an outright lie, but when the lie is covered with a veneer of truth it becomes easier to deceive the unsuspecting. If someone drops a drop of poison into a high protein drink, it is no longer healthy, but deadly. So it is when anyone adds anything to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Rather than it being the power of God for salvation, the mixture has become fatal to all those who believe it...." (*Proclaiming the Gospel*, Sep.-Oct. 2003) "Be not deceived...."

RHEMA 'WORD OF FAITH' PREACHER DIED—Rev. Kenneth Hagin, founder of many media outreaches and ministries, died Sept. 19 at age 86. He claimed to have died at age 15, went to hell and was brought back to life. He says Jesus appeared to him eight times and talked with him. He has been charged with rejecting historic Christianity and with being as heretical as the Mormon Church (4/15/96 CC).

EVOLVING HUMANIST MANIFESTOS—*Straightway* Editor Dr. H.T. Spence writes: "Our society has

become atheistic in its avoidance of God in every compartment of life. Evolution has permeated every context of human existence with its conspicuous absence of God in the conversation of man's origin...." ICR founder Dr. Henry Morris writes: "The American Humanist Association has led in the development...of a new Humanist Manifesto..." Humanist Manifesto I (1933) was published at the time when John Dewey and others organized the AHA. Humanist Manifesto II (1973) stated: "No deity will save us; we must save ourselves." Humanist Manifesto III (1980, 2003) states: "Humans are an integral part of nature, the result of unguided evolutionary change. Humans recognize nature as 'self-existing.'" To bring nations into one centralized government and all the religions to universalism, acclimatization of society (now occurring) to secularism is the next step.

PURPOSE-DRIVEN PASTOR OR CEO LEADER?—A letter in the 10/2 *Alabama Baptist* was a partly tongue-in-cheek response from a reader: "May we just skip over the role of pastors to preach the word of God and go directly to a CEO leader for our church? We would be amazed at the money we could make with a leader who is a budget whiz, a marketing expert and a great entertainer. I can feel my vision expanding now. Unfortunately, it's tunnel vision. Out with pastors and preachers, and in with leaders. Can we throw out the deacon body also? There are some of them who think churches should be God-centered rather than growth-centered. How radical and old fashioned can we get?"

ANNE LAMOTT, UNORTHODOX VIEWS—She describes herself as a left-wing pacifist "who is also a born-again Christian." Anne Lamott, a favorite of many Christian college students, and whose books have sold millions, says: "I did not mean to be a Christian. I have been very clear about that." She tells of encountering the presence of Jesus for the first time 12 years ago. She is a Presbyterian now, speaks of conversion, and becoming a Christian. But she refers to "our Mother Father God." She says she is "liberal in all my views" and: "I just recoil at the hellfire and brimstone condemnation and shaming language of extreme right-wing Christianity." [From an interview by Susan Olasky, 9/20 *World*] In a January 2003 interview with *Christianity Today*, she is said to be a "hard-core liberal." She says she thinks that people from other faiths who don't believe in Jesus are God's children and will go to heaven. This is universalism. She believes personhood doesn't start at conception. In one week after having an abortion she is said to have surrendered to Jesus "in her own version of the sinner's prayer, punctuated with [a vulgar term]."

B.W.A. PRESIDENT BEGS SBC TO STAY—Baptist World Alliance president Billy Kim appealed to the Southern Baptist Executive Committee: "I beg you, stay with us in the Baptist World Alliance." (10/2 *Ala. Baptist*) But unresolved questions about the BWA's processes in granting BWA membership to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, a leftist breakaway group, is a main problem. It caused the SBC last June to reduce its allocation to the BWA by \$125,000.

PK HAS NEW LEADER—Promise Keepers has named Thomas Fortson, Jr., as its new president and CEO (10/2/03 *AgapePress*). He replaces outgoing president and founder Bill McCartney (see 10/03 *CC*). Fortson's goals for PK includes growing its U.S. base and expanding its global outreach. PK drew 1 million people annually to its events at stadiums in the mid-1990s but attendance has dropped in recent years.

NCC GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETS—Jackson, Miss. will host the National Council of Churches, USA's Nov. 4-6. annual General Assembly. Many special guests will join delegates from the liberal NCC's 36 Protestant, Orthodox and Anglican member churches, which, in turn comprise 50 million adherents in 140,000 local congregations nationwide. The 280-member General Assembly is the highest legislative body of the nation's leading ecumenical body through which U.S. churches work to address people's "spiritual" and social needs. It will also elect new leaders for 2004-2007.

GRAHAM WELCOMED LIBERALS EARLY—For whatever motive, Billy Graham, quite early in his ministry, while still professing to be a separatist, welcomed liberals and eventually Roman Catholics into...his crusades (*C.E.C. Journal*, Mar-Apr.). Thus began a parting of the ways between true separated fundamentalists and those who wanted to be more conciliatory in their thinking toward liberal, New Evangelical and religious-but-lost "Christians."

GARNER TED ARMSTRONG DEAD AT 73—Religious broadcaster Garner Ted Armstrong, who split from his father's (Herbert W.) Worldwide Church of God, has died, his son Mark announced. He founded other organizations after splitting from his father. His father's cult was known for Old Testament practices and unorthodox theology. A lawsuit was filed by a masseuse who claimed he (Garner Ted) sexually assaulted her during a 1995 massage session.

ANGLICAN CHURCH DIVIDED OVER HOMOSEXUAL CLERICS—The U.S. Episcopal Church is a branch of the Anglican Church. Both of these are in turmoil recently provoked by the Episcopal Church's decision in August to confirm a homosexual man as a bishop, who had left wife and family years ago to live in a homosexual relationship with a longtime partner. As a crisis looms, and apostasy deepens, there is a growing acceptance of homosexual practice.

PRIEST ABUSE SCANDAL—The Roman Catholic Church and most Protestant churches now allow homosexuals, including practicing homosexuals, to serve as clergymen. Catholic authorities now say that about half of Catholic seminarians and priests are homosexuals (4/14 *Christian News*). Priestly sex scandals in the U.S. Roman Catholic Church were few and far between before seminaries began accepting homosexuals in the 1960s. Homosexuals in the priesthood are now estimated to be between 30 and 60 percent.

NEWS NOTES—Chris Hindal, chairman of the policy committee of the GARBC, is seeking ideas for a possible name change for the GARBC. *** Dr. Kevin Bauder was formally installed as president of Central Baptist Theological Seminary (Minn.), Oct. 12. *** Of the 27 million evangelical and charismatic Protestants in Brazil, 18.9 million are charismatics; over half of Brazil's Protestants are women. Assemblies of God is the largest charismatic group.

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McCARTNEY TO RESIGN PROMISE KEEPERS—Former U. of Colorado football coach Bill McCartney will resign as head of Promise Keepers. Per AP, he plans to step down, effective October 1, to spend more time with his family. He has been on board-approved leave since March caring for his wife who suffers from a severe respiratory illness. McCartney informed the PK board of his decision last week, telling members that during his leave he had sensed his leadership of the organization was coming to an end and that God had assigned him to the role of husband and grandfather. But McCartney said PK's ministry is needed now more than ever, and he is "confident that the Lord will direct and empower the ministry to move forward." The PK board has named a committee to select McCartney's successor. He is said to have enabled millions of men to find their identity in Christ and become better husbands, fathers, and church and community leaders. The ecumenical PK will continue to solicit its founder's "advice, counsel and expressions of love."

WCC LEADER CALLS FUNDAMENTALISM 'GREATEST ENEMY OF RELIGION'—Catholicos Aram I was moderator of the recent World Council of Churches' Central Committee meeting in Geneva. It is the WCC's main governing body. Aram is concerned that interreligious dialogue is not given a high enough priority in the WCC's ecumenical witness. He said the co-existence of religions is becoming shaky, and said fundamentalism is "the greatest enemy of religion and the most dangerous force of our times." [8/26 *PCUSA NEWS*] He added: "Overcoming fundamentalism is an urgent and top priority for all religions." As the ecumenical drive for unity intensifies, more pressure and persecution will come to nonconformist fundamentalists who stand for God's truth. It would perhaps be more accurate to say "religion (salvation by works) is the greatest enemy of fundamental Christianity."

TILTON BACK TO HIS OLD SCAM—Remember TV preacher Robert Tilton who was discredited by scandal in 1991 by ABC-TV's "Prime Time Live" which accused him of discarding thousands of viewer prayer requests he was supposed to pray over? Well, since then a jury found him guilty of fraud. And now the thrice-married Tilton is back to babbling in tongues and badgering viewers for \$1,000 vows just like the old days (8/17 *Dallas Morn. News*). Amid reports, by his second ex-wife, of drunken rages he has now paid \$1.4 million for an ocean-front lot and is building a new home on it. On a Tilton video—where every day is the same and every show is identical—he is likely raking in millions with a prosperity gospel ministry of "blessings to givers." He

uses reruns from a 1999 video and an automated phone menu and visualizes viewers who need to give to receive....This would be funny, but for the sad deception.

EVOLUTION TAUGHT BY CATHOLICS, MAINLINERS—Professors in the mainline non-fundamentalist seminaries and university divinity schools today accept the “evolutionary view of reality” rather than the “creationist view.” (9/8 *Chr. News*). Pope John Paul II rejects the natural interpretation of the Genesis account of creation and allows for the notion that man and the universe gradually evolved from some primary organism. Evidence abounds for creation (Psa. 19:1, e.g.). These “scholars” are “willingly ignorant” (II Pet. 3:5).

PAGAN WORSHIP MORE ACCEPTABLE TO EPISCOPALIANS THAN HOMOSEXUALITY?—While Christians lament the election of an openly homosexual at the recent Episcopal General Convention, few realize that the Episcopal Church has condoned outright paganism for years. Its bishops have turned a blind eye to pagan intrusion of its majestic cathedrals. Occult rituals at New York's Cathedral of St. John the Divine and San Francisco's Grace Cathedral have sent a message that the Biblical God is only one of a multitude of equal deities (Berit Kjos, 9/8 *Christian News*). California's Epis. Bishop William Swing in 1996 founded the United Religions Initiative, a globalist organization with the UN as its model to bring all religions together to dialogue.

PAX CHRISTI USA ANTI-WAR CATHOLICS—Gabano Zavala, Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles, was named in August to head Pax Christi USA, the national Catholic “peace” movement. The international movement has consultative status at the UN and has been linked with the Catholic “liberation theology” and “Christian Marxism” movement in Central America, etc. Pax Christi USA reaches over half a million Catholics in the U.S. and seems rather radical and left-wing (see 4/1/01 *CC* & 8/23/03 *H. Times*). Darlene Ehinger, wife of the *Huntsville Times'* Editorial Page Editor, is facilitator for Pax Christi Huntsville (Ala.).

ISLAMIC JESUS VS. CHRISTIAN JESUS—The Christian Jesus is the virgin-born Son of God, the eternal God, the Creator, co-equal and co-eternal with the Father and Holy Spirit. He died for our sins, rose physically from the dead, and is coming back physically and visibly one day. The Islamic Jesus is said to be one of God's prophets but inferior to Muhammad who brought Allah's final revelations to man. The Quran denies the Trinity and that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and any Muslim who believes in the deity of Jesus has committed “the one unforgivable sin” and it will send that person to hell. Muslims do believe that Jesus is the Messiah, virgin-born and sinless (9/4 *Ala. Baptist*). [Islam is not the peaceful religion it claims to be. We don't hear modern-day Muslims condemn the atrocities and murders of Christians. By not condemning it, they condone it.]

GARBC POSTPONES DECISION ON CEDARVILLE—The GARBC's Council of Eighteen announced that because of Cedarville University's recent relationship with the Southern Baptist Convention, Cedarville would no longer be a partner with the GARBC. Ohio Southern Baptists, since their state meeting in November 2002, call Cedarville a partner and recommend it as a university for their students, and Cedarville can now advertise in SBC publications and at SBC conventions. Although there has been a remarkable resurgence in conservative theology in the SBC over the past 24 years, the Council noted there is still a liberal presence, most notably in the SBC colleges, which puts Cedarville in a relationship with an organization that permits the presence of liberals. [At its 2003 conference last June,] a messenger moved that the action be tabled until the 2004 conference to allow a thorough review of the partnering agreement. The motion was approved by the messengers. Therefore, Cedarville currently continues as a partner with the GARBC [*Baptist Bulletin*]. We think this is a sad scenario and a tragic example of where new-evangelical compromise often leads.

WCC UPDATE—The World Council of Churches was formed in 1948 in Amsterdam and now has 342 member churches. Until recently, it has had a somewhat near monopoly on the liberal ecumenical movement. The Roman Catholic Church is not a member but works cooperatively with the WCC. The WCC meets about every six years, the next meeting planned for Porto Alegre, Brazil, in 2006. At a recent meeting of the WCC powerful Central Committee, Dr. Sam Kobia was elected as the new General Secretary. He will succeed Dr. Konrad Raiser, and takes office Jan. 2004. Habitat For Humanity is now an International Ecumenical

Organization partnering with the WCC. One leader suggested that the WCC widen its circle so that Evangelicals and Pentecostals would be welcome at WCC's ecumenical table.

JOHN STOTT SPEAKS OUT ON PLURALISM—Anglican theolog Dr. John R.W. Stott said in a *Chr. Today* interview (9/03): “Pluralism is not just recognition that there is a plurality of faiths in the world today. That is an obvious fact. No, pluralism is itself an ideology. It affirms the independent validity of all faiths. It rejects as arrogant and unacceptable every attempt to convert anybody...to our opinions.” He said “We must be careful not to romanticize the churches of the developing world, for they have their blemishes, as we have ours....Nevertheless, we can affirm that their God is the living God....” ONLY if it is the LORD of the Bible! Stott has long pushed for social action, liturgical reform, and ecumenical relations with Catholics and the WCC. He pleads for unity in diversity on things like charismatic manifestations and “sacraments.” He says in biblical imagery fire's main function is to destroy, and while the fire of hell may be eternal and unquenchable, it would be very odd if what is thrown into it proves indestructible (3/1/00 CC). The biblical hell is a literal place of everlasting fiery torment.

'GOODBYE MOODY!'—Moody Bible Institute recently said its *Moody* magazine would soon cease publication (4/03 CC). The July-Aug. *Foundation* traced the good beginning and sad ending. An excerpt: “Clearly, Moody Bible Institute and each of its various outreach ministries publicly identified with the fundamentalist movement and separated from unbelievers as well as from those who sought to find common ground with ones who propagated or embraced false doctrine. As time went on, however, [MBI] and its ministries began to change. Rather than embracing the militantly fundamentalist position of those who had gone before, [MBI] began to soften its attitude toward, and eventually embraced, a New Evangelical theology and philosophy of ministry. Gradually, [it] hired faculty and administrators who were sympathetic to the goals of the New Evangelicalism and antagonistic toward militant fundamentalism....”

REGENT PROF. SAYS CATHOLICS, EVANGELICALS NOT FAR APART—Dr. Stephen Parker, an associate professor at Pat Robertson's Regent University, took part in a Pentecostal/Catholic Int'l Dialogue in Germany July 15-22. Parker said Catholics and evangelicals have more in common than many may imagine (8/28 *AgapePress*). He says Catholics affirm the same gospel as evangelicals. He glosses over a major difference apparently oblivious to its significance. He said: “...[W]hile evangelicals refer to salvation as a specific event that took place in their life, Catholics tend to talk about the Lord being at work in their life as an ongoing 'process'.”

IBFI WON'T JOIN MERGER—The proposed merger of four Baptist fellowships (see April CC) now will be between three at the most, per the *Plains Baptist Challenger*. The bold plan by John Rawlings was firmly rejected in a 5/21 IBFI resolution. BBFI President Bill Monroe backed it but IBFI leaders Charles Wetherbee and Raymond Barber said no.

UNIVERSALISM—A book, *IF GRACE IS TRUE: Why God Will Save Every Person*, is reviewed in the 9/03 *Chr. Today*. New Ager Madeleine L'Engle is quoted: “All will be redeemed in God's fullness of time, all, not just the small portion of the population who have been given the grace to know and accept Christ.” “There's a significant distinction between universalism—the view that *all* people will be saved, indeed, in some versions, that Satan himself will one day be redeemed—and the position often called 'inclusivism,' according to which people who have not knowingly accepted Christ may nevertheless be saved by his sacrifice on the cross, for God can read their hearts.” But Jesus spoke of souls condemned to “outer darkness.” In the authors' desire to emphasize the power of God's grace and His “infinite patience,” they end up trivializing human freedom.

DANGERS OF NEW EVANGELICALISM—ACCC Exec. Secretary Dr. Ralph Colas has been over the globe this year (Geneva, Switzerland, Brazil, Singapore, and major USA) attending with press credentials and reporting on significant New Evangelical and liberal events. Reports on the National Religious Broadcasters and the National Association of Evangelicals conferences are now ready for mailing. Leaders of these ecumenical organizations have long been at the forefront of the New Evangelical movement. Some excerpts from Dr. Colas'

cover letter: New Evangelicalism attempts to make evangelical truth more “relevant” and acceptable to a larger segment of society. While many New Evangelicals will not warmly embrace liberalism, they desire more interaction and dialogue with liberal scholars and leaders. This report gives a classic example of this. The NAE has invited Dr. Robert Schuller, a blatant apostate and universalist, to speak at its 2004 convention. NAE's new president, Dr. Ted Haggard, said its next convention deals with the megachurch and Schuller's Crystal Cathedral is such a church. Evidently, New Evangelical leaders overlook the fact that the God of the Fundamentalist is one God while the God of the modernist is another. New Evangelicalism is dangerous because it seeks to neutralize and then compromise the true gospel with liberalism. The NRB and NAE have accepted into membership the Worldwide Church of God. Though it now claims to be an orthodox remnant of the old Armstrong cult, its doctrinal statement contradicts the claim. The NRB this year even permitted the Roman Catholic Church and Greek Orthodox Church to lease display space to share their non-Biblical propaganda. New Evangelicalism is a subtle system and is expanding its influence. Its “scholarly” promoters claim to be loyal to Scriptures and Bible-believing separatists can agree with many doctrines they claim to believe, but there are vital differences! [Write for these and other reports from ACCC, Box 5455, Bethlehem, PA 18015. E-mail is: accc@juno.com Gifts to help with mailing appreciated.]

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CHRISTIANITY FADES IN THE WEST—In England, the percentage of citizens who are in church on a given Sunday is 27 percent. West Germany has a church-going rate of 14 percent. In Denmark and Norway, only 5 percent bother to attend church on Sunday mornings. In Sweden, Iceland, and Finland, only 4 percent go to church. Theological liberalism is at the core of this decline. (Gene Edward Veith, 7/26 *World*)

HOLLYWOOD STARS' WAY TO SLOW DIVORCE RATE—Marriage is the foundation of civil society. When the family falls apart, so does the nation and culture. Many Hollywood stars have slowed their divorce rates by simply living together and having children without getting married. A strong effort is afoot to reinvent marriage, extend it to couples of the same sex, form domestic partnerships, and live together (Veith).

BOOK OF MORMON A FRAUD—*Christian News* for July 21 says: "The *Book of Mormon* is not a Christian document. It is founded on fiction and lies concocted by Joseph Smith, a lying adulterer. Mormonism rejects such basic Christian doctrines as the Trinity and justification by faith alone in the merits of Jesus Christ. It is a work-righteous cult." Its *Book of Mormon* is replete with fiction and contradictions. Next to Islam, Mormonism is the fastest growing religion in America.

CATHOLIC CLERGY ABUSE SUITS—The Boston archdiocese offers \$55 million to settle over 500 clergy sex abuse lawsuits (8/9 *Huntsville Times*). A judge in Louisville approved a \$25.7 million settlement from the Louisville archdiocese to 243 people sexually abused by its priests and employees (8/2 *H. Times*). The scandal involved certain bishops not only turning a blind eye to numerous priests accused of molesting young parishioners but reassigned them to other parishes where they continued to do harm.

BENNETT: 'GAMBLING'S NOT A SIN IN MY CHURCH'—Former secretary of education, drug czar and author of *Book of Virtues*—Bill Bennett—for years has squandered time and millions of dollars in gambling. He now apologizes, says he is done with gambling, but says "Gambling's not a sin in my church." But Catholic Bingo often leads to a sinful gambling habit that equates to addiction. Be warned, be wise, beware!

GAMBLING LEADS TO OTHER SINS—The Internet has hooked millions of teens to easily-accessible gambling (e.g., lottery tickets, sports-betting). Experts say those who start young are the most likely to develop

addiction problems (7/14 *Huntsville Times*). A study shows that gamblers are more likely to drink, smoke, and do drugs. Over 80 percent of American adults gamble at least occasionally—a possible reason for a worrisome tolerance of youth gambling.

PEOPLE GROWING WEARY OF SODOMY MEDIA HYPE—Americans' acceptance of homosexuality has plummeted one month after the Supreme Court ruling banning state sodomy laws. New polls show that 49 percent do not consider homosexuality an acceptable alternative lifestyle and that 57 percent are opposed to homosexual civil unions. Blamed in part is the ever-increasing promotion of sodomy in the media and in education circles (8/7 *Ala. Baptist*). A senior policy analyst says the poll may indicate that "people are getting sick and tired of the media and Hollywood shoving homosexuality in their faces at every turn."

WOMEN'S SUPPORT FOR ABORTION DECLINING—A new study shows that American women's support for abortion rights is declining – that 51 percent of women now believe abortion should be legally prohibited in the overwhelming percentage of cases (7/24 *Ala. Bapt.*). Overall, the survey found 68 percent believe there should be more restrictions on abortion.

FIRST OPENLY GAY EPISCOPAL BISHOP—The 2.3- million-member Episcopal Church (ECUSA) is a branch of the 75-million-member Anglican Church. The election in August of Gene Robinson, the first openly gay Episcopal bishop, now threatens a crisis that could lead to a worldwide split. He is a divorced father of two and has been living with his male partner for over 13 years. Some are already breaking relations over the homosexual issue. Leaders say more congregations and clergy would leave the ECUSA if they weren't tied to property (they would lose it if they left) and pension benefits, including medical insurance. (8/16 *World*)

'SAFE SIN'?—Safe sin is a flat contradiction. It would be like talking of a "healthy disease" or "harmless poison" or "clean dirt" or a "lively death." It would be like a mouse talking about a safe mousetrap or a fish speaking of a safe hook or a pig thinking of a safe slaughterhouse. *SIN IS NEVER SAFE*. It is always dangerous, destructive, damning and always brings with it disastrous consequences. Yet people today say: "It is all right to sin as long as you practice SAFE SIN. Drunkenness is OK as long as someone sober drives you home. Narcotics are OK as long as you use clean needles. Sexual deviation is OK since it exists and so it should be approved. Promiscuity is OK as long as you take safe precautions. It is all right to sin, but please, play it SAFE!" The Bible gives the true perspective: "Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death....For the wages of sin is death" (James 1:15; Rom. 6:23). Is there safety for sinners? Indeed! God has good news for those "whosoever" (John 3:16) that recognize their need for God's righteousness. [An adapted excerpt from a quarter-page ad placed in *USA TODAY* by the Middletown (CT) Bible Church, circulation 3 million].

PEARSON: 'SATAN HIMSELF MAY GO TO HEAVEN'?—At its annual meeting in May, the International Communion of Charismatic Churches "affirmed and confirmed" that Bishop Carlton Pearson of Tulsa, is a member in good standing. He recently caused a firestorm for preaching universal reconciliation, which says no confession in Jesus as Savior is needed to go to heaven. The statement said "We ...recognize him [Pearson] as a valuable leader in the body of Christ." Universal reconciliation was not discussed at the meeting, but a signatory said the statement is an endorsement of Pearson and not his doctrine. Pearson recently said he believes Satan himself may go to heaven.

CBF JOINS BWA, SBC CUTS BWA FUNDS—The Southern Baptist Convention voted at its June meeting in Louisville to reduce its support of the Baptist World Alliance by 30 per cent (\$125,000), and the BWA at its meeting in Brazil accepted the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship into full BWA membership. The CBF, a rather liberal breakaway group of SBC dissidents, was opposed to SBC's "conservative" leadership and the SBC was opposed to the CBF, which often criticized the SBC. The SBC remains the apostate BWA's biggest giver (8/2 *World*).

SBF AGAIN TO FEATURE SO. BAPTIST SPEAKERS—The list of speakers for the Oct. 6-8 Southwide

Baptist Fellowship again includes Southern Baptists (Junior Hill and Johnny Hunt, e.g.). This conference, at Tennessee Temple University, is promoted in a half-page ad in Jerry Falwell's 8/3 *Nat'l Liberty Journal*, and also features Gary Coleman, Dino Pedrone, David Boulter, etc. Conservative So. Baptists are our brethren in the Lord and are to be loved on a personal level, but we cannot minister with them ecclesiastically without compromising and confusing our testimony. Spurgeon preached separation from error and compromise. He said: "That I might not stultify ['to make seem foolish'] my testimony I have cut myself clear of those who err from the faith, and even from those who associate with them." We do great harm to the cause of Christ by appearing to condone the disobedience of those unequally yoked with unbelievers.

SIGHTLER'S WISH FOR THE SBF—The following is an excerpt from the July 18, 2003 *Sword of the Lord* message of Dr. Harold Sightler at the 1985 Southwide Baptist Fellowship: "I hope that as long as I live the Southwide Baptist Fellowship will always take an uncompromising, fundamental stand, a separated stand. I hope I will never live to see the day when a non-Baptist or a Southern Baptist will occupy the pulpit of the Southwide Baptist Fellowship. Why would we need to call for a Southern Baptist to preach at the Southwide Baptist Fellowship, an independent movement?" [The SBF was born in 1954 at Highland Park Baptist Church.]

VAUGHN ELECTED NEW PRESIDENT OF FBFI—Dr. Rod Bell, Fundamental Baptist Fellowship International President since 1977, announced Dr. John C. Vaughn as his successor at the board meeting in New Hampshire last June. He had served as the Exec. Director and Exec. V-P for the last several years. He has pastored Faith Baptist Church in Taylors, SC for over 25 years. He will remain President Elect until the national meeting in 2005 when Dr. Bell hands over the sword and becomes President Emeritus.

KENDALL HEADED DOWN CHARISMATIC PATH—Dr. R.T. Kendall has a new book describing his 25 years at Westminster Chapel (London), the G.Campbell Morgan and Martyn Lloyd Jones church. The book confirms that Kendall indeed continues to forge ahead on the "Toronto Blessing," charismatic highway (10/15/01 *CC*). He comes across as very sincere, but drifting year by year into extreme charismatism (5-6/ *Reform. Today*). The services today are completely charismatic in format. An interesting but sad book!

CHARISMATIC HEALER CAN'T HEAL DAUGHTER— "Laughing Evangelist" Rodney Howard-Browne has dubbed himself a "Holy Ghost bartender" serving up the "new wine" of Pentecostal fervor. He said (2/1/99 *CC*): "One night I was preaching on hell, and [laughter] just hit the whole place. The more I told people what hell was like, the more they laughed." He should know that hell is not a joke nor a laughing matter. Howard-Browne, who teaches that God promises physical healing, does not intend to change his doctrine after his 16-year-old daughter, who had cystic fibrosis died last Christmas. He believed to the end that she would be healed (July *Bapt. Bulletin*). He said "The more she suffered, the more we attacked the enemy." He said her dying was the worst career move the devil could have made.

McINTIRE GETS BELATED APOLOGY FROM PROMINENT NEW EVANGELICAL—Dr. Carl McIntire was a tireless enemy of communism and religious liberalism. He was often castigated by liberals, and by many new evangelicals, but Fuller Seminary Pres. Richard Mouw after McIntire's death (March 2002) candidly cast McIntire in a more favorable light. He said of McIntire (5/21/02 *Chr. Today*): "[His] insistence that ecumenical leaders—in both the National and World Council of Churches—were giving aid and comfort to the enemy when they warmly embraced visitors from the Soviet Bloc's Orthodox churches. 'These are agents of the Communist government, folks!' he would insist...Like the ecumenical leaders...I dismissed his accusations as fanatical rantings....[But] we know now that many of those Russian Orthodox leaders were indeed conscious leaders of their Marxist government....To my knowledge, no one in the world of ecumenical Protestantism ever apologized for the cavalier manner in which they dismissed his charges. I, for one, believed we owed him an apology....You were right, Dr. McIntire!"

PATTERSON IS PRESIDENT OF SOUTHWESTERN, NEAL IS PRESIDENT OF SOUTHEASTERN—Former SBC president, and Southeastern Seminary president, Dr. Paige Patterson was elected June 24 as president of SBC's Southwestern Seminary (8/14 *Ala. Baptist*). He succeeds retiring Kenneth

Hemphill at Southwestern, and Bart Neal was named as interim president to succeed Patterson at Southeastern.

FUNDAMENTALISTS, WAKE UP!—"It is not enough to be orthodox: we must awaken to action. We have more apologists than apostles. Too many fundamentalists are sound—sound asleep! Our theology needs to go up into doxology. We have the facts but not the fire. We have talked much farther along than we have walked. We defend the truth, but we do not demonstrate the truth. We ponder it instead of proving it." (Vance Havner, 6/03 *Faith & Freedom*)

WHY GOOD MEN COMPROMISE—Heb. 2:1, "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip." The idea here is not that they slip away from us but that we drift away from them....This drift away from truth, that is, the very Word of God, is the essence of compromise...Good men often have blind spots in certain areas. This is something concerning which we must all be careful, as none of us are immune to the problem. Some areas of blindness may be regarding friendships, tolerating evil, trimming to seek love, giving "soul-winners" the benefit of the doubt, fellowships, or kinships, and many others. These all probably fall in the category of trimming our ways to seek love. Jer. 2:33 "Why trimmest thou thy way to seek love? Therefore hast thou also taught the wicked ones thy ways." Jehoshaphat obviously had a problem in this area....[Dayton Hobbs, *The Projector*]

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THE THRIVING PORN INDUSTRY—The smut industry now pulls in estimated annual profits of \$10 billion. An estimated 25,000 video stores in the U.S. now rent and sell hard-core films (6/2 *New American*). The U.S. is now by far the world's leading producer of porn, cranking out hard-core videos at the astonishing rate of about 211 new titles each week.

PLAIN TRUTH JOINED NAE, BUT DENIES HELL—The Plain Truth Ministries was formerly known as the Worldwide Church of God. Under its founder, Herbert W. Armstrong, it adhered to many heretical doctrines, including denial of the Triune God. After Armstrong's death, under the leadership of its new president, Joseph Tkach, the [cult] supposedly underwent a total transformation, converting to Trinitarian belief and to evangelical Christian doctrine. It was voted into the National Association of Evangelicals in 1997 and soon later adopted the name *Plain Truth Ministries*. But despite the evangelical affirmations and assertions, it continues to adhere to unbiblical heretical doctrines including the denial of an eternal hell [June-July *Fund. Digest*]. A 7/03 *Chr. Today* article shows leaders now debating what to do with the valuable, immaculate 55-acre Ambassador College campus.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER, NEW AGE MYSTICISM—A 2002 book *A Time of Departing* by Ray Yungen is a revealing account of a universal spirituality that has infiltrated much of the church today. This book exposes subtle strategies to compromise the gospel message with Eastern mystical concepts cloaked in the wrappings of contemplative prayer [from back cover]. The underlying premise of contemplative spirituality (promoted throughout evangelicalism) is that all paths lead to God, thus refuting the Cross of Jesus Christ. Richard Foster, Thomas Merton, Matthew Fox, and others' teachings are given close scrutiny. The author pulls no punches, and states that contemplative prayer is heretical and is connected to New Age occultism and Eastern mysticism. The subtlety of the contemplative spirituality is evident, e.g., on page 116: "...[I]nstead of opposing Christianity, the occult would capture [it] and then use it...for spreading New Age consciousness!" And, page 117: "This unity of spiritual thought would not be a single one-world denomination but would have a unity-in-diversity agenda." Merton says: "The Christian is not to become a Hindu or a Buddhist, nor a Hindu or a Buddhist to become a Christian. But each must assimilate the spirit of the others...." Satan is clever! [To order this important book, call toll free: 866/876-3910.]

MEXICO, A CATHOLIC NATION—The July *Charisma* reported that a growing revival is sweeping through Latin America, "where the majority of believers are Pentecostals." Pastors, leaders, and lay people representing over 20,000 churches converged in the world's largest city (over 23 million) for a March of Glory. This is our neglected mission field.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH HARRY POTTER?—A "huge Harry Potter fan" writes this: "No one can deny that J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series of books is purely about witchcraft, wizardry and the occult." (6/21 *H. Times*) Harry and his friends are fond of disrespecting authority, breaking the rules, lying, cheating, stealing and swearing. Harry Potter is dangerous because it popularizes, promotes or even intentionally hides real witchcraft and occult rituals (3/1 *CC*). It is extremely popular, however. "One of every 10 books bought in the U.S. in 1999 was a Harry Potter." (6/20 *H. Times*)

COURT STRIKES DOWN STATE ANTI-SODOMY LAWS—The Supreme Court's rejection of state anti-sodomy laws is a decisive endorsement of gay rights. This ruling came just a week after a court in Canada lifted a ban on same-sex marriages. A Canadian observed: "Nowhere in the world has a court ruled the heterosexual definition of marriage violates human rights." Justice Scalia said the U.S. court ruling will lead to government-sanctioned gay marriages (6/27 *USA Today*). He added: "State laws against bigamy, same-sex marriage, adult incest, prostitution, masturbation, adultery, fornication, bestiality and obscenity" are now open to question. CWA chief counsel Jan LaRue said the court "magically discovered a right of privacy that includes sexual perversion." (*USA Today*). God cast sodomites out of the land in Old Testament times (I Kings 14:24). What about today?

GUNS A DANGER TO CHILDREN?—It is said that guns are a constant danger to children. But: Bathtubs are twice as dangerous to children as guns. Fire is 18 times more dangerous....Cars are 57 times more dangerous. Household cleaners and poisons are twice as dangerous. Defensive gun use stops more crimes than police intervention (8/10/02 *World*). Defensive gun use by private citizens indicate that as many as 3.6 million crimes annually are prevented by armed citizens.

DASCHLE NO LONGER CATHOLIC—Sen. Tom Daschle's home Catholic diocese in So. Dakota sent him a letter directing to remove from his congressional biography and campaign documents all references to his standing as a member of the Catholic Church This isn't exactly excommunication, which is unnecessary, since he made himself ineligible for communion almost 20 years ago with his divorce and remarriage. The report cited his consistent political opposition to Catholic teachings on moral issues, especially abortion (7/03 *Baptist Bulletin*). But what about Ted Kennedy? Isn't he guilty of worse? Why give him a free pass?

LARRY BURKETT DIES—After a long battle with cancer and heart disease, Larry Burkett died July 4. He joined Campus Crusade staff in 1973. In 1976, this ministry became Christian Financial Concepts, and later, Crown Financial Ministries. He authored over 70 books and was on over 1,000 radio stations.

HAGEE SAYS IF MEMBERS AREN'T PROSPERING, IT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT GIVING—Popular charismatic preacher Dr. John Hagee boldly condemns sin, but beware of certain of his teachings. In a recent interview with a San Antonio paper, he told his audience: "When you give, it qualifies you to receive God's abundance." He said: "If God gives to you before you give to him, God himself will become a liar. ...If you're not prospering, it's because you're not giving." (7/7 *Chr. News*) This seems rather strong and presumptive language and, does giving automatically qualify us to receive "God's abundance"? We are unworthy and undeserving of the least of His favors. Dr. Jerry Falwell last year invited Hagee to bring a Patriotic Message at his Independence Day Celebration (July 3). A 1994 Falwell paper had featured an article suggesting Hagee is probably a heretic. (8/02 *CC*)

JOYCE MEYER, POPULAR CHARISMATIC MINISTER—*Charisma* magazine calls Joyce Meyer "America's most popular woman minister." Other cited sources in the July 7 *Christian News* say she "deviates

widely from the Scripture in her teachings on demons and other matters." Her teaching is a "mass of contradictions and confusion." Her "Baptism of the Holy Spirit" came at age 36. She claims special ongoing messages, not from the Word...but from angels. Meyer is "mired in...mysticism." She, John Hagee, and other charismatic leaders are said to be living rather "high on the hog."

BEESON ECUMENICAL EXTRAVAGANZA—Beeson Divinity School of Samford University and Wycliffe Hall of Oxford are sponsoring an ecumenical conference in Oct. on *GOD The Holy Trinity: A Conference on Faith & Christian Life*, Birmingham, Ala. Beeson's Dean, Timothy George, writes: "This conference brings together Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and Evangelical Christians to celebrate the most fundamental reality of biblical faith, namely, the one God of holiness and love: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In liberal theologies of the past, the Trinity was frequently regarded as an outmoded dogma with little relevance to spirituality or contemporary church life...." Speakers include: George, Avery Cardinal Dulles [RC Jesuit], J.I. Packer, Cornelius Plantinga, Jr. [Calvin Seminary president], Alister McGrath, and Frederica Matthewes-Green [NPR]. George hopes this conference will encourage the kind of ecumenical engagement that will be helpful. Beeson is a member of the NAE and is part of Samford Univ. [The latter was until recently an SBC school, may still be, or may be joining the moderate/liberal CBF breakaway faction from the SBC.]

WCC POWERFUL COMMITTEE TO MEET IN GENEVA—American Council of Christian Churches Exec. Secretary Dr. Ralph Colas reports that the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches will meet at the Ecumenical Centre, Geneva, Switzerland from Aug. 26-Sept. 2, 2003. Among business the powerful committee will deal with is the matter of electing a new General Secretary. Dr. Konrad Raiser will end his time as General Secretary at the end of 2003. Some have suggested that someone from the USA will be chosen at this Central Committee Meeting. The theme for the next WCC Assembly in Porto Alegre, Brazil in 2006 will be selected. "Caring For Life" will be the topic for the plenary sessions in Geneva. That in itself is an oxymoron since the WCC defends a woman's choice to have an abortion. If it cared for life, it would cry out against the murder of the unborn. The WCC continues to reach out to Pentecostals and Evangelicals to further broaden its ecumenical base. A full report of the Geneva meeting will be forthcoming from the ACCC.

BOOKS TO CONSIDER—David Norris has some booklets that can be downloaded free, and a new book dealing with decision-making, friendships, etc., is promoted at his Web site: www.emotionsanddecisions.com. *** Dr. Lance Ketchum (Exec. Sec'y, Minn. Baptist Assoc.) has a new Web site for Disciple Maker Ministries' Bible Study materials. The URL is: www.disciplemakerministries.org/index.htm

HYBELS' WILLOW CREEK LEADERSHIP SUMMIT—More than 30,000 leaders and emerging leaders across North America will attend the annual Leadership Summit, a gathering of church and business leaders across the globe, August 7-9. It originates from Bill Hybels' Willow Creek Community Church (near Chicago) and is beamed by satellite to 60 locations in U.S. and Canada. Speakers include: Hybels, Karen Hughes (former presidential adviser to George W. Bush), Andy Stanley (pastor, North Point Community Church near Atlanta), Jim Collins, and A.R. Bernard. The Willow Creek Association is organizing Leadership Summit 2003. It is a multi-denominational worldwide network of over 9,500 churches (includes cults—see 12/1/96 & 6/1/00 CCs) and is currently growing at a rate of a thousand churches a year. Hybels is a perennial speaker for liberal Robert Schuller.

CORNERSTONE PRESIDENT & CULTURAL MANDATE—Dr. Rex Rogers—president of Cornerstone University, which until recently was a GARBC-approved school—calls for an unscriptural "cultural mandate" to redeem culture (Summer '03 ABWE *Message*). To a point, there's nothing wrong in trying to make the world a better place, but to put this alongside the Great Commission as an equal duty is wrong. God gave Adam, before the Fall, a different commission or mandate. But we are not called to "Christianize" society and correct its ills. We have a mandate to minister for our Master and to get the gospel over the world. Some New Evangelicals and liberals tend to concern themselves more with the cultural mandate, and tread dangerously close to a Social Gospel.

CEDARVILLE NO LONGER FUNDAMENTALIST—On Jan. 3, 2003, the Web site of the Ohio organization of the Southern Baptist Convention stated that Cedarville University had entered a partnership with the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio (see July *CC*). Pastor John Ashbrook in an Ohio Bible Fellowship pamphlet writes: "Cedarville can no longer be considered a fundamentalist school....[I]t will no longer instruct young pastors to separate from apostasy." Get this pamphlet which also has a report on Wheaton College's recently relaxed conduct code. Order it from OBF *Visitor*, 3865 No. High St., Columbus, OH 43214, 25 for \$6.00.

CAMPOLO APOLOGIZES FOR INTEMPERATE REMARKS—In a July 3 letter to [Southern] Baptist Press, popular liberal new-evangelical Tony Campolo apologized for the "intemperate manner in which I spoke of those who differ with me" on the issues of homosexuality and women in ministry (7/14 *Chr. News*). The comments were made in his address to the liberal Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, a breakaway faction from the SBC. He said: "I do believe that organizations and social structures that deny women the right to exercise spiritual gifts and actualize their spiritual potentialities are sinful, evil, and even instruments of the devil."

U. METHODISTS DROP HERESY CHARGES AGAINST BISHOP SPRAGUE—United Methodist Bishop C. Joseph Sprague of Chicago came under fire last year for a new book where he referred to the "myth of the Virgin Birth." He also questioned the bodily resurrection, the role of Jesus in salvation, and recently said the god of Islam is the God of the Bible. But church members who sided with Sprague said room must be made for different interpretations of Scripture.

IBFNA CONFERENCE—We were able to attend the recent Independent Baptist Fellowship of North America (IBFNA) in Norwich, CT but for various reasons were unable to attend the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship (in Concord, NH) as we usually do each year. We were blessed by the preaching and unity, and the resolve to "champion the cause of Separation in a time when churches, schools and other ministries are yielding to the maddening throng of contemporary worship, worldliness and selling out of the truth." Resolutions on Cedarville, Separation, Harold Camping, etc. were passed. We need to support the IBFNA and pray for its leaders.

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TED TURNER IS A WORRIED MAN—A 5/26 *Fortune* magazine article lists some of the reasons for his worries. His media career is gone with the wind. His faith in the United Nations looks naïve. (He still owes \$627 million on his \$1 billion pledge to the UN.) He thinks humanity's on the verge of extinction, and he's down to his last billion. He lists some of the reasons for being "tired, miserable, and worried." (Note the prideful use of the letter "I" which is reminiscent of Lucifer in Isa. 14:12-15, and Nebuchadnezzar in Dan. 4:30.) Turner says: "I built a multi-billion-dollar company, and I won the America's Cup. I was the greatest sailor in the world. I ran through three wives and numerous girlfriends, and I wore them all out! I smoked through life..." He calls himself an agnostic and says: "If there is a God, he is not doing a good job of protecting the earth. He's kind of checked out."

YWCA HIRES LESBIAN FEMINIST AS LEADER—The Young Women's Christian Association has hired Patricia Ireland to become its chief executive officer. She is the former leader of the National Organization for Women (NOW), a radical feminist group that is pro-abortion and pro-homosexual. She is also an admitted bisexual who has had a husband living in Florida and a female homosexual "partner" in Washington, DC. (AFA, 5/13) The focus may now be homosexual indoctrination of young girls, given her long history of promoting a radical agenda. She is a poor role model for Christian girls.

CATHOLIC SEX SCANDAL: LAWSUITS INCREASE, DONATIONS DECREASE—From coast to coast, lawsuits against the Roman Catholic Church are multiplying. About a thousand new claims were filed in the past year, and more are likely to come (6/16 *USN&WR*). A \$60 million clergy sex abuse lawsuit is pending in Oregon. The Archdiocese of Louisville (Ky.) last month agreed to pay \$25.7 million to 243 people who accused priests and employees of child sex abuse (6/1 *HT*). Meanwhile, polls show that confidence in the Catholic hierarchy has plummeted along with contributions. Nearly one quarter of Catholics have decreased their giving due to the sex scandal. In Boston, donations have dropped to nearly half. Some dioceses are shifting assets to local parishes beyond the reach of alleged sexual abuse victims.

HUGH ROSS OPENS DOOR FOR THEISTIC EVOLUTION—Hugh Ross argues for "progressive creationism" where creation days were long periods of time. He left Canada for Caltech and became evangelism pastor of a Congregational church which he describes as charismatic (6/03 *Charisma*). He has been

featured/endorsed by prominent New Evangelical leaders (see 5/1/98 CC). His "day age theory" teaching is said by critics to be evolution in disguise, or a dangerous effort to make modern science acceptable at the expense of truth. One describes him as "heretical at best and neo-orthodox at worst."

HERE COMES CONTEMPORARY!—Below we excerpt in disjointed fashion from a good article in the May *Straightway*. Ministers of music are being taught that the contemporary is the only way to build a church in this generation. Although it has been part of the Neo-Evangelical and Charismatic scene since the late 1960s and early 1970s, recent years have revealed an increasingly aggressive move in the Fundamentalist camp toward the contemporary principle. Once it begins to creep within the house and begins to be tolerated, it is only a matter of time before the contemporary becomes the despot of the house. The music of Fundamentalism may not have a rock beat now, but it has entered the gray area.

SHOULD LEAVE LIBERAL OR CATHOLIC CHURCH—In the May-June *Proclaiming the Gospel*, Mike Gendron replies to a question: "In obedience to God's word, you must leave any church that preaches another gospel and cease from participating in her rituals. The Roman Catholic Church is accursed for preaching "a gospel contrary" to that which the apostles preached (Gal. 1:6-9). The Catholic Mass puts Jesus to shame every day by declaring He is physically present in a lifeless wafer and offering Him as a victim to appease God's wrath. Those who are born-again are called to be sanctified (set apart) by the truth of God's word (John 17:17).

CANADA COURT APPROVES 'GAY' MARRIAGE—In the same week that a Canadian court ruled in favor of legalizing homosexual marriages, a government report shows a major decline in traditional families in that country. The latest government census has found that just 44% of Canadian families are composed of a dad, a mom, and kids. That is down from 55% in 1981. Couples with no children at home accounted for 41% of families—up from 34% in same period.

ALPHA MEETS IN BARROOM AND 'JESUS WOULD APPROVE'—Madison Pub (Toronto) is hosting *ALPHA* for eight weeks (5/17 HT). The group's organizer said "if you're meeting at a bar, there won't be a bunch of rules." He said "We were worried about having alcohol at first, but people know why they're here. The venue rocks. And Jesus would approve." "We're not out to convert anyone, he said. "*ALPHA just gives you the tools.*" A conversation topic at a meeting is "why other faiths have equal claims to the truth."

SEXPLOITATION OF TEENS—Young teens, girls especially, are living in an increasingly sexually charged atmosphere. The music industry has indoctrinated girls to become sensual and seductive in their thinking, dress, and behavior. (*Light*).

DESTROYING THE MIND—The psychologizing of faith is destroying the Christian mind. It is destroying Christian habits of thought because it is destroying the capacity to think about life in a Christian fashion. (David Wells, *PsychoHeresy Awareness Ltr.*)

CEDARVILLE'S LONG PATTERN OF COMPROMISE WITH SOUTHERN BAPTISTS—The following quotes are from the Spring 2003 Cedarville University *Torch*. "For 50 years Dr. James T. Jeremiah and Dr. Paul Dixon have had an emphasis at CU on working with a number of Baptist and conservative evangelical groups." A more prominent relationship was/is the GARBC. "Dixon, who began holding evangelistic meetings in Southern Baptist churches years before he became Cedarville's president, often says, 'God is not honored by a narrow view of the Kingdom.' He lived out that perspective as he sought to create and solidify relationships with conservative elements of many groups, including the SBC." Dixon said: "This relationship is something that Dr. Jeremiah and I discussed from the time I first became president." "Dr. Jeremiah instinctively knew that many Southern Baptists were as conservative in their theology as we were. He started reaching out to them almost as soon as he became president in 1953. And I've had the privilege of continuing to pursue those Southern Baptists who embrace our doctrinal positions." Indeed, the SBC has made great headway on cleaning out liberals from their six seminaries, but their over 50 colleges still have plenty of them, and the "great" resurgence is not complete. The SBC is a member of the apostate Baptist World Alliance

and its largest supporter.

PRESBYTERIANS ELECT LIBERAL FEMALE PASTOR AS MODERATOR—A third-generation Presbyterian minister who has built her own church's membership despite declines nationwide and who supports the ordination of non-celibate gays and lesbians was elected in late May as moderator of the Presbyterian Church, USA. The Rev. Susan Andrews of Bethesda, Md., became the first female parish pastor to hold the highest elected position (5/25 *Denver Post*). She said it is her "fondest dream" that the church lifts its ban on ordaining non-celibate gays and lesbians in her lifetime, but said she did not think this was the year to attempt it.

EPISCOPALIANS ELECT 'GAY' MAN AS NEXT BISHOP—A battle is brewing in the Episcopal Church as conservatives vow to overturn the election of the Rev. V. Gene Robinson in June in New Hampshire as the first openly gay bishop in the church. Under church rules, Robinson's election needs to be certified by delegates and bishops at their July General Convention. Conservatives have already laid the groundwork to oppose Robinson's election. Fellow bishops said the church could not condone homosexuality by accepting an openly gay bishop. "If Gene Robinson's election is confirmed by General Convention, it would bring through the back door a practice that the Episcopal Church has never agreed to bring through the front door," they stated. Robinson's election brings home the rising tensions over homosexuality in the global church. Prelates in fast-growing African and Asian churches accuse the Episcopal Church of ignoring biblical prohibitions against homosexuality. (6/10/03 *Religion Today*)

LARGEST DENOMINATIONS IN THE U.S.—The Roman Catholic Church with 62.5 million members is far and away America's largest religious body. Southern Baptist Convention has 16 million members. United Methodist Church has 8.3 million members. Church of God in Christ has 5.5 million members. Mormons have 5.3 million members. Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has 5.1 million members.

DANGER LURKS IN ECUMENICAL SUMMIT—A Lilly Endowment-funded Pastoral Summit Indianapolis conference bringing together Catholics and Protestants from across the U.S. was set for June 17-19 and will tackle current crucial issues facing churches today. How to deal with brokenness after a sexual, financial or emotional crisis. How to respond to congregants facing war and a depleting economy. And a popular, but dangerous New-Age-type practice: "How ancient contemplative and mystical spirituality is inspiring modern lives." Rap mixes of praise and worship, hip-hop, etc., were featured. There were workshops led by a Catholic and a Protestant.

CAN ANGLICAN CLERGY BLESS 'GAY' UNIONS?—The Anglican Communion represents over 70 million people worldwide, including 2.3 million members of the Episcopal Church in the U.S. Half the world's Anglicans live in Africa. A divisive conflict over homosexuality is now brewing over whether bishops can allow clergy to bless same-sex unions. New Hampshire last month elected for the first time ever an openly homosexual man, Rev. V. Gene Robinson, as their next bishop. Conservatives say that if his election does not split the American church, it will certainly isolate it from the Anglican Communion. The new Archbishop of Canterbury (head of Anglicans) said he will uphold a conservative statement though it is at odds with his liberal personal views.

HAGGARD, CHARISMATIC NEW HEAD OF NAE—Ted Haggard (5/03 *CC*) says the NAE has no plans to admit NCC member denominations. Former NAE Pres. Kevin Mannoia got in trouble for advocating closer ties with the liberal NCC, financial losses, etc. Haggard hopes to mend fences with the NRB, which left the NAE partly because of the NCC flap (6/03 *C. Today*). NAE chairman Bill Hamel says: "Ted crosses denominational and theological lines very easily" (6/03 *Charisma*). *Foundation* says: "Haggard writes a monthly column for a Charismatic magazine and frequently unites for ministry and worship with men such as Benny Hinn, Paul Crouch and C. Peter Wagner. He participated in the Promise Keepers Pastors and Leadership Conference in February 2003."

TOLKIEN, C.S. LEWIS, CATHOLICISM—Jill Saunders, writing in the Mar.-Apr. *Canadian Revivalist*,

says there is much evidence of J.R.R. Tolkien's devout Roman Catholicism. In a letter to his son Michael, he said: "Out of the darkness of my life, so much frustrated, I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament [the Mass]". Tolkien's wife had to convert to Catholicism on their marriage, and their son, John, became an ordained priest. Saunders adds: "It is interesting that C.S. Lewis converted to Christianity through Tolkien. [They] were close friends for most of their lives and belonged to a literary group called *The Inklings*, who met weekly at an Oxford pub to drink, smoke, and discuss each other's stories. While Lewis was an Anglican, he held some R.C. views including its doctrine of purgatory and the Mass; he also requested the 'Last Rites' of the R.C. Church on his deathbed." Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* was basically a religious and Catholic work.

ARE SEPARATISTS DIVISIVE?—Dr. Ernie Schmidt (*Faith Pulpit*) gives an overview of Romans 16:17 which commands believers to "...mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them." Schmidt says "Rom.16:17 introduces two aspects of error. The first deals with character. A divisive spirit is described by the phrase 'them which cause division and offenses.' The other aspect refers to content, identified by the phrase 'contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned.' Hence, this article began with a yes/no answer. If separatists manifest a fleshly character (like that of the false teachers described in this verse), they will create division by driving people from the truth. However, if separatists separate or cause division to maintain doctrinal purity, they are not divisive. They are obedient. The one departing from the faith, in fact, causes the division [see 1 John 2:10]." Schmidt says Paul is calling for discernment and commending separation from doctrinal deviation. He adds: "When content or doctrine is at stake, believers must separate from the ones promoting 'divisions contrary to the doctrine which we have learned....'"

PENTECOSTALISM GROWTH—Pentecostalism's fastest growth in the U.S. is among independent churches and black neo-Pentecostals. It is predicted that by 2050, only one in five of the world's Christians will be white non-Latino. (*Charisma*)

A NOTE OF PRAISE—In answer to prayer, my blurred and double vision is 90 percent corrected by "prism" glasses!

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CHINA INCREASES ONE-CHILD PENALTY—Communist China uses fines to force women to terminate pregnancies in its one-child policy. The penalty for one province has raised fines for second children without permission from twice combined incomes to eight times combined incomes (5/05 *Christian News*). Communist authorities are proud that 300 million births have been prevented since early 1980s.

DOES CONSTITUTION PROTECT HOMOSEXUALITY?—In Texas two homosexuals are asking the U.S. Supreme Court to make it unconstitutional for individual states to criminalize homosexual conduct. Until the 1960s, every state had a law criminalizing homosexual conduct. Now just 13 states do. Homosexual sodomy was a capital crime under Roman law (David Gibbs, 5/03 *NLJ*). Now, since 1961, homosexual conduct has gone from being a crime in all 50 states to where the Supreme Court will decide whether it is a crime in any state.

ANIMALS HAVE SAME RIGHTS AS HUMANS?—Until recently, the animal-rights movement has been viewed as little more than a radical fringe group. But in truth it has a serious agenda with a serious impact on the public. In the last election, Florida's ballot had a constitutional amendment to outlaw housing pregnant sows in stalls so small the pigs can't turn around. Amazingly it passed—54 to 46 percent. Germany last year passed a law "obliging the state to respect and protect the dignity" of animals just as it does humans (4/03 *Chr. Today*). In England, the farming of animals for fur was recently outlawed. A recent poll found that just over half of all Americans think primates should have the same rights as human children. Some humane changes may be needed, but radical groups (e.g., PETA) go way too far with these.

LARRY CRABB'S FLAWED TEACHING—Psychologist Larry Crabb's teachings are discussed in an 8-page article in the May *Christianity Today*. It says his chronic fascination with the unseen forces at work in people drove him into spiritual direction and turned his back on diagnostic counseling methods, therapy, etc. Martin & Deidre Bobgan, in a 210-page book (1998) said Crabb continues, at that time at least, to integrate psychotherapy and its underlying psychologies with the Bible. They said he tries to make psychological counseling better by adding the Bible, and Christianity better by adding psychology (see 9/1/98 *CC*). Crabb says sin "is not what you do wrong—it's looking at God and saying, 'You're not enough, and I'm going to find some way to make my life work without you!'" (5/03 *CT*) The Bobgans argue that Crabb has psychologized the gospel, and in his teaching they write: "The *gospel* becomes the good news that Jesus meets the needs/longings/passions which motivate all

behavior from the unconscious. *Sin* becomes wrong strategies for meeting the needs/longings/passions." In 1988, Crabb was asked to leave Grace Seminary (Ind.).

THE 'RIGHT' IS WRONG—Physician-assisted suicide became legal in 1997 in Oregon and 21 people died in 2001 by this new "right." This "right" will endanger society and send the false signal that a less than perfect life is not worth living. Christians should seek a better way to deal with dying than either keeping the patient alive as long as extremely possible or eliminating his suffering by eliminating the sufferer.

NEW STUDY ON EFFECTS OF VIOLENT MUSIC—The American Psychological Association has released a new study on the effects of violent music lyrics. The study found that college students who listened to violent songs were more likely to engage in aggressive behavior and have angry thoughts (5/19 *Agape Press*). Lead researcher Craig Anderson, a professor at Iowa State University, says he is not surprised by the findings, but urges parents to take note of the results.

BRAZIL CATHOLICS WELCOME WCC 2006 MEETING—The Roman Catholic Church is not a member of the World Council of Churches (WCC), but works cooperatively with it. The Brazilian Catholic Church has pledged its full support for the WCC's upcoming ninth assembly, slated for Porto Alegre in February 2006. The pledge was made by Dom Sinésio Bohn, the Catholic bishop of the diocese of Santa Cruz do Sul, at a meeting with WCC general secretary Dr. Konrad Raiser. Raiser is currently in Brazil visiting the city where the assembly will be held, and met with Bohn and representatives of WCC member churches. [5/16 *Agape Press*] Bohn was formerly responsible for ecumenism in the Brazilian Bishops' Conference (CNBB) and represented it at the meeting. The Conference is a member of the National Council of Christian Churches of Brazil (CONIC), the body that invited the WCC to hold its ninth assembly there. At the meeting, Raiser said that one of the main reasons for choosing Brazil was the excellent ecumenical relations in the country. The assembly meets approximately every seven years.

TERRORIST NATIONS MEMBERS OF UN—The United Nations recently put communist Cuba on the Human Rights Committee—further proof that UN ideals are just a myth. Freedom Alliance's director Fred Gedrich feels the UN is the farthest thing there is from a peace-loving organization. He points out that the United Nations Charter says membership is open only to "peace-loving" nations and at least 47 UN members are the worst dictatorships in the world. "Seven are identified as 'terrorist states' by the U.S. government," Gedrich says. "We shouldn't put that institution on a moral plane with the United States, and certainly—under no circumstances—should we ever defer to that body to decide what is in our national security interests." Gedrich says it's time for America to entertain the idea of vacating the United Nations (5/13 *Agape Press*). Does it make sense for the U.S. to fight terrorists but support the U.N. which harbors them?

LIBERTY UNIVERSITY, THE FIRST 32 YEARS—Dr. Jerry Falwell founded Lynchburg Baptist College (later became Liberty U.) in 1971 as a "fundamentalist" school, but in the intervening years it has taken the new-evangelical stance of its founder. Both founder and school are now solidly Southern Baptist and New Evangelical. Dr. Adrian Rogers recently brought the commencement address. The statistics are impressive from a worldly view. In its 32-year history, it has been provided with \$3 billion, enabling the purchase of a 4,421-acre campus. Dr. Jerry Prevo is its new chairman of the Board; Dr. Bailey Smith is the new Executive Committee chairman. Due to space limitations, Liberty can only accept 3,200 freshmen this fall (from an applicant total of 11,177). Falwell's goal is 25,000 resident students and 25,000 external students for a world-class university of 50,000. Dr. Rick Warren will utilize Liberty's 2003 Super Conference to kick off (Oct. 11) his "40 Days of Purpose" national campaign.

NEW EVANGELICALISM IS NOT NEW—Dr. Layton Talbert writes in the Mar-Apr *Frontline*: "New Evangelicalism is not new. Its mindset, its most distinctive traits and guiding philosophies, can be traced back to examples in both the New and Old Testaments. Jehoshaphat was the 'New Evangelical' of his day. His defining flaw was his habitual alliances with the enemies of God's Word, alliances that he forged and defended in the

interest of unity (2 Chron. 18:3; 2 Kings 3:7). But they were alliances that had a devastating impact...."

ROBISON WARNS OF PROSPERITY GOSPEL—James Robison, erstwhile bold SBC evangelist, writes in the May *Charisma*: "One of the huge deceptions in some personal prosperity teaching is the notion that *everybody* is going to have a big house, big car or big income. This concept promotes a 'sameness' mentality, and it simply is not scriptural." Robison in the late 1980s started cavorting with Charismatics and Roman Catholics, praised the Pope, etc.

LOTZ FAINTS WHILE PREACHING—Evangelist Anne Graham Lotz says nothing like it has ever happened to her before. The 54-year-old daughter of Billy Graham fainted recently while preaching to over 6,000 people in Lexington, Ky. It is unclear what caused the collapse. But when she regained consciousness, Lotz told aides surrounding her, "It's the devil." After sitting on the platform steps for about five minutes, Lotz retook the stage and gave the rest of her sermon seated in a chair. Lotz told the audience that she had felt fine before the episode and apologized for scaring them. But she said it is a reminder that death or the second coming of Jesus could be a heartbeat away. Unlike her father, who preaches one sermon per day, Lotz typically preaches three sermons and leads a Bible study at her seminars. [Agape Press, 4/28]

HODEL SUCCEEDS DOBSON AT FOCUS ON FAMILY—Longtime president of *Focus on the Family* James Dobson has expanded his role as chairman and passed on the presidency to former Christian Coalition president and Reagan Cabinet member Don Hodel (5/1 *Alabama Baptist*). John Paulk, controversial "ex-gay" leader, left *Focus* May 6.

SBC NEWS—Southern Baptist Convention membership has reached an all-time high of 16.2 million. *** When SBC Int'l Mission Board last year mandated that its missionaries affirm the 2000 Baptist Faith & Message doctrinal statement a large majority complied automatically. But 13 who refused to sign were fired. *** A No. Carolina church accused of baptizing two unrepentant homosexuals was removed from the Cabarrus Baptist Association April 28 by a vote of 250-11. *** SBC president Jack Graham says Christians need to quit arguing over styles of music in the church.

DOROTHEE SOELLE DIES—Leading feminist & professor at Union Seminary and Hamburg, Germany, Dorothee Soelle, recently died. She defended Marxism, repudiated Christianity, was a theological atheist, yet spoke at the 1983 WCC assembly.

POPE CONTEMPLATES JUDGMENT—A top Vatican official for the first time publicly acknowledged Pope John II suffers from Parkinson's disease. He "puts himself in the hands of God and feels God and the Madonna (Virgin Mary) by his side in the path of life." (5/18 *H. Times*) Bob L. Ross comments: "How would you like to face what the Pope is going to face when he goes out to meet God? A life spent in claiming to be God's 'voice' to mankind, while concealing the Gospel of Christ from millions...in the world, and magnifying Marianism instead of exalting the Mediatorship of the Lord Jesus Christ...what a great judgment faces the Pope!"

METHODIST & CATHOLIC LEADERS DIALOGUE—United Methodist and Roman Catholic leaders have met once again to discuss how the two groups can be drawn closer together. At a recent gathering in Dallas, seven members of each group's dialogue team talked about what divides the two bodies and what both have in common. Methodist Bishop William Oden was there and said Catholics and Methodists support each other in several efforts. "We are, of course, separated by some of our theologies, and also, our polity—that is, how we function as a church. But we are really cooperative in mission, especially. We work together in a lot of activities in the Dallas area where the two churches share different missions together." The Methodist and Catholic World Dialogue is the oldest dialogue between two denominations that still exists. Bishop Oden says the dialogue in the U.S. has been going on for years and has produced some good understanding and a number of significant theological papers. (5/13 Agape Press)

CALIFORNIA PRO-HOMOSEXUAL BILL—A bill passed the California Assembly April 21 that would mandate fines upwards of \$150,000 against business owners who refuse to hire cross-dressing or transsexual job applicants (5/8 *Ala. Bapt*). If passed into law, this bill would apply to Bible book-stores and nonprofit organizations such as local Boy Scouts.

U.M.C. TOP LEADERS DEMAND BUSH 'REPENT'—Top officials of the United Methodist Church, President Bush's denomination, are demanding that he "repent from domestic and foreign policies" they claim are not in line with the teaching of Jesus. UMC bishops and the head of the UMC's Board of Church and Society recently signed a full-page ad in *Christian Century* magazine accusing President Bush of contributing to "spiritual forces of wickedness." Mark Tooley (Institute on Religion and Democracy) says to the "religious left," the fact that the president believes Jesus is his Lord and Savior is not nearly as important [to you] as the fact that he took the nation to war against Iraq or is not an enthusiast for the welfare state. Describing the officials' comments as "pretty outrageous," Tooley says they confirm his group's basic critique of the religious left—that is, "they measure Christian orthodoxy not by what one may believe about Jesus Christ and God, but by what one's politics are." Tooley says once again this is an example of church leaders who are wedded to the political fads of the 1960s and who never really progressed beyond that. (4/22 *Agape Press*)

IBFNA CONFERENCE—The 13th Annual Conference of the Independent Baptist Fellowship of No. America is set for Norwich, CT, June 24-26. Speakers include: Ralph Colas, Richard Harris, Dan Brown, Robert Delnay, Tom Hamilton, Jerry Johnson, Paul Gustine, and Jeff Bailey. Songleader is Mark Strangman. Special Music is by Maranatha Baptist Bible College. Jeff Bailey is Moderator. Call his church, Grace Baptist Church for more information: (508) 222-6283.

FBFI CONFERENCE—The 83rd Annual Meeting of the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship, Int'l is set for Concord, NH, June 17-19. Speakers include: Rod Bell (FBFI Pres.), Bill Hall, John Vaughn, Bob Jones, Les Ollila, Ron Comfort, Matt Recker, and Dave Parker. Special workshops are scheduled. For more info, call: (603) 225-3999, Ext. 180.

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GAMBLING'S DARK SIDE—Nationwide, there are over 5 million problem gamblers. The 3/31 *USN&WR* says an army of lobbyists has anted up huge contributions to political candidates touting gambling as the answer to education and other problems. But it also mentioned gambling's "dark side," which includes: increased crime, betting addictions, trouble for local businesses, create a younger generation of gamblers, and other hidden costs. Gambling has left a trail of broken lives, homes and families (*Canadian Revivalist*). Money can't buy happiness. The wealthiest are also some of the most miserable. Gambling is an addictive epidemic and is almost always associated with covetousness and deceit.

PENNSYLVANIA'S HATE CRIME BILL—Pennsylvania's governor signed a bill Dec. 3 that gives homosexuals statewide protection against hate crimes and verbal harassment (3/03 *OBV Visitor*). According to Ellen Sorokin of *The Washington Times*, the bill targets preachers who use biblical texts against the homosexual lifestyle.

FONDA HONORED BY PLANNED PARENTHOOD—In recent years, much was made of the conversion of activist actress Jane Fonda. But her sincerity was jeopardized with many pro-lifers by her gift of \$4 million to help elect pro-abortion candidates in the last national election. Now she has been honored by Planned Parenthood with the Margaret Sanger Award. Pro-lifers had welcomed the news of her "conversion" and hoped that Fonda was changing her ways. But last month's award—the highest Planned Parenthood gives—leaves to question the validity of her conversion. Sad to say, but Hanoi Jane's actions, promoting the killing of the unborn, indicates she is still fighting on the wrong side.

WILLOW CREEK, HYBELS, RENOVARE, FOSTER—In a 12-page informative paper entitled *Protestant No More: Willow Creek is Infiltrated by Renovare* Mary Fairchild presents a "partially insider" revealing look at two dangerous movements of our day. She writes: "I went back to Willow Creek earlier this year only to discover my plans to be serving in the women's ministry as a 'Biblical Titus 2 woman' were, in actuality, going to be serving as a 'New Age spiritual guide.' Mystic ways of praying (repeating and meditating) were being taught along with frequent references to Quakers and Catholics. New Age authors like mystic Quakers Parker Palmer and Renovare founder Richard Foster were quoted frequently..." Foster, a Fuller Seminary psychologist, teaches quietism, mantras, centering, Buddhism, Yoga, etc., yet is promoted in thought and books at Willow

Creek. Bill Hybels is a popular speaker and has been featured by Moody and by liberal Robert Schuller, e.g. You may access the 12-page report at the Web site <http://home.attbi.com/~mfairlady> or e-mail the author at mfairlady@attbi.com for more information.

U.N. IS DANGEROUS—The goal of the United Nations from its inception was to be a vehicle for establishing a world government. It has been an enemy of freedom and of our nation's sovereignty. “While the U.S. fights terrorists, the U.N. harbors them.” Yet, the General Board of the apostate American Baptist Churches USA has urged prayer for the pro-terrorist, anti-American UN that it might “continue to be a voice, a forum and instrument of peace.” (3/31 *C. News*) The SBC is yoked with the ABC in the Baptist World Alliance.

ALPHA COURSE WARNING—The Alpha Course, a very popular adult education program imported from England, has a charismatic bent and is “open-ended,” meaning that doctrines such as inerrancy and salvation through grace alone are neglected (3/10 *Chr. News*). The Alpha Course claims to take people through Bible terrain but in reality turns them inward to their emotions and experiences (3/17 *Chr. News*).

FEDERAL GUIDELINES ON RELIGION IN SCHOOLS—The U.S. Department of Education issued a 4-page “Guidance on Constitutionally Protected Prayer in Public Schools” Feb. 7 which included: Schools may neither encourage nor discourage religious activity, and must avoid both promotion and hostility. The heart of the law is official neutrality. Private speech endorsing religion is protected; only *government* speech endorsing religion is forbidden (4/03 *CT*). Students may read their Bibles or other scriptures, say grace before meals, and pray or study religious materials during noninstructional time to the same extent that they may engage in nonreligious activities. Students may organize prayer groups, religious clubs, and “see you at the pole” gatherings before school to the same extent that students are permitted to organize other non-curricular student activities groups. Students may express their beliefs about religion in homework, artwork, and other written or oral assignments free from discrimination based on the religious content....

N.A.E. AND M.A.C. FORM ALLIANCE—America's two largest evangelical associations, the National Association of Evangelicals and the Mission America Coalition, are joining forces to form a strategic alliance that will focus attention and resources on evangelism. Paul Cedar is Chairman of MAC and Ted Haggard is Pres. of the NAE. The NAE has about 43,000 congregations from 51 denominations and individual congregations from an additional 27 denominations, as well as several hundred independent congregations and para-church organizations. It represents some 27 million Americans.

BOOKLETS ON JABEZ & LEFT BEHIND—Biblical Discernment Ministries has issued two new book reviews of *Prayer of Jabez* (16 pages) and *The Left Behind Series* (8 pages). Order from: BDM, 2702 Willowood, Valparaiso, IN 46383. Suggest \$2/each to help with postage/printing, rambdm@csinet.net

BWA FACES CRISIS OVER SBC-CBF CONTROVERSY—The Baptist World Alliance is an umbrella organization of 200 Baptist unions and conventions worldwide, representing 45 million baptized believers in 193,000 churches. The Southern Baptist Convention is its largest contributor (*Ala. Baptist*). The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, a moderate-liberal denomination-like breakaway from the SBC, has applied for membership in the BWA, causing the SBC leadership to reduce its current \$425,000 annual contribution by 30% (\$125,000). This SBC-BWA rupture, coupled with today's economic down-turn, leaves the BWA facing a crisis. An SBC Executive Committee's study committee noted that it is not recommending withdrawal from the BWA at this time but anticipates the SBC will continue its membership and an annual contribution. The BWA is laced with liberals. The SBC has long shown it can tolerate non-CBF liberals.

CHARISMA PRESENTS CATHOLICISM FAVORABLY?—*Charisma* magazine caught some heat in its April issue for a report in its Feb. issue on charismatic Roman Catholics. One writer asked how long it would continue to “indirectly endorse charismatic Catholics,” and asked “Why would you present [RC] favorably or even with a neutral attitude”? The writer chided *Charisma* for seemingly endorsing the “world's largest cult.” Another wrote: “Do you honestly not know that the Catholic Church is not Christian and never has been nor will

be? Catholics pray to idols and Mary. Their materials openly admit there is no salvation outside Mary.”

GREG LAURIE, 'JESUS FREAK,' IS A CHARISMATIC—The 4/03 *Charisma* has a long article on Greg Laurie titled, “California's Jesus Freak.” He pastors Harvest Christian Fellowship (Calif.), the fifth largest church in America, and is sometimes mentioned as a successor to Billy Graham. Laurie doesn't mind calling himself a charismatic—he believes in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, speaks in tongues, and prays for the sick—and he has stern words for non-charismatics who deny the gifts of the Spirit can operate today. He prays using his devotional “prayer language” privately, and believes speaking in tongues in this manner edifies him spiritually. He is critical of emotional excesses, including “holy laughter” and Toronto-style shaking, but believes in being “slain in the Spirit.” Laurie has been featured as a speaker at Promise Keepers and other such ecumenical events.

HINDUISM'S MILLIONS OF GODS—Hinduism is the world's third largest religion and the dominant one in India and Nepal. It has 900 million adherents and about 1 million now live in the U.S. Hinduism seems polytheistic because Hindus worship many gods and goddesses. But Hindu gurus say that when they are worshiping those small gods—at least 33 million in all—they are actually bowing to Brahman, the supreme god, the impersonal ultimate reality, the world soul. They say the many gods merely represent various incarnations and manifestations of the supreme god. Hindus believe that the soul never dies and reincarnation enables one to complete a journey to nirvana, a oneness with God. Hindu gurus describe their religion as monistic, which means there is no essential difference between God, man, and animals. They say everything is part of God, and that the universe is one unitary, organic whole (3/8/03 *World*). Those in darkness need the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ. (2 Cor. 4:4).

TODAY'S WORLDLY CHURCH—Today the church is more beset by traitors within than by foes without. Satan is not fighting churches, he is joining them. He does more harm by sowing tares than by pulling up wheat. He accomplishes more by imitation than by outright opposition. The world is accepted into the church and its programs endorsed. Worldly celebrities are called in to enhance the gospel and preachers participate in the performances of the ungodly. The same popular singer combines sensuous publicity in the papers with the gospel songs in the record shops. Preachers make clowns of themselves and churches become theaters. [Vance Havner]

MAXWELL TO SUCCEED BRIGHT AT GPN—Bill Bright has been battling pulmonary fibrosis for over a year. He is the founder of Campus Crusade and, more recently, launched the ecumenical Global Pastors Network. John Maxwell is the founder of the Injoy Group (Atlanta) and has been named to succeed the ailing Bright to head up the GPN following Bright's death. Maxwell speaks for Jerry Falwell, Promise Keepers, various charismatics, and for the liberal Robert Schuller. Maxwell appears to be ecumenically compatible with Bright and a logical replacement for him to head GPN.

HAGGARD IS NEW N.A.E. PRESIDENT—Ted Haggard, an Oral Roberts U. grad and a charismatic, was recently named president of the National Association of Evangelicals. He is pastor of New Life Church (largest in Colo.) and president of the World Prayer Center. C. Peter Wagner who taught church growth at Fuller is the “general” who leads Christians in spiritual warfare at the WPC (5/15/99 *CC*). One NAE speaker, Martin Marty, has been shown by *Christian News* articles for over 40 years to be a liberal who attacks the Bible, denies the physical resurrection of Christ, and supports abortion and homosexuality (4/02 *CC*). Other speakers included pro-Catholic Chuck Colson, Bethel College & Seminary president George Brushaber. *Christianity Today* editor David Neff, and Assemblies of God leader Thomas Trask. Marty also spoke at the 1992 NAE meeting and another liberal, Robert Schuller, is scheduled to speak at next year's NAE meeting. Ralph Colas attended this year's NAE, the Promise Keepers Pastors and Leadership, and NRB meetings. Reports are ready from ACCC (PO Box 5455, Bethlehem, PA 18015) on some of these and are forthcoming, as funds permit, on others. Further information is available from acc@juno.com.

UNIVERSALISM—Universalism is basically the belief that all people will be saved. Jesus' death and

resurrection will automatically, or at least eventually, save the whole human race. Personal repentance and faith in Christ are not necessary for going to heaven. The Christian mission is reduced to announcing to people the “good news” that they are already saved. [4/03 *Charisma*] Many liberals today teach this false doctrine, thus denying Christ's exclusionary claim (John 14:6) that no one comes to God the Father except by Christ.

CHRONICLING CEDARVILLE'S COMPROMISE—The 3/03 Ohio Bible Fellowship *Visitor* has a 4-page pamphlet on *Cedarville University & the New Evangelicalism* by Pastor Dan Greenfield, from which we excerpt: “Institutions never stay the same. Change will occur, either suddenly or gradually, over time. Cedarville is no different. Over the course of the last 30 years it has slowly dulled its militancy and made subtle compromises in its associations. It has been infected by the virus of new evangelicalism and this can be seen in four areas: the speakers it utilizes in chapel, the music it promotes on campus, the ministry emphasis it teaches, and the associations it has made.” Cedarville now has partnering agreements with both the SBC and GARBC. Reprints of this vital feature article are available from OBF, 3865 North High St., Columbus, OH 43214, 25 for \$6.00.

HEALTH REPORT—I still have double vision, but blurring is not as bad now. I have to do much of my reading/writing (especially on computer) with one eye closed, or covered. Good news is that my distance vision is vastly improved. For me and the CC, however, it would be better the other way around. But we have to trust the Lord in situations like this, realizing He makes no mistakes. I hope my new glasses prescription will gradually help. I just read in a new PD newsletter that my Parkinson's could possibly cause my double vision and blurring. If so, I probably can't be helped much by glasses. Please continue to pray. Also, since writing, for me, is slower now (both longhand *and* computer), please spare me from questions requiring long, complicated answers, unless they relate to a *CC* article. Often, some questions could be answered by using the Search feature of our Web site. Thanks!!

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E.U. TO HAVE A GOD-LESS CONSTITUTION?—The European Union already has a currency. Now a Brussels panel is working on an EU constitution (3/1/03 *World*). The first drafts of articles on the EU's values, objectives, powers, and fundamental rights have no mention of God. European nations are debating this, but one diplomat said: "Putting God into the constitution is simply in the too-difficult-to-agree category." Religion is fast dying throughout Europe.

BONO: WORLD'S BIGGEST ROCK STAR RECRUITS CHRISTIANS TO FIGHT AIDS—Bono is lead singer for Irish rock band U2. Most of his songs have references to Jesus Christ, but he doesn't attend church regularly and shuns the "Christian" label. He has always straddled Protestantism and Catholicism (his father was Catholic, his mother Protestant), looking for a "third way." His behavior in recent years, with a "penchant for profanity" and light-hearted "endorsements of debauchery," distressed many evangelical Christians (3/03 *Chr. Today*). Last year Bono, in a left-leaning political stance, visited "rich" nations seeking to drum up political support for aid for AIDS in Africa and to pressure wealthy governments to forgive third world debt. This debt largely results from corrupt third world dictators (Marxist, etc.) squandering aid and loans on themselves instead of their needy (see 5/02 *CC*). Though we grieve at the sad plight of AIDS victims worldwide, AIDS is a largely *preventable* cause of illness and death since it is mainly contracted through homosexuality and promiscuous sex acts.

ISLAMIC TERRORISTS SAY KILLING 'INFIDELS' IS ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN—Islamic terrorists who die as martyrs while waging jihad against the "enemies of God," will enter paradise instantly, their sins washed away (*World*, 2/22). They believe the only sure way to heaven is to "kill the infidels" (non-Muslims, Jews, Christians). Even mainline non-terrorist Islam is a religion based on works-righteousness. The Quran anathematizes those who believe God has a Son.

SMEDES, CAMPOLO SAID HOMOSEXUALS BORN THAT WAY—The late Fuller Seminary professor-emeritus Lewis Smedes in his 1984 *Sex For Christians* book said the homosexual should "simply refuse to accept a burden of guilt for his condition. He is a victim either of biological accident or someone else's folly." He said the homosexual "did not choose homosexuality..." It is absurd, unscriptural, and maybe blasphemous to suggest that the homosexual is not to blame for his perverted lifestyle, or that an adulterer is not to blame for his

sin. To do so implies that God is to blame. If a person is born without a choice in the matter, God (under the Law) would never have required the death penalty for homosexuality. Capital punishment was always for crimes a person committed voluntarily. (See Lev. 20, etc.)

HISPANICS ARE 'FASTEST GROWING'—There are 37 million Hispanics in the U.S., more than the population of Canada, and they now outnumber African-Americans as the nation's largest minority (3/17 *USN&WR*). An estimated 9 million of them are evangelical (3/03 *Charisma*). Of that number, close to 70 percent are Pentecostal [mostly charismatic?].

ABORTION IS ALREADY ILLEGAL—We don't deny, Iraq is evil. But the abortion industry is also evil, with a death toll surpassing 42 million babies since the 1973 *Roe v Wade* ruling. If life begins at conception, as true proliferers say, then abortion is premeditated murder and all 50 states already forbid it!

COURT RULES PRO-LIFE PROTESTORS NOT SUBJECT TO R.I.C.O.—The U.S. Supreme Court ruled last month that a federal racketeering law was improperly used to punish pro-life demonstrators outside abortion clinics. This is a big victory for pro-lifers, but will be appealed by pro-abortionists.

LARRY KING'S PANEL ON CHRISTIANS AND WAR—Larry King had a panel (Mar. 11) of five "Christian" leaders who discussed what Christians believed concerning war. Bob Jones was one of the five, along with John MacArthur, Max Lucado, a Roman Catholic priest and a United Methodist bishop. Bob Jones of course was as straight as an arrow, as was John MacArthur (despite whatever other problems we may have with him). Max Lucado was a typical New Evangelical, trying to stick somewhat with the Bible, while rubbing the backs of the Catholic priest and the Methodist bishop. Jones and MacArthur quoted John 14:6, Acts 4:12, etc., to show that Christ is the only way to heaven. Lucado said that Christians believed in salvation through what God did for man in sending Christ to die on the cross, whereas Muslims believe we are saved by what we do for God. Lucado said that he "preferred" the Christian way. How close to the edge of the cliff can you get without falling over? The Methodist bishop stated that he believed in Christ, but that there were certainly other ways to heaven. The Catholic priest said that Christ rejoiced when people worshipped His Father; and that he couldn't imagine Christ jealously saying "look at me." Therefore, when Muslims worship God, Christ is pleased. Such blasphemy. [Brad Gsell]

HOMOSEXUALITY TO SPLIT MAJOR DENOMINATIONS?—Dr. Richard Land, who heads the SBC's Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, says two major moral issues—divorce and homosexuality—threaten to do serious damage to Christian churches. He predicts one, the ordination of homosexuals, is going to split some major Protestant denominations. He feels it is going to end up dividing Methodism and Presbyterianism because when the decision is made—to either ordain or not ordain homosexual men and women—those who disagree with that decision will have no choice but to leave those denominations.

RAWLINGS FORECASTS MERGER OF FOUR BAPTIST GROUPS—The Rawlings Foundation sponsors an annual meeting of Baptist Bible Fellowship state chairmen just before the Mid-Winter BBFI meeting each Feb., mainly to hear Dr. John Rawlings' [Dr. Falwell's mentor] vision for today's leaders. This year he challenged state and national leaders to reverse the trend of splitting, and "dared to forecast a coming together" of many independent Baptist groups. He invited such leaders to the 3-day pre-meeting as: Bill Monroe, David Boulter, Tom Messer, Dino Pedrone, Gary Coleman, Willie Weaver, and David Bryant. Based on their responses, a meeting was proposed for Sept., 2004, to be hosted by Highland Park Baptist Church (TTU-Chattanooga) with an invitation to pastors in the Southwide Baptist Fellowship, World Baptist Fellowship, Independent Baptist Fellowship Int'l [not IBFNA], and BBFI to participate. These four groups include the majority of independent Baptist churches in America. Rawlings proposed that the new group be called, "World Baptist Fellowship."

PAIGE PATTERSON NAMED TO CEDARVILLE BOARD—Dr. Paige Patterson, president of Southeastern Baptist Theol. Seminary (SBC), has been named to the board of trustees of Cedarville University

(a GARBC “partner”). This follows the State Convention of [Southern] Baptists in Ohio's recent endorsement and partnering relationship with Cedarville (see 2/03 CC). Patterson has served as president of the SBC, and was a leader in the SBC's “conservative turnaround” in 1979. The SBC is still the largest contributor to the apostate Baptist World Alliance and involved in ecumenical endeavors.

WHEATON STUDENTS MAY DANCE, STAFF MAY DRINK—Wheaton College (Billy Graham's alma mater) has lifted its ban against on-campus dancing and has decided to allow its faculty and staff to drink alcohol and smoke off campus. President Duane Litfin said the policy needed a review in light of cultural changes on Christian campuses and new laws.

VAN IMPES PRAISE GRAHAM, POPE—Jack Van Impe and wife Rexella have heaped lavish praise on Billy Graham and Pope John Paul II for about a decade (e.g., see 1/1/94 & 4/15/95 CCs). More recently, on his Nov. 11 TBN telecast he said: “I thank God for Billy Graham... This man has done more for the Christian faith than any other man in the 20th century.” But ecumenical evangelist Graham is a papal promoter, and religious apostates and Catholics help sponsor his crusades (Jan-Mar *Fund. Digest*) Rexella some time ago called Pope John Paul II “The Holy Father.” Sadly, Dr. Van Impe, the once great evangelist, is now evidently ecumenical.

E.V. HILL DIES—Dr. E.V. Hill died from pneumonia Feb.25. He pastored Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church (L.A.) (National Baptist Convention, NCC) for four decades. Dr. Jerry Falwell called him a “most dazzling and effective preacher,” and said Hill was a frequent guest speaker at Thomas Road Baptist Church and Liberty University. Hill spoke at Promise Keepers rallies and was on Billy Graham's board. He was also on the NAACP and SCLC boards, and endorsed the 1984 candidacy of Jesse Jackson. He defended NBC president Dr. Henry Lyons who was convicted in 1999 of swindling over \$4 million, and other crimes. Hill was 69.

RELIGIOUS BELIEFS RISING—Per a David Barrett and Todd Johnson report the world is becoming more religious with each day. The annual growth rate of religious belief in the world is at a steady 1.2 percent, compared to the growth of atheism, which is less than 1 percent. The fastest growing religion is Islam, followed by Hinduism. Christianity is the third fastest growing religion, with a 1.3 percent annual growth (3/6/03 *Alabama Baptist*). According to the report by these American statisticians, more than 26 percent of the world's population has not heard the Christian gospel, despite the fact that nearly five billion Bibles are distributed annually throughout the world. “I speak this to your shame!”

PROMISE KEEPERS PASTORS AND LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE—American Council of Christian Churches Executive Secretary Dr Ralph Colas attended this conference in Phoenix, Feb. 18-20, and has written an extensive report —on which most of the following is based. True to form, PK is very ecumenical and has a strong charismatic contingency. Doctrine is deprecated, fellowship (unity) is primary. Its leader Coach Bill McCartney at the first press conference said: “Denominationalism distinctives are a big obstacle and so in Promise Keepers our distinctive asked is simply 'Do you love Jesus?’” A PK v-p put it this way, “It does not matter if you are Baptist, Methodist or Catholic.” Keynote speaker Max Lucado said: “It does not matter about your denomination—it's all about God.” The Catholic Church and thousands of liberal Protestant churches deny the doctrine of salvation by grace alone. And how can we welcome as fellowshipping partners those who are confused about the Holy Spirit and extra-Biblical revelation, with visions and dreams, and speaking in tongues and healing crusades? We are confronted with a choice between a limited message or a limited fellowship—favor with men, or favor with God. [Get Dr. Colas' helpful report from: ACCC, P.O. Box 5455, Bethlehem, PA 18015. Keep in mind that funds are needed if Dr. Colas is to continue these costly trips and first-hand reports.]

PK SPEAKERS, 'PARTNERS'—Promise Keepers claims to have reached over 5,000,000 men during the past 12 years of conferences. Even though they have 18 events planned for 2003, the attendance and interest are declining. Only 9 or 10,000 showed up at Phoenix, though 50,000 had been predicted. Ecumenism was evident by the speakers, who, for the most part, were among the best communicators of our day. They include: Bruce Wilkinson (Jabez fame), Max Lucado, Joe Stowell, Jack Hayford (moderator), Bill McCartney, Tony Evans,

James Merritt (former SBC Pres.), and Messianic Jewish rabbi Jonathan Bernis. “Partners” with this PK conference included: Alpha, Answers in Genesis, BGEA, Campus Crusade, Focus on the Family, Jews for Jesus, Mission America, World Vision, Seventh-day Adventists, NAE, and American Bible Society. World Vision is liberal, SDA is cultic. We are admonished in Eph. 5:11 to “have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.” Dr. Ralph Colas, whose first-hand report is the basis for most of this article, said the PK meeting began (the first night) with the big beat of the Maranatha! Promise Band and Marcus Witt as Worship Leader. He said “For over 30 minutes the large group clapped, cheered, raised their hands and swayed back and forth to the pulsating beat of the music.” This “big beat” music is fast moving into churches.

MORAL MAJORITY CONTINUES AFTER 23 YEARS—The Liberty Alliance, founded by Dr. Jerry Falwell in 1986, became the successor to Moral Majority, founded in 1979. Ed Hindson, writing in Falwell's *National Liberty Journal* (Jan.), says most evangelical Christians are involved in politics today to improve society. He said: “Most of us believe it is our mandate from God to help make the world a better place to live, and to use Christianity as a force for good in this world until Jesus comes.” A noble goal, to a point, for us as “salt” (and light) of the earth. No easy answers, but our goal should not be to join ecumenically with Catholics, etc., to clean up this world. This world is headed for judgment. “Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse....” (2 Tim. 3:13)

MOODY MAGAZINE CEASES PUBLICATION—Moody Bible Institute announced Feb. 24 that its legacy ministry MOODY magazine will cease print publication within the next six months. A crowded magazine field, the resultant decline in subscriptions and the ongoing need for significant subsidization were key factors in this difficult decision. Its heritage dates back to 1891. It became Moody Monthly in 1938. Its name was shortened to Moody magazine in 1990 and six years later became a bi-monthly. For years it (and MBI) has positioned itself into the new-evangelical orbit.

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NOT LEGAL TO USE FULL NAME ON PRAYER LISTS—A new federal law restricts Australian churches from using the full names of members on prayer lists without specific permission from each person. Churches can't put the names of ill members without their consent (*2/6 Ala. Baptist*). Clergy can't visit patients in hospitals unless each patient signs a permission form. This will restrict comforting the lonely and ill.

BLACKS BATTLE AIDS is the title of a somber item in the Feb. 2 *Parade Magazine*. It states: "The AIDS virus has taken a heavy toll on America's black community. While they make up 13% of the U.S. population, blacks account for 38% of all AIDS cases and for over 60% of the cases among women and children...." The statistics are worse in Africa.

EPISCOPAL LEADER CRITICIZES U.S. POLICY—Pres. Bush's father says he finds criticism of U.S. foreign policy by the leader of his denomination "highly offensive." Episcopal Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold told Religion News Service that the world is right to view Americans as "greedy, self-interested and almost totally unconcerned about poverty, disease and suffering." Former Pres. Bush, speaking in Stamford, Conn., asked, "How can this man of God think so little of a nation that provides 60% of the world's food aid" and "does far more for AIDS than any other country?" The Episcopal Church has long been apostate. God tells Christians to "come out" of such liberal churches (2Cor.6:17).

'LEFT BEHIND II' MOVIE REVIEW—George Zeller reviews a DVD copy of this recent film. He writes: "Compared to the first 'Left Behind' movie 'Left Behind II—Tribulation Force' was an improvement. In the first movie, the name of Jesus was rarely mentioned; and the gospel message was conspicuous for its absence, and thus the gospel was sadly 'left behind.' In this second movie, a real attempt was made to present the gospel message and many salvation verses from the Bible were shared. Also man's sinful condition before God was explained to some degree. The music of the second movie was less objectionable than that of the first. I do have somewhat of a problem with 'prophetic fiction' because it sometimes is hard for the unsaved viewer to distinguish between what is Bible truth and what is merely the fanciful imagination of the writers. I am not endorsing either movie, but simply pointing out that there was an immense improvement of the second movie over the first movie with respect to the presentation of the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ. Two areas of

concern that I had with the first movie still apply to the second movie: 1. Vastly over-estimating the number of true believers on earth; 2. Teaching that all infants and young children all over the world are taken at the rapture." [For a fuller discussion of these "Left Behind" movies, see this Web site:

<http://middletownbiblechurch.org/proph/lebehind.htm>]

RAVES: LATE-NIGHT 'CHRISTIAN DANCES'—Held in warehouses and fields, all-night rave dance parties have spawned a new generation of teens and college students chanting a mantra of PLUR (Peace, Love, Unity, Respect). There are probably more ravers today than hippies in the '60s. Youth and leaders describe the rave dance music this way (2/03 *Charisma*): "It's worship to them—they just don't know who or what they are worshipping." "A rave is like the devil's version of church, and ecstasy [rave drug] is the devil's version of the Holy Spirit." Some call it a "whole new way to worship ['getting high on'] God," and say "It's amazing how the music can be so loud and yet I can hear God so clearly." A rave DJ says: "There is something about the repetitiveness and energy of the electronic dance music that causes people to drop barriers and let walls down."

POPE HAS BLESSED THE CHARISMATICS—Though the 35-year-old charismatic renewal in the Roman Catholic Church has waned, it today still touches at least 119 million Catholics worldwide (2/03 *Charisma*). Pope John Paul II has blessed the charismatics more than once (11/1/98 *CC*, 2/03 *CC*, e.g.). In a message to Catholic charismatic leaders in Rome in November, he encouraged charismatics to be "living signs of hope" and beacons of Christ's good news."

EMINEM, POPULAR PROFANE RAPPER—Eminem had by far the most popular, best-selling album of 2002, selling over 7 million copies (1/25 *World*). His raps about murdering his wife and raping his mother take the form to new lows of depravity (1/1/01 *World*). No surprise that this angry white male has been called the meanest, most violent and lawless rapper. White teens have become rap's biggest customers.

EVANGELISM (OF MUSLIMS) IS NOT A 'HATE CRIME'—Sharing the gospel in most Muslim nations is a criminal act. Trying to change someone's religion is depicted as hateful. Social ministry is seen as a mere smokescreen. From ignorance, some say Muslims do not need converting because Christians and Muslims believe in and worship the same God (2/03 *C. Today*). A University of Chicago Divinity School professor, years ago said Christians should not try to convert pious Muslims to Christianity. He said: "Christianity is the authentic form of religion for us in our culture, but Islam is the authentic form of religion for them in theirs." But differences between the two are more than merely cultural, and it's not a "hate crime" to point one to the one which has the true gospel.

ANOTHER HORRIFYING ABORTION PROCEDURE—Congress seems poised to restrict partial-birth abortions but should also take a hard look at the violent "dilation and evacuation" (D&E) method, in which pre-born infants are removed piece by piece (2/1 *World*). The doctor rips the parts of a living child out of its mother's womb, one part at a time.

GLOBAL SUPER-CHURCH EMERGING?—Church leaders from 30 denominations agreed in January on a proposal to create the broadest alliance of "Christians" ever formed in the U.S. We reported in the 6/1/00 *CC* that this movement was afoot. Now AP religion writer Richard Ostling reports that a steering committee of the budding effort, tentatively called *Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A.*, will invite a wide range of national church bodies and agencies over the next several weeks to join them. The loosely knit alliance would represent five segments of U.S. Christianity, listed in the plan as "Evangelical/Pentecostal, Historic Protestant, Orthodox, Racial/Ethnic and Roman Catholic." (2/10 *C. News*) The U.S. Catholic hierarchy could decide on the proposal within two years, but "one sticking point" may be the largest Protestant denomination—the Southern Baptist Convention. Ostling said the SBC may be reluctant to join, though it had an observer at the Fuller Seminary meeting. Those (e.g., SBC, NAE) who disobey Biblical commands to separate from the apostasy of our day will be caught in its web of deception. Sadly, many "fundamentalists" are linking with these deceived brethren who

in turn are linked to the ecumenical church of Antichrist. Rev. 18:4 warns: "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins... that ye receive not of her plagues."

NEO-EVANGELICAL IDENTITY CRISIS—Darrell Bock (David Neff article, Feb. *Chr. Today*) cites the Evangelical Theological Society as an example of an inclusivism that doesn't have a doctrinal statement, as such, and was founded with a single item as its "doctrinal basis"—biblical inerrancy. Roger Olson wrote that "since that at least the mid-1970s, the evangelical glue has been gradually losing its binding power." His traditionalists think the only way to avoid the slide into debilitating relativism and pluralism is to recognize firm boundaries. Both Olson and Bock deplore divisiveness and are open to the occasional need to draw lines between those who are in and those who are out. But, the difference: Olson calls evangelicals to avoid slipping back into "fundamentalist boundary-drawing" for the "sake of fellowship, of family"—Bock for the sake of mission. Here is a vital distinctive in what separates fundamentalism from new evangelicalism: Fundamentalists seek to obey separation "boundaries" set by God's Word, while new evangelicals shun boundary-drawing, opting instead for an inclusivism.

PINNOCK'S 'OPENNESS OF GOD'—Retired professor of systematic theology at McMaster Divinity College in Ontario, Clark Pinnock, is front and center of the current "openness of God" controversy which many consider "blasphemy." For example he says, "God's dependence extends even to his knowledge of the future (2/03 *CT*)." And: "Though God knows all there is to know about the world, there are aspects about the future that even God does not know." Romans 9:20 says: "O man, who art thou that repliest against God"? To question God's omniscience, or other attribute, is dangerous.

PRO-HOMOSEXUAL INFLUENCE IN ETS—Darrell Bock has surveyed the Evangelical Theological Society's five decades and found five hot topics that consumed its attention: science and the Bible, inerrancy, the role of historical criticism, women and the Bible, and openness theology (2/03 *CT*). But it has featured Thomas Hanks as ETS annual meetings' speaker who challenged members to revise their negative thinking about homosexuality (4/15/98 *CC*). And, Ralph Blair's pro-homosexual *Evangelicals Concerned* quoted "long-time member of ETS" Blair as saying: "There's more support for *EC*'s approach than is generally thought, even though it's on the qt." (*EC*'s Winter 2003 *Record*).

U. METHODIST BISHOP ACCUSED OF HERESY—Bishop Joseph Sprague of Chicago has been told to renounce his views or resign his office for his views in rejecting traditional doctrines like the virgin birth of Jesus, His bodily resurrection and His role in salvation. Sprague, a prominent liberal and social activist, has come under fire for a speech he gave at Iliff.

U.R., U.N. – WORLD CHURCH, WORLD GOVERNMENT—The United Religions Initiative began in Feb. 1993 when liberal Episcopal Bishop William Swing was asked by the United Nations to host an interfaith service marking the UN's anniversary. The URI Charter was signed June 26, 2000, as walking pilgrimages for peace were conducted in villages, towns and cities at various points over the world. The UR is now an officially chartered apostate coalition of world religions (10/02 *Maranatha Bapt. Watchman*). Meanwhile the UN seeks to enact a global tax, set up a world court, etc., for global governance. Nations are in such turmoil, any number of things could happen almost overnight to set up a new world order and Antichrist system. So, Christians, "Look up, lift up your heads, redemption is nigh." Maranatha!

CEDARVILLE CELEBRATES MLK DAY—We were a little surprised to note from Cedarville University's Web site that its gospel choir performed in celebration as part of its Martin Luther King Day observance. And also, that Dr. Dolphus Weary, executive director of Mission Mississippi spoke at Cedarville for MLK Day. As with Presidents Kennedy and Clinton, King is not deserving of Christian honor (see 9/15/01 *CC*). *Christian News* has had articles for over 35 years documenting his rejection of Christian doctrines, his immoral lifestyle and association with prominent communists.

SOUTHERN GOSPEL MUSIC—*O Timothy* editor David Cloud, on a video tape and at his Web site <http://www.wayoflife.org>, sounds forth an extensive warning about Southern Gospel music. But in fairness he also says: "Some Southern gospel is lovely and spiritual and seeks not to entertain the flesh but to edify the spirit.... We praise the Lord for all Christian music, Southern or otherwise, which doesn't sound like the world, which has scriptural lyrics, which seeks solely to glorify Jesus Christ and edify the saints, and which is produced by faithful Christians...." Spurgeon said: "The devil has seldom done a more clever thing than hinting to the Church that part of their mission is to provide entertainment for the people, with a view to winning them." (1/18 *AIB Newsletter*). Music is not neutral!

YWAM IS VERY ECUMENICAL—Youth With A Mission is charismatic and very ecumenical. It is endorsed by Bill Bright (Campus Crusade), Tony Campolo (liberal Eastern College), Jack Hayford, Bill Hybels (Willow Creek), Bill McCartney (Promise Keepers), and Billy Graham (the world's #1 ecumenical evangelist). Lynn Green, a top YWAM director has sought to build bridges between Christians, Muslims, and Jews. (1/03 *MBW & 3/15/97 CC*)

PYLE RETIRES AS PASTOR—Dr. Norman Pyle retired from his Atlanta-area pastorate on his 75th birthday, Jan. 26. He is available for preaching in churches, camps, colleges, and mission field. Dr. David Cummins, Deputation Dir., Baptist. World Mission said to Dr. Pyle: "You were an inspiration to me when I pastored a sister church nearby. In fact, you have been an inspiration not only to me, but to a host of other pastors as well. You have seen a multitude of us come and go, and yet you have stayed by the stuff and given outstanding leadership to the ministry there. Your faithfulness in editing the *Christian View of the News* with candor and conviction without being callous and cantankerous has been unique." You may receive *CVN* by sending at least \$10/yr. to Bible Baptist Church, 2780 Mt.Carmel Road, Hampton, GA 30228.

EDITOR'S HEALTH STATUS—Cataract surgery scheduled (left eye) Feb. 17; right eye two weeks later—each with a permanent lens implant. Despite the ultrasound, physical therapy, and exercising, I still have neck pain from osteo-arthritis caused by the stooped posture, caused by Parkinson's disease. I am on medication to treat the PD symptoms and to give a little more strength—but it has side effects and won't slow the progression of PD. Tremors are still mild, though increasing. Please continue to pray for me and *CC* ministry.

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OK TO KILL UNBORN CHILD BUT NOT SNAIL DARTER—Our strict federal laws in the Endangered Species Act protect the snail darter fish and spotted owl, yet three children are killed every minute through legalized abortion (SBC's Nov.-Dec. *Light*). Over 42 million American babies have been legally aborted since *Roe v. Wade*. In our culture of death, we choose to ignore the value God places on each human life.

EUTHANASIA: GOOD INTENTIONS, BAD DESTINATION—Look where 30 years of euthanasia in the Netherlands has led. Dutch doctors “lethally inject dying people who ask for it; chronically ill people who ask for it; disabled people who ask for it; depressed people who ask for it; and, disabled babies whose parents ask for it.” (12/30 *NA*) The process has gone beyond voluntary to “termination without request or consent.”

WICCA IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE—A Wiccan priestess named Cynthia Simpson wants to give invocations at a Virginia county's board meetings (12/21 *World*). Wicca is a fast-growing, neo-pagan religion. It is sometimes referred to as “new age” or “witchcraft.” Wisconsin's newest (2/1/02 *CC*) prison chaplain is a witch. At least 100 witches are attending covens at Ft. Hood, TX (7/1/99 *CC*). The *World* article concluded: “Based upon our review of Wicca, it is neo-pagan and involves polytheistic, pre-Christian deities.”

POPE A VILLAIN?—Bill O'Reilly noted (12/30 *HT*): It would be easy to call Pope John Paul a villain in the priest-pedophilia scandal. After all, he could have fired Cardinal Law and the other villainous U.S. cardinals months ago. But the pontiff did nothing, even after the evidence became overwhelming. He even refused to meet with a few victims during his visit to Canada earlier in the year. But the pope is “obviously ill” and, O'Reilly believes, not able to call the shots anymore.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD'S HYPOCRISY—During the recent flap over Sen. Trent Lott's comments that led to his resignation as majority leader, Planned Parenthood's president, Gloria Feldt, was among those who railed against Lott's "racist politics" of the 1940s. But Ed Szymkowiak of the American Life League says she is a hypocrite. She conveniently failed to mention PP's own racist actions – including the targeting of minority babies for abortion. He said PP founder Margaret Sanger, is on record discussing her plans to exterminate blacks (1/2 *Agape Press*), She was a radical socialist, a racist, and drug/alcohol addict who advocated free sex and sterilization of blacks, Jews and Catholics (7/1/96 *CC*). PP has been America's largest abortion provider and has

received substantial taxpayer funds

MASONS PAY TRIBUTE TO BILLY GRAHAM is the title of a 9-page paper by Dr. Cathy Burns documenting a number of Masons who have close ties with BG. Some may surprise! Available from: Sharing, 212 East 7th St., Mt. Carmel, PA 17851, \$2 postpaid.

THOUSANDS OF NUNS SEXUALLY ABUSED?—A national survey, completed in 1996 but intentionally never publicized, estimates that a minimum of 34,000 Catholic nuns, or about 40 percent of all nuns in the U.S. have suffered some form of sexual trauma. So says an article in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* (1/5 HT). Some of that sexual abuse, exploitation or harassment has come from priests and other nuns in the church, the report said. The Roman Catholic Church was already shaken by a yearlong sex abuse scandal involving priests and minors. Sordid scandals are not confined to Catholics.

CAMPOLO EVER LIBERAL, CONTROVERSIAL—Former Eastern College (liberal American Baptist school) sociologist and evangelist – and adviser to former Pres. Clinton – Tony Campolo is given 9-page coverage in the 1/3 *Chr. Today*. He deals in hyperbole and shock: For example, he says: “While you were sleeping last night, 30,000 kids died of starvation or diseases related to malnutrition...most of you don't give a [vulgarism] What's worse, is that you're more upset with the fact that I said [vulgarism] than the fact that 30,000 kids died last night.” He is one of the only living evangelical leaders to undergo a heresy trial in 1985 (for saying that Christ is present in every human, etc.). Campolo says homosexuals are born that way, and his wife Peggy promotes homosexual weddings (6/1/95 CC). Yet he is a speaker for the SBC (10/15/94 CC), and National Council of Churches (3/15/02 CC).

PRAY FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES—Russian authorities seem to no longer welcome missionaries, following the recent adoption of a legal-status-of-foreigners law regulating relations that previously were not subject to regulation. Globally, in over 40 countries, Christians face daily persecution for their Christian faith. They are beaten imprisoned, tortured, sometimes killed, and their churches and schools destroyed for their faith in Jesus Christ. In Islam, war against the unbeliever is a central doctrine and practice.

PAT ROBERTSON SUPPORTS TEACHING OF THEISTIC EVOLUTION—Ken Ham (*Answers in Genesis*) said *AiG* received a number of letters from people dismayed and shocked by Pat Robertson comments on a couple of “700 Club” TV programs about those who believe in the six literal days of Creation (12/30 *Chr. News*). But Ham said he visited Robertson's Regent University several years ago and found that several professors were teaching theistic evolution.

WE'RE MOVING!—Please do not use our old Sparkman Dr. address. We moved from there about a year ago. Please continue sending *Calvary Contender* mail to 104 Cotton Row NW, Huntsville, AL 35806. Our new church building is located on 21 acres at 126 Douglass Road NW, Huntsville, AL 35806, three blocks from the CC editor's house.

Note: Some have asked for update on CC editor's health - See next CC.

CEDARVILLE PARTNERS WITH SOUTHERN BAPTISTS—Cedarville University, a GARBC “partner,” has entered into a partnering relationship with the State Convention of Southern Baptists in Ohio. This was formalized in Nov. during the 49th annual session of the state convention when messengers overwhelmingly approved the agreement and committed to recommend Cedarville to all “Southern Baptists as an accredited, quality, four-year university that embraces Southern Baptists.” Located in southwestern Ohio, it is a top feeder school for Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky. “We're thrilled with the alliance with Cedarville,” said Jack Kwok (exec. dir. of the Ohio convention). “Cedarville is a quality Baptist school. They wholeheartedly embrace Southern Baptists. A significant number of our pastors are Cedarville graduates. We're looking to them as a resource for future church leaders. They embrace our theology, our polity and our missiology. We would recommend Cedarville not only to Ohio Baptists but all Southern Baptists.” Cedarville Pres. Paul Dixon

likewise voiced excitement for "growing a relationship with Southern Baptists." Fundamentalist schools should now be even more wary of being a Cedarville partner.

WHY J.I. PACKER WALKED—Last June, the synod of the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster authorized its bishop to produce a service for blessing same-sex unions, to be used in any parish of the diocese that requests it. Many synod members walked out to protest the decision. J.I. Packer, an exec. editor of *Christianity Today*, was one of those. He explains why in the Jan. *CT*. (Simply put, the Synod sanctified "sin by blessing what [God] condemns.") "Because this decision, taken in its context, falsifies the gospel of Christ, abandons the authority of Scripture, jeopardizes the salvation of fellow human beings, and betrays the church in its God-appointed role as the bastion and bulwark of divine truth." We commend Dr. Packer's stand against homosexuality, but recall that he was a signer of the ecumenical ECT (Evangelicals & Catholics Together).

ETS CLOSING DOOR ON 'OPEN THEISTS,' PINNOCK?—The Evangelical Theological Society has voted to challenge the membership of "open theologians" Clark Pinnock and John Sanders for promoting proposals "incompatible with inerrancy." Open theists say that in the Bible God changes His mind, or repents, in response to human actions (1/03 *CT*). ETS members at its 2001 meeting passed a resolution that denied open theism: "We believe the Bible clearly teaches that God has complete, accurate, and infallible knowledge of all events past, present, and future, including all future decisions and actions of free moral agents." ETS members present at the 2002 meeting voted 171 to 137 against Pinnock, and 166 to 143 against Sanders. Evangelicals are closely split on an important doctrine. (See 1/15/98 *CC* for Pinnock's dangerous teachings on hell and other doctrines.)

TRINITY FOUNDATION WARNS OF HINN'S ANTICS—Benny Hinn Ministries dismisses a news report which questioned its fundraising practices, financial accountability, and claims of physical healings. The late Dec. story on NBC's *Dateline* was the result of a two-year undercover investigation into Hinn and his worldwide ministry. *Dateline* producers and reporters interviewed former Hinn employees who claimed his main priority is bringing in millions of dollars to finance a lavish personal lifestyle. The report gave details of Hinn's plans to build a \$3 million house on the West Coast. It also featured several who claimed to have been healed at Hinn crusades, only to die a short time later. Ole Anthony runs the Trinity Foundation which investigates televangelists. He says Christians need to think twice before supporting Hinn's ministry. "There are thousands...that follow him all over the country [who are] severely disabled in wheelchairs that go because they believe the next crusade is going to be where their healing is going to happen," Anthony says. "Well, that's just not scriptural."...Hinn would not agree to an interview, but a spokesman said *Dateline* found no incriminating evidence against the ministry. (*AgapePress*)

NEW BBFI PRESIDENT VISITS SWORD EDITOR—*Sword of the Lord* editor Dr. Shelton Smith reported on a Dec. 12 meeting in Murfreesboro with, and requested by, Pastor Bill Monroe the new president of the Baptist Bible Fellowship, to discuss the latter's "offense" at two recent *Sword* articles (see 11/02 *CC*). The articles pertained to the 9/02 BBFI national meeting's featuring a Southern Baptist speaker, and from its worldly "contemporary church" philosophy coming primarily from Saddleback [Rick Warren] and Willow Creek [Bill Hybels] "neo-evangelical centers." Dr. Smith cites some NT texts which indicate there are "times when we must draw a clear line even with our brethren. Just as it is not right to be a liberal, we believe it is not right to enable liberals with our money [as SBs do] or our endorsements." He adds: "...[I]t is...right for me to speak up when my brethren in the BBFI are courting and being cozy with neo-evangelicalism." Both men agreed they disagree, but Dr. Smith said the visit was a very pleasant time. He said it is good when leaders talk through the trouble spots and: "To do so, requires confrontation, communication, courage and courtesy." [Eph.4:15]

ERROR APPEARS AS TRUTH—Indeed it does, so it must behoove us to be alert "error detectors." The following is by Irenaeus of Lyons and appeared in the 10/02 *Berean Call*. "Error, indeed, is never set forth in its naked deformity, lest, being thus exposed, it should at once be detected. But it is craftily decked out in an attractive dress, so as, by its outward form, to make it appear to the inexperienced...more true than the truth itself. One far superior to me has well said...., 'A clever imitation in glass casts contempt, as it were, on that

precious jewel the emerald....' Lest, therefore, through my neglect, some should be carried off, even as sheep are by wolves, while they perceive not the true character of these men, because they outwardly are covered with sheep's clothing (against whom the Lord has enjoined us to be on our guard), and because their language resembles ours, while their sentiments are very different." Be warned, be wise, beware!

WITNESS LEE, 'LOCAL CHURCH' SCRUTINIZED—Chinese evangelist Watchman Nee (1903-1972) was Witness Lee's mentor and founder of the Local Church movement. Lee, who died in 1997, followed his mentor to extremes (see 3/1/99 *CC* and the January 1, 2003 *Charisma* for some of his "aberrations"). Long accused of being a cult, the Local Church has a publishing arm, Living Stream Ministry, and now desires open dialogue with evangelicals. After years of complaints about its questionable doctrines (e.g., the Trinity), the LSM was granted membership in the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association in November.

DEATHS—Dr. John Walvoord, president of Dallas Seminary for 34 years, died Dec. 21 at 92. He was chancellor emeritus of Dallas, a dispensational theologian, published 30 books and contributed to 27 others. *** Dr. Lewis Smedes, popular author/ethicist and Fuller Seminary emeritus professor, died Dec. 19 at 81. [See 6/1/95 *CC* for possible liberal tendencies.]

SHEPHERD'S STAFF for Jan. 2003 has an article entitled "The Dangers of Denominationalism," by Dr. Clay Nuttall (shepherdstaff@juno.com). Below is a small excerpt from *The Benefits of Fellowship* section: "God created us with the need for fellowship. Fellowship is an important interaction found in the family, the church and community. Christian servants who ignore the counsel and encouragement of others make a serious mistake. The same is true for the local church. History gives us a sad and clear commentary on those churches that saw themselves as the only right one left. Interchurch fellowship can be beneficial. It can also be tragic. The question is not about isolation. It is about the choices we make in fellowship. It would be folly to think a church could enter fellowship without some limitation. One of the great tragedies of our day is found in those churches that create illicit relationships...." For this entire thought-provoking article, contact Dr. Nuttall at the above e-mail address.

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WHAT ARE EVOLUTIONISTS AFRAID OF?—Most bills pertaining to evolution are not to ban it but only to allow for the inclusion of the scientific evidence for creation along with evolution. But evolutionism leaders are so fearful of allowing even a hint of creation or theism into the public schools. They are supremely confident (so they say) that science proves evolution. So if so, any classroom discussion of the pros and cons should always result in firming up students' faith in evolution so what are they afraid of? (12/02 *ICR*) Evolution is scientism (not true science) and has no place in public schools, except as an atheistic philosophy.

SCHOLASTIC WITHDRAWS ANTI-BIBLICAL BOOK FROM CHRISTIAN

MARKETING—Scholastic, Inc. will no longer distribute a book list to Christian schools containing the book *Conversations with God for Teens* by Neale Walsch. Walsch purports to answer various questions from kids using the “voice of God.” For example, when a girl asks why she is a lesbian, his answer is that she was born that way due to genetics. Another girl asked if cheating in class was wrong. Scholastic's “God” responded: “There is no such thing as 'right' and 'wrong.’” (5/11 *World*) New Age and occultic ideas are presented in this best-selling blasphemous book.

GORDON SEARS' NEW BOOK ON CCM—We have reviewed several books by the late Gordon Sears warning about the baneful inroads being made by Contemporary Christian Music into our churches. His newest book *The Rapid Decay in Sacred Music* has an appendix by his daughter Ruth Ann Sears, and a Foreword and final chapter by David Cloud. Topics include: 1. CCM's take-over of our churches 2. CCM is an unmistakable part of end-time apostasy 3. The fruits of CCM 4. “Christianized” rock 5. Music is not neutral 6. Worldly worship is unacceptable to a holy God 7. Entertainment demands applause. Get this 90-page book for \$8 postpaid at: Songfest, P. O. Box 182, Coldwater, MI 49036, or Web site address www.songfest.org

HARRY POTTER DANGERS—“Spells, potions, dark arts, psychic writing, magical healing, trance possession, ghostly encounters with the dead...” All fit together in the new *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* film, and all enter the viewer's mental bank of occult suggestions. Harry's second year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry is full of occult thrills (Berit Kjos, 11/25 *Chr. News*). The 11/22 *Friday Church News* lists three dangers with Potter. First, he desensitizes our society to the occult, treating it as neutral. Second, Potter promotes curiosity and experimentation with the occult. Third, Potter removes God and moral

absolutes. God in his Word strongly condemns occultic practices For example, in Dt. 18:10-12: “There shalt not be found among you any one...that useth divination, or an observer of times... or a witch...or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard...”

NEW 'HATE CRIMES' LAW—Pastors in Pennsylvania now face a new state law that could mean they will be charged for simply preaching against homosexuality. Rep. Gov. Mark Schweiker signed a law last month giving Pa. what some homosexual groups tout as the broadest-written hate crimes law in the country. The bill states that the phrase "sexual orientation" be included in their Ethnic Intimidation Act. Hate crimes legislation is redundant because there has never been a "love crime" committed. It is dangerous because it puts the thoughts of a criminal on trial, instead of his actions. Recently in Illinois a woman was murdered for sharing the gospel with a homosexual, which infuriated him to the point of murder. ALL crime, whether concerning homosexuality or not, is an act of hatred. This type of legislation is often the first step that many homosexual groups take in getting their agenda heard in schools and getting their behavior protected by government. In a similar vein, the U.S. Supreme Court has also recently agreed to hear a case that would overturn the sodomy laws of several states. (PACE TEAM Report, 12/6)

CARDINAL LAW PRAYS WITH MUSLIMS—On a Sunday in November, Cardinal Bernard Law came to pray. Wearing a gold crucifix and a flowing black robe with red trim, he removed his shoes. Then, as the Muslim imam chanted the sunset prayers, Law knelt with his forehead just inches from the carpet and offered praise to Allah. Law said he felt right at home, participating in the Ramadan service (11/25 *Boston Globe*). Catholicism and Islam both exceed one billion, nearly all entering their faiths as infants. Law apparently played a major role in the scandalous cover-up where abusive priests were just quietly transferred to other parishes.

HOMOSEXUALITY MAY SPLIT ANGLICANS—George Carey retired Oct. 31 as Archbishop of Canterbury but warns that the 70-million-member Anglican Church is in danger of coming apart over the issue of homosexuality. Rowan Williams will be enthroned as Carey's successor in February. He has acknowledged ordaining a practicing homosexual, so evangelicals fear liberals will have a field day (11/23 *World*). But Williams says he probably won't do it again (12/7 *H. Times*). But he sees no theological objection to women bishops.

LCMS PASTOR DONALD PRANGE JOINS LIBERAL UCC—Rev. Donald Prange—charged by *Christian News* editor Herman Otten with denying the deity of Christ and other cardinal doctrines—has joined the apostate United Church of Christ (11/18 *CN*). The UCC was the first major denomination to officially ordain homosexuals. Prange has said that “Homosexuality is as normal and natural as the earth revolving around the sun.” He supports evolution and the ordination of women to the ministry. He is also charged with maintaining that the Bible does not contain absolute truth and denying that Jesus Christ is the only way to heaven.

POPE TO PURSUE DIALOGUE WITH LUTHERANS—Pope John Paul II has received a group of Norwegian Lutherans at a Vatican audience and pledged to pursue ecumenical dialogue aimed at achieving “full visible unity” between Catholics and Lutherans (11/25 *Chr. News*). The *CN* editor observed: “Liberal Lutherans, who reject the scriptural doctrine of justification by faith alone in Jesus Christ, and who maintain that [He] is not the only way to heaven...might as well unite under some form of the papacy.”

NCC LEADERS ATTACK FALWELL, DEFEND MUHAMMAD—The left-wing National Council of Churches' executive board issued a special resolution against Jerry Falwell's “hateful and destructive comments” in calling Muhammad a terrorist. The NCC was echoing criticism coming from Islamic clerics (12/2 *Chr. News*). Falwell apologized, but the hypocrisy of the NCC is clearly revealed, in that they do not lash out this way against blasphemers of Christianity. Christians are deprived of their freedoms, and severely persecuted, in Islamic societies.

FRANKLIN GRAHAM SPEAKS FRANKLY ON ISLAM—Franklin Graham has called Islam “a very evil and wicked religion,” and criticized its intolerance (12/7 *World*). He should know – he's made about 70 visits to

the Muslim world—from Saudi Arabia to Indonesia. He heads up Samaritan's Purse, a humanitarian relief organization. He's built hospitals in Sudan and schools in Afghanistan. He says: "My opinions and views are shaped by years of working and seeing Islam up close." He adds: "There is no religious freedom. I have seen the persecution. It is taught by them, it is in their Koran."

GWEN SHAMBLIN, REMNANT FELLOWSHIP REJECT TRINITY—Remnant Fellowship, a controversial new religious movement, was founded about two years ago in Nashville by Weigh Down Workshop founder Gwen Shamblin. RF has grown to about 90 sites, though thousands canceled Weigh Down classes in 2000 after Shamblin publicly rejected the doctrine of the Trinity (12/9 *C.Today*). Critics see a "graceless legalism" in RF, and "total obedience" after conversion is needed to keep one free of sin and confident of salvation.

NRB CONVENTION SPEAKERS—National Religious Broadcasters are slated to meet in the Opryland Hotel in Nashville for its 60th Annual Convention & Exposition, Feb. 7-11. Campus Crusade sponsors a Public Policy Breakfast. Scheduled speakers include: Pres. Bush (invited), Rick Warren, Jim Cymbala (Brooklyn Tabernacle), Alistair Begg, and Joni. Charlie Daniels will emcee the awards presentation. Music is by Steve Green (concert), Vicki Winans, Charlie Daniels, Sara Paulson, and others. HCJB World Radio chairman Ron Cline serves on a panel. The NRB is mainly a hodgepodge of ecumenicals, charismatics, and New Evangelicals.

THE HERESY OF HAROLD CAMPING—The following is from an ACCC resolution: Harold Camping, founder, president, and voice of Family Radio, has announced that the church age has ended and that "the church as a corporate institution has no spiritual authority," and is now advising believers who are members of a local church to "withdraw their membership, and fellowship on Sundays with whomever there may be who are of like mind." He has written: "No longer are you to be under the spiritual rulership of the church. We must remove ourselves from the church....The church has ceased to be an institution or divine organism to serve God." He instructs local churches to "reorganize their congregation, to become a fellowship of believers." The American Council of Christian Churches meeting in Monett, MO, October 22-24, warns Christians of this dangerous and false teaching, and goes on record as saying this is heresy....

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX FAVORED IN BELARUS—A new repressive religion law, signed in Belarus, established the Russian Orthodox Church as the favored state religion (11/23 *World*). It bans activity by "unregistered" religious groups.

IS JIM CYMBALA A CHARISMATIC?—We have shown that he is riding high, back and forth, in both charismatic and New Evangelical circles (9/15/99, 2/1/01 *CCs*). Cedarville Univ. has had him as a speaker. Yet his charismatic and ecumenical associations can't be ignored. His Brooklyn Tabernacle's statement of faith claims that all the gifts of the Spirit are for today. The 11/02 *Charisma* says he has endorsed the TNIV, and referred to him as a "charismatic megachurch pastor."

TAMMY FAYE & 'GAY' FANS—Tammy Faye Messner, former wife and co-host of PTL with Jim Bakker, now ministers to homosexual fans and attends "gay-pride" events nation-wide (12/02 *Charisma*). She said if someone comes up to her and asks her if homosexuality is a sin, then she tells them that "it's best not to take a chance with your soul."

THE NEW AGE MOVEMENT—Although the New Age Movement is a catch-all phrase, for myriad of non-Christian beliefs (much of it a blend of counterfeit Christianity and eastern mysticism), there is a common theme that includes the following: (11/18 *CN*). 1. All is God [Not true, there is only one God.] 2. Humanity is divine. [Not true, it is corrupted by sin.] 3. Humanity's fundamental flaw is ignorance of its divine potential. [Not true, the flaw is sin.] 4. Humanity's greatest need is personal transformation. [Not true, basic need is salvation.] 5. All religions are true. [Not true, only one is true—Christianity.] 6. For humanity's total liberation there must be religious unity on a global scale. [Not true; only faith in Christ brings total liberation.] 7. Liberation will come through the feminine divine (Sophia, goddess of feminine wisdom). [Liberation will come through the Son of

God, not from the feminine divine or any other source.] 8. Morality is relative; there are no absolute truths. [Not true; morality is absolute...] 9. God of the Christian Bible is a male construct, a human invention...[Untrue; Scriptures are divinely inspired.]

ACCC RESOLUTION ON BIBLICAL SEPARATION—“IN THAT there has been a continual attack from various sources in recent years upon the doctrine of Biblical separation so clearly taught in the Bible, and WHEREAS there is an ever-present danger that this teaching of separation may be ignored, watered down, or even opposed by succeeding generations of Fundamentalists, and WHEREAS church history bears witness to the fact that many movements have lived to repudiate the very principles that gave them birth, and WHEREAS the process of deteriorating conviction may take place even while lip service is being paid to historic positions, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Council of Christian Churches, meeting in its 61st Annual Convention in Monett, MO, October 22-24, 2002 strongly urges our pastors, churches, schools, and friends to continue to hold firmly to the Biblical doctrine of separation from apostasy and from those compromising with apostasy, and that we will combat the subtle temptation to use speakers or to cooperate with movements which, while holding many Biblical truths, repudiate or at least ignore in their official or public statements and activities, this doctrine of separation.”

DEMONS IN THE SMOKE OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTER is the name of a new book by Drs. R.L. Hymers, Jr. and John S. Waldrip. The book is in two parts. Part I (Hymers), *The Invasion of Evil Spirits*; Part II (Waldrip), *The Blight of Islam*. It purports to expose the Satanic forces behind Muslim terrorism attacks on America; it says the Islamic religion is demonic, and says Allah is Satan. Hymers posits an interesting observation that Satan, as master (Eph. 2:2) in control of the airways, used airplanes to destroy the WTC. There is a long “Afterword” by U.S. Sen. James Inhofe on “America's Stake in Israel's War on Terrorism.” Waldrip gave a helpful analysis of Islam. Hymers' topics were often controversial, though we agreed with him most of the time. However we disagreed with, and/or were confused by, his answer to the question of how a person comes to Christ (e.g., p50). For how to order this book, see one of the following Web sites:

www.rlhymersjr.com or www.CalvaryRoadBaptist.Org .

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VOL. XIX NO. 15 **NEWS & VIEWS, NOTES & QUOTES, TO WARN & INFORM** **December 2002**

HOMOSEXUAL MEN WIN AGAIN—Headquartered in Philadelphia, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America has for 98 years provided mentors for kids. Responding to a recent new policy announced by BBBSA, Lynn Vincent (10/26 *World*) asked: "BBBSA forbids matching girls with men because of the potential that sexual attraction will lead to molestation—so why should homosexual men be matched with boys?" Matching young boys with such mentors is not a sensible policy. Homosexual pedophiles commit about one-third of the total number of child offenses in the U.S., even though they comprise less than 5 percent of the U.S. population.

POT IS DANGEROUS—Drug czar John Walters says more teenagers are addicted to marijuana than to alcohol or to all other illegal drugs combined (9/28 *World*). Many try to legalize this drug believing it is harmless and non-addictive, "safer than a cigarette," but this is an urban myth.

RADIO STATION DROPS DOBSON—A California radio station has ended its 17-year relationship with Focus on the Family because station officials say the broadcasts are "too racy." Santa Ana's KWVE – run by Calvary Chapel of Costa Mesa – says it has dropped Dr. James Dobson's program from its broadcasting format (10/16 *AgapePress*). Per a statement on KWVE's Web site, concerns were aired earlier in the year with a series of Focus broadcasts on women and sexuality.

A.B.C. & FEMINIST GOD—An article in the American Baptist Churches' *WATCHword* (11/93) tells of a woman who felt worse after praying to God over guilt from an abortion. The writer said: "Then a friend suggested that she pray to God as a mother. Being desperate she tried that and called on God, the Mother of us all, and immediately she felt whole. Now she was identifying with a God who was not masculine and approaching her problem as all the other males. This God understood her situation, had experienced her circumstance, knew her feelings, her plight, and yes the options placed upon her. And this God she could not only approach, but confidently bare her soul and receive full acceptance....What a shame we can only know the God of judgment, authority, legalistic, strong and hierarchical, when the real God is like a shepherd, or a mother hen...But God in her own mysterious way...." An earlier article warned: "But for many victims of child abuse or incest, insistence upon their calling God "Father" can result in their rejecting God..." [The liberal ABC is a member of the apostate Baptist World Alliance. The SBC is also a member and is its largest donor.]

SNIPER IS A MUSLIM—Best-selling author and columnist Ann Coulter says the mainstream media is covering up the fact that Beltway sniper suspect John Muhammad is a Muslim. He converted 17 years ago and changed his name. He also belonged to Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam and cheered the September 11 terrorist attacks on America (11/7 Agape Press).

CARTER AWARDED NOBEL PRIZE—Former president Jimmy Carter was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize Oct. 11. A *Boston Globe* conservative writer says the Nobel committee by this has reached an all-time low. He states his reasons for concluding this (Arafat, UN, Cuba, etc.). But from the religious standpoint, Carter is well known as a popularizer of the “born again” term which he says personally didn't happen to him at his conversion at age 11, but has been an evolutionary series of steps (3/15/97 CC). He has expressed concerns over God's “harshness and destruction” in the OT (1/15/98 CC). He publicly renounced his lifelong ties to the Southern Baptist Convention two years ago and aligned himself with a more liberal breakaway group. He said homosexuality is a sin, but he sees nothing wrong with a “Christian” homosexual being ordained. He has criticized the SBC belief that Mormonism is non-Christian and that Mormons are in need of evangelization (11/15/00 CC). Carter boasted that he kept the peace; Reagan freed the hostages.

BRAZIL'S CATHOLICS—By 1968 there were more Protestant preachers than Catholic priests in Brazil, the world's largest Catholic country. Pentecostalism was mushrooming. Latin Americans moved from childhood Catholicism to speaking in tongues, emotional worship, and faith healing (11/9 *World*). By 1995, more Catholics lived in Latin America than in any other region on earth. Brazil had the world's largest national church, with over 110 million members on its books.

PK PASTORS CONFERENCE—The Promise Keepers Pastors and Leadership Conference is set for Feb. 18-20 at Phoenix, AZ. Speakers include: Jack Hayford, Joe Stowell, Bruce Wilkinson, Max Lucado, Tony Evans, John Perkins, and PK founder Bill McCartney. ACCC Executive Secretary Ralph Colas has press credentials and plans to attend and file a report on this ecumenical, and largely charismatic, meeting.

HOMOSEXUALITY: FROM VICE TO CELEBRATED MINORITY—Homosexual activists' demands have moved from mere toleration to favored acceptance—demanding special privileges for their vile lifestyle. They now target children, and demand domestic partner benefits for homosexual couples. Questions to ponder: “Is it possible that someday it may be a crime to oppose homosexuality? Could the Bible eventually be designated 'hate literature' and preachers be accused of 'hate crimes' for condemning the practice from their pulpits? Will parents be forbidden to teach their children to abhor homosexuality?” (11/18 *New Amer.*) Mel White told Larry King (8/13/93): “We [homosexual activists] have gone underground and we have people in everyone of the Religious Right's organizations....We're reading everything they're putting out. We think the words from their mouths trickle down into violence. And when our evidence reaches a critical mass, we're going to use the best attorneys in this country to bring a class action suit in 50 states to have it stopped.”

STRONG GARBC TIES TO VFY—Vision For Youth was formed in 1985 by some men attending the Teen Leadership Conference at Baptist Bible College, a GARBC “partnering network” school. Two of the founders were Mel Walker, who is current youth editor for Regular Baptist Press (and for years taught at BBC), and VFY director Tim Ahlgrim (teaches youth ministry at Crossroads Bible College, Indianapolis). VFY sponsored the 17th Annual National Youth Ministries Conference in Columbus, OH, Jan. 7-11, 2002. Bo Boshers, Director of Student Ministry at Bill Hybels' Willow Creek Community Church was a main speaker. Other listed speakers were: Ahlgrim, Walker, Ken Rudolph (at BBC and a member of the GARBC's “ruling” Council of 18), and John Colyer (staff member of new-evangelical Grace Church, Des Moines). Listed speakers for VFY's Jan. 6-10, 2003 NYMC include: Ahlgrim, Rudolph, Colyer, GARBC National Rep John Greening, and Vice President of Youth for Christ/USA Ministries David Rahn! Turn on the audio at VFY's Web site and you will hear rock music. This is all sadly indicative of the GARBC's downward spiral to New Evangelicalism.

RICK WARREN'S PURPOSE - DRIVEN CHURCH—*Christianity Today* for Nov. 18 has a 7-page article on Rick Warren's Saddleback Community Church (Calif.)—a seeker-sensitive, purpose-driven mega-church.

Thousands of pastors flock to his annual Purpose-Driven conferences. Last May's conference drew 3,800 pastors, and this remark from a Saddleback executive pastor: "We're not talking about doctrine. We're talking about how to do church in a way that meets people where their needs are." (7/02 CC) Saddleback has close ties with the Southern Baptist Convention but keeps this affiliation virtually invisible. Warren has dropped much of Southern Baptist culture—altar calls, Broadman hymnal, Sunday school. Warren was a listed speaker at the recent SBC meeting, and for liberal Robert H. Schuller a few years back.

SBC LEADERS PRAISE DOBSON—Southern Baptist Convention president Jack Graham says Christian psychologist James Dobson is "highly respected among Southern Baptists." Other SBC leaders echoed similar praise. He is a member of a Nazarene church. He takes a conservative stand on many moral issues, "dangerously mixes humanistic psychology with Christian theology and frequently unites with Roman Catholics and liberal and New Evangelical Protestants in an attempt to 'win the culture war.'" (Sep-Oct *Foundation*)

FACTS FROM FUNDAMENTALIST DIGEST—Fifty percent of students in U.S. seminaries are female *** 1400 pastors leave the pastorate every month in the USA. *** The SBC mission board has signed an agreement to work together with Campus Crusade In evangelism. Crusade is ecumenical, works alongside Roman Catholics, and even has Catholics on its staff. *** Muslims, Jews and Christians recently prayed, sang and worshiped together at Valparaiso University (Lutheran).

CARD, 'JARS,' & JAZZ AT CEDARVILLE—Michael Card was slated to perform Oct. 12 at Cedarville University. He is very ecumenical, and a few years ago produced a joint album with Roman Catholic musician John Michael Talbot (10/1/96 CC). CCM/rock group Jars of Clay were listed to perform at Cedarville Oct. 4. Some of their music is patterned after the Beatles and other secular rock groups. They recorded for an R-rated obscene film a few years ago (2/15/98 CC). More recently, Cedarville features jazz bands and singers (3/15 CC). Six jazz events are listed on its Oct.-Apr. calendar.

UNITED METHODISTS IN DECLINE—The 10 million-member United Methodist Church, steeped in apostasy and in steady decline in numbers, lost about 1 million members in the past decade (10/26 *Huntsville Times*). Bishop Sharon Brown Christopher, president of the UMC Council of Bishops, recently urged all United Methodists to oppose a preemptive military strike against Iraq. She said: "Jesus rejects the violent response to evil." (11/9 *H. Times*) This is not always true.

CHARISMATIC CONFUSION—The Charismatic Movement has established itself within existing churches and denominations, including the Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches. It is the fastest growing religious movement of our day within the realm of those who profess Christianity. It is growing faster than Roman Catholicism, Greek Orthodoxy, Protestantism, Pentecostalism, Evangelicalism and Fundamentalism. At the same time, it is also producing more theological confusion than any other movement in the world. Benny Hinn is only one of many top Charismatic leaders who teach and promote current Charismatic errors. [Adapted, Marion Reynolds, *Foundation*]

MORE THAN ONE WAY?—This is an excerpt from one of seven resolutions passed by the American Council of Christian Churches meeting in Monett, MO, Oct. 22-24: "WHEREAS confusion abounds over the way of salvation among mainline Protestant churches, Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, Roman Catholics, Muslims, Buddhists and others, and WHEREAS religious pluralism is widely accepted (the belief that 'all roads eventually lead to heaven,' and that the majority of people believe that we all worship the same God and must work our way to heaven), THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ACCC...declares the exclusive message of Christianity found in the Bible (Acts 4:12, I Tim. 2:5, John 3:36 and 14:6). There are no alternatives; there is but One Way of Salvation according to the Bible. Salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, and in Christ alone (Eph. 2:8-10). BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the ACCC call upon all Bible-believing Christians to beware of distortions of the Gospel and to proclaim the one way of salvation through Jesus Christ."

ANGLICAN UPROAR—A clergy revolt in the Church of England is underway against incoming Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams. Conservatives ask him to recant his liberal views on homosexuality or resign. He is sympathetic to sex between homosexuals in “committed relationships.” A survey of 500 Anglican clergy found 54 percent disapprove of the ordination of any practicing homosexual. One-third of Church of England clergy question Jesus' physical resurrection, and one-half doubt or disbelieve His Virgin Birth (9/9 CT).

HELL IS 'TOO NEGATIVE'—Mentions of hell are at an all-time low. There has been a shift in religion from focusing on what happens in the next life to asking, “What is the quality of this life we're leading now?” “[Hell] is just too negative.” “Churches are under enormous pressure to be consumer-oriented.” (10/02 *Baptist Bulletin*). People today are much like those in Isaiah's day who wanted a positive message (“smooth things,” “deceits”) instead of the truth (Isaiah 30:10).

N.A.E.'S ANDERSON COMMENTS ON HELL—Dr. Leith Anderson is senior pastor of Wooddale Church (Minn.) and is Interim President of the NAE (11/01 CC). In his 2001 *Becoming Friends With God* book, in a chapter on hell, he sounds much like C.S. Lewis. In fact he said: “It was the great English writer C.S. Lewis who observed that the door of hell is locked tightly, but if you look closely it's locked from the inside not from the outside.” Anderson's views on hell seem confusing, especially some relating to “choice” of those on the inside. Some of Lewis' views (e.g., on purgatory) were very Catholic.

BALANCE BETWEEN GRACE & TRUTH—A grand difficulty is to combine a spirit of intense separation with a spirit of grace, gentleness, and forbearance: “to maintain a narrow circle with a wide heart.” This is hard. As the strict and uncompromised maintenance of truth tends to narrow the circle around us, we shall require added grace to keep the heart wide and the affections warm. If we contend for truth otherwise than in grace, we shall only yield an imbalanced and unattractive testimony. On the other hand, if we try to exhibit grace at the expense of truth, it will at last prove to be only the manifestation of a popular liberality at God's expense—a worthless thing! [Adapted] In holding fast to our position, we must seek to maintain a Christ-honoring disposition.

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FALWELL: PASTORS MAY ENDORSE CANDIDATES, CHURCHES MAY DISTRIBUTE VOTER GUIDES—Jerry Falwell says thousands of pastors will soon be getting Barry Lynn's (head of Americans United for Separation of Church and State) perennial "scare letter," trying to intimidate churches and pastors from speaking out on political matters. But only one church in our nation's history has lost its tax exempt status over political wrongdoings. Churches may legally pass out non-partisan voter guides, do non-partisan voter registration, and many other things, but may not endorse a candidate – only a pastor as an individual may do that.

SAME-SEX UNIONS ADS IN NEWSPAPERS—The *New York Times*, *Boston Globe*, and a growing list of other papers are opening their wedding pages to same-sex commitment celebrations of homosexuals. Another disturbing effort to normalize homosexuality was Big Brothers Big Sisters' (a mentoring group for fatherless or motherless children) recent decision to ban discrimination against homosexual applicants.

O'REILLY NOT SO RIGHT—Popular talk show host Bill O'Reilly says labeling someone as a "sinner" is contrary to American values. He has grown a large audience in recent years, including many Christians who like his conservative views on many key issues. But recently he has attacked those who say homosexuality is a sin—as the Bible does—and who would oppose such things as giving homosexuals the right to adopt children. He says the religious right has lost influence because they often "base their opinion on what they believe God wants." O'Reilly paralleled people who base their opinion on religious beliefs, and try to impose them on others, to the Taliban terrorists (10/9 *AgapePress*). He supports gun control, opposes the death penalty, and is said to be an environmentalist at heart. He recently spoke to a convention of "gay and lesbian" journalists. He says it's better to have a child in a stable home, even if it's run by homosexuals, than to be in chaotic foster care (9/17 *H.Times*). O'Reilly says: "Even if there is no God or Heaven or Hell, I still believe religion is a positive force. My [Roman Catholic] religion is comforting. [Its] traditions are magnificent."

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT FOES NOT PRO-LIFE—It is a fallacy that the pro-lifer who defends the right to life of an unborn baby in the womb, but does not defend the right to life of a convicted murderer on death row, is being morally inconsistent. But there is no inconsistency here: The unborn baby is innocent, the convicted murderer is not. It is the pro-abortion/anti-death penalty liberal who is morally inconsistent, since he supports

putting to death only the innocent (6/3 NA).

NOTE—The Post Office is returning to some of you your renewals and other mail marked “Undeliverable, Return to Sender,” etc. Our address for many years is 104 Cotton Row, 35806. We're working with P.O. on this problem. Please re-send.

PRO-LIFE ULTRASOUND PHOTOGRAPHY—Ultrasound scanners and photo studios are being set up in shopping malls where pregnant women can purchase early baby portraits. Such pictures of the baby in the womb is an unanswerable argument against abortion. A visual scan of the developing child shows it sucking its thumb, moving around, sneezing, and doing other things babies outside the womb do (9/28 *World*). No one who sees an ultrasound picture can deny in good faith that what she is seeing is not just a “fetus,” but a baby.

JONAH – THE VEGGIE TALES MOVIE—This is said to be an attempt to market religious values to a mainstream audience. The video appeared in 1993 and has sold 28.5 million copies. *O Timothy* editor David Cloud, who reviewed some of the videos, said VeggieTales will draw many Christians to vile movie theaters, will create a taste in children for rock music, and is a dangerous bridge to the world. The movie takes liberties with the biblical storyline. It softens a bit the crimes being forgiven. “While it's clear that the Ninevites do evil, the film asserts that the king of Nineveh didn't know that the things they did were wrong.” (10/5 *World*) The Ninevites' chief sin is said to be their habit of slapping each other with fish (10/12 *HT*). Be warned, be wise, beware!

ABORTION IS LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH AMONG BLACKS—Over one thousand black babies are killed by abortion every day, making it the leading cause of death for blacks. One out of three surgical abortions is performed on a black woman, killing a black child. More blacks are killed in a typical three-day period than were ever lynched in America's history (10/11 *AgapePress*). Yet blacks tend to vote in large numbers for candidates who support pro-abortionist legislation.

MICHAEL W. SMITH SAYS WORSHIP MUSIC DOESN'T MATTER?—Popular CCM singer and church planter Michael W. Smith is quoted in *Moody*: “I don't think the Lord really cares what style of music we worship Him with. If it's in the guy's gut and he's really crying out to the Lord ... it's worship.” John Fischer, two pages over, expressed similar sentiments: “Sometimes I wonder if Jesus even cares what kind of music we worship with as long as we worship.” This is ludicrous, but an increasingly popular notion today. Fischer also said: “Statistics show that larger churches are not necessarily growing by converts; they are just better at more popular forms of worship, siphoning off the attendance from smaller churches that simply can't keep up. Even what used to be the all-important sermon may at times seem more an adjunct to praise and worship. Many people go to church today more to experience God than they go to hear about Him, and they feel that they experience God mostly in music.” Sad but maybe true! “For the time will come when they will not endure sound DOCTRINE...” (II Timothy 4:3) The sermon is merely an “adjunct”? “[It] pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.” (I Corinthians 1:21)

BBF PLUNGES TO NEW EVANGELICALISM—The Baptist Bible Fellowship's National Meeting in Fairfax, VA in September featured Southern Baptist speakers, a praise band (guitars, drums, etc.), and was the “first” to have a team of young ladies leading worship. *Plains Baptist Challenger* said: “They are taking a giant step toward new evangelicalism and liberalism.” *Sword of the Lord* editor said “In my view, they are already there.” The most famous BBF preacher, Dr. Jerry Falwell (member of both the BBF and the SBC), spoke the night preceding the meeting. Charismatic John Hagee was listed to speak at Falwell's church in July. Falwell has personally endorsed Benny Hinn (4/1/00 CC). BBF Pres. Dr. Kenneth Gillming said of churches going the contemporary route, “As long as a church subscribes to the twenty articles of faith and gives to one of the Fellowship missions projects, then they can be counted as a Fellowship church.”

A PROMISE KEEPERS MEETING—Andrew Rupert, Ass't Pastor, Bible Community Church, Mentor, OH attended a Promise Keepers rally in Cleveland in July. He summarized some problems with this ecumenical

men's movement under the following subject headings: Rock music, Charismatic atmosphere, A Cloudy Gospel (e.g., by Luis Palau), Confusing Counseling, Dangerous Presumption (re salvation), Charismatic encounter (tongues), Crowd Psychology (dancing), Biker Peter, Off-Color Humor, and Evaluation. Pastor Rupert concludes: "Promise Keepers uses a watered-down Gospel which is designed not to offend. Sometimes the message sounds like the Gospel, but it is carefully tailored not to offend works salvation, baptismal regeneration, tongues-speaking, or extra-biblical revelation, or cults. Even the counseling of seekers is vague and blurred to make men feel accepted without true repentance from sin. Men leave with a false assurance of salvation. Promise Keepers may have good intentions but its commitment to unscriptural unity, worldly methods, and a cloudy Gospel make it an organization no fundamental Christian can support." [Rev. Rupert's 4-page report is available from: Ohio Bible Fellowship, 3865 N. High St., Columbus, OH 43214, 10 copies/\$3.50. A 16-page tract on PK is available for \$8/100 from Highways & Hedges, 201 Maple Ct., Liberty, SC 29657.]

EXPEDIENT FUNDAMENTALISTS—The late Dr. Paul N. Tassell, a former GARBC National Rep, had this to say in his 1983 *Pathways To Power* book (p142): "There are basically two kinds of fundamentalism in America today. One is what I call expedient fundamentalism. The other I refer to as obedient fundamentalism. Expedient fundamentalists believe in the fundamentals of the faith, but they do not want to get involved in the fight for the faith. They are interested in picking the fruit from fundamentalist orchards, but they are not willing to fight the insidious enemies of the orchards." Tassell went on to warn about our responsibility to separate from apostasy and "compromising evangelicals." It is sad to see how fast he and his own GARBC forsook his good advice.

FALWELL'S UNWANTED NEIGHBORS—Dr. Jerry Falwell, in a 9/19 e-mail, wrote: "Here in my hometown of Lynchburg, Va., Mel White, a de facto leader in the homosexual-rights movement, has taken up residence (with his male paramour) directly across the street from my Thomas Road Baptist Church (TRBC). Their quest is to compel our church members and me to alter our biblical stance that homosexuality is a sinful lifestyle. These two men accuse me of endorsing 'spiritual violence' on the homosexual community because I continue to preach the truth of the Bible, namely that homosexuality is a sin. Their in-your-face exploit has resulted in much media attention—certainly what they hoped for...."

HCJB SPEAKER NOT CATHOLIC—The cited source in the 10/2 *CC* article has since learned that the Catholic priest mentioned is not a Catholic priest but a Baptist who teaches Greek and Hebrew at the Roman Catholic Seminary. The information we added—that HCJB is ecumenical, a member of the NRB, and has employed over 100 Catholics still stands.

PEARSON'S DOCTRINE OF INCLUSION—Charismatic bishop Carlton Pearson's "inclusion gospel" has caused a split in his Tulsa megachurch. This doctrine teaches no declaration of belief in Christ as Savior is necessary for going to heaven, and this has caused a mass exodus from his church (10/02 *Charisma*). This theology questions the existence of a literal hell, and states that everyone is saved—they just don't know it (5/02 *CC*). Pearson's response to this is that it's "just like when [Word of Faith preacher Kenneth Hagin Sr.] says, 'You're healed—you just don't know it.'" Pearson says we are trying to convert, and we just need to convince.

'HOLY HIP-HOP'—The August *Charisma* featured an article on hip-hop music which stated: "The music is loud, and the beats are strong. But Christian hip-hop [an oxymoron?] artists say they're using this unorthodox sound to reach a generation for Christ." Readers responded (10/02 *Charisma*): "The hip-hop revolution is ordained of Satan to destroy our youth....It saddens me that you can condone a musical style that is obviously fleshly and demonic. God is not using hip-hop to reach youth. This is clearly a situation where young people don't want to separate from the world....Hip-hop music is decidedly hypnotic....Christian leaders need to show...leadership and remove this ungodly music from their churches....Shame on *Charisma* for promoting music that is corrupting our youth."

FULLER SEMINARY A HODGEPODGE OF TRADITIONS—Fuller Seminary's *Focus* had an interview with a Catholic nun about her experience as a student at Fuller. She said "I think Fuller is a great place for a

Catholic woman to study who wants to be taken seriously as a woman in ministry.” Fuller embraces over 100 theological traditions and is renowned for its “remarkable achievement in evangelical ecumenity,” says George Marsden. Fuller no longer insists on such doctrines as the inerrancy of the Bible (10/7 *Chr. News*). It promotes women pastors and is open to the modern charismatic movement.

WCC IN CRISIS—Financially, the liberal World Council of Churches has spent its reserve funds, dismissed staff members and had to secure a mortgage on its property. Over half of the 342-member church bodies do not support the WCC at all. German churches account for one-third of the WCC's income. Another thorny issue for the WCC is how to keep the 20 or so Orthodox bodies in the fold. They have long chafed at domination of the WCC's theology, worship styles, social-action agenda, and decision-making processes by mostly liberal Protestants (9/21 *World*). Dr. Ralph Colas who attended the recent WCC meeting (at Geneva) noted an open disdain there for fundamentalists. Get his full report from: ACCC, P.O. Box 5455, Bethlehem, PA 18015. Send offering.

FORMATION OF WORLD CHURCH—Mainline Protestant, Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Pentecostal and Evangelical church leaders have met twice for conversations and are planning a third meeting in January 2003. The 34 church leaders issued a statement entitled *An Invitation to a Journey*, describing how “we see a vision of a new life together.” This vision “has led us to provisionally call ourselves *Christian Churches Together in the USA* because we long for greater unity.” Dr. Bob Edgar, NCC General Secretary, urged Executive Board members to share *An Invitation to a Journey* broadly within their member communions. “This is an important moment for coming together, and for talking about a new something that would be broader and deeper.” (*Proclaiming the Gospel*) The Bible teaches there will be an end-time world church, but it will be led by the Antichrist.

HUGE CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OPENS IN LA—A new massive, 12-story Roman Catholic Cathedral opened in Los Angeles Sept. 2 amid protests of its cost (\$190 million) and abuse scandal. California Catholics see it as a common gathering spot for uniting people of all faiths. The dedicatory four-hour Mass featured liturgical dance and a 6,019-pipe organ. The new cathedral has 25-ton bronze doors with symbols of various deities from around the world.

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CHURCH IRRELEVANT IN EUROPE?—For a majority of Europeans, the church seems wholly irrelevant. Mostly only hollow shells remain of the institution that dominated Europe for 1,500 years. For example, a century ago, 98 percent of Dutch people attended church regularly; within two generations the percentage fell into the low teens. Today it's under 10 percent. Almost half the church buildings in Holland have been destroyed or converted into restaurants, art galleries, or condominiums (9/9 *Chr. Today*). The U.S. seems to be headed down a similar decadent road in a declining culture. Too many in our abundantly-blessed, once-great nation no longer see the need to pray or worship.

CATHOLICS BELIEVE IN SALVATION BY WORKS—Rome's position has always amounted to salvation by works whereas Biblical Christianity contends for salvation by grace. The Ontario Conference of Catholic Bishops recently said: "...As Catholics, we believe salvation to be a life-long process, begun at our baptism and completed only when we are finally united with God in heaven." (5-7/02 *Canadian Revivalist*) This is further evidence that Rome hasn't changed.

CALIFORNIA CONTROLLED BY LIBERALS—California is a sad example of what happens when liberals take over a state. It leads the nation in enshrining homosexual behavior in law. It is now state law that: 1) All K-12 schoolchildren must be taught to "appreciate" various sexual orientations. 2) Public-school teachers and counselors must identify children with the potential to be "intolerant" of homosexuality—and refer them for retraining. 3) School sports teams that object to homosexual or transsexual behavior may be barred.... 4) All taxpayers must fund marriage-equivalent benefits for homosexual partners of state employees. 5) Nonprofit groups (e.g., Boy Scouts) that refuse to hire homosexuals may be fined up to \$150,000 per incident. 6) A person's gender is whatever he or she says it is, regardless of biology. (8/31 *World*) Liberals attack religious freedom. A current bill would prohibit Christian contractors who object to homosexuality from bidding on state projects. Another would require all foster parents (many are Christians) to undergo homosexual "sensitivity training."

LOOK WHO FUNDS CHINA'S ABORTIONS—China's "one-child" policy, which involves forced abortion, sterilization and infanticide, has been generously underwritten by the UN Population Fund, the World Bank, the International Planned Parenthood Federation, and globalist groups like Ford and Rockefeller foundations. (8/26

New Amer.). U.S. taxpayers help fund many of these groups. [Note: Homes of women suspected of being pregnant without state permission are destroyed.]

WEB SITE ADDRESS CORRECTION—David Cloud's correct Web site address for ordering Way of Life literature, a huge book on CCM, videos, or for subscribing to his *O Timothy* magazine mentioned in the Sept. CC is: <http://www.wayoflife.org/~dcloud>

F. GRAHAM ON ISLAM—Franklin Graham says: “We're not attacking Islam but Islam has attacked us. The God of Islam is not the same God. He's not the Son of God of the ... Christian faith. It's a different God, and I believe it is a very evil and wicked religion.” (8/24 *HT*) Graham protests that Muslims are free to worship and proselytize in the U.S., while Christians are denied these freedoms in most Muslim countries.

YOGA, A HINDU PRACTICE—Yoga is an integral part of the Hindu religion. A saying: “There is no Yoga without Hinduism and no Hinduism without Yoga.” Yoga is a means of reaching an altered state of consciousness—a door to the occult. The 7/22 *Army Times* had a story about Yoga as part of a proposed new Fitness program. Yoga and Hindu meditation are becoming mainstream, even seen in churches.

OK TO OFFEND CHRISTIANS—A liberal recently said that even if 0.4 percent of our population does not believe in God, they shouldn't be forced to be subjected to the “under God” phrase in the Pledge of Allegiance. However, the same people who believe this, often hypocritically try to force Christians (a much bigger number than 0.4 percent!) to be subjected to the offensive propaganda of evolution, abortion, pornography and profanity, sex ed and homosexuality in schools.

MINORITY TYRANNY OVER MAJORITY—Pat Buchanan, appearing on premiere of Phil Donahue's MSNBC show, said this to Donahue: “You're saying because some people want to be silent, no one can say the Pledge (of Allegiance). I say that is minority tyranny over the rights of the majority.... You're a dictatorial liberal, and you don't even know it.” (9/02 *NLJ*)

WCC UPDATE—It was revealed at the recent Central Committee meeting of the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland that the liberal Council faces a severe money crunch—due to an unanticipated shortfall in income, which was due to a loss in its investment portfolio and a drop in contributions. The WCC meets in general assembly every eight years, the last such was in Zimbabwe in 1998. It was decided that the 2006 assembly will meet in Porto Alegre, Brazil, reportedly because “the churches [there] have a strong ecumenical commitment and work closely with the Roman Catholic Church and Pentecostals.” ACCC Exec. Sec'y Dr. Ralph Colas attended this and another WCC meeting with press credentials and will prepare an in-depth report, as soon as time and funding permit—probably in November.

CATHOLICS REJECT EVANGELIZATION OF JEWS—The Catholic Church, which spent centuries trying forcibly to convert Jews to “Christianity,” has decided it is theologically unacceptable to target Jews for evangelization (*Boston Globe*).

E-MAIL—To help avoid viruses, I may not open and reply to your e-mails unless I recognize the sender or feel it safe to do so.

SOUTHWIDE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP HAS SOUTHERN BAPTIST SPEAKERS—*Sword of the Lord* editor Dr. Shelton Smith, in an 8/30 kindly-written bold article, expressed concern regarding a “drift” in the direction of the Southwide Baptist Fellowship, as evidenced by its roster of speakers for its Oct. annual meeting (at Highland Park Baptist Church, TTU). He said: “Listed among the speakers were two Southern Baptists, two or three independent Baptists whose ministries are openly contemporary, and one other man who is a representative of an organization that could not be described as fundamentalist....” The Southern Baptists are John Phillips and Bill Stafford. Other speakers, such as Ralph Sexton, Bradley Price and Gary Coleman have worked in ministry with Southern Baptists/NEs (e.g., Jerry Falwell). Joe Jordan is with Word of Life. (See 8/02

& 9/02 CCs for the new-evangelical direction it is headed.) Dr. Smith says the problem with the SBF is now more than a drift, and says: "I cannot imagine myself, or any other fundamental preacher... sitting quietly by while a major national fundamentalist institution is led off into left field by its leadership...."

'ATTITUDES' OF NEW EVANGELICALISM 1. Disdain toward its fundamentalist heritage 2. Optimism about reaching and winning non-religious conservatives 3. Softer and less precise view of doctrine, with emphasis on the importance of love over doctrine. 4. Willingness to use the world's methods to attract the unsaved 5. Lack of personal separation standards 6. Friendliness toward contemporary scientific views 7. Willingness to accept Charismatic views and/or practices 8. Tolerance toward various eschatological positions 9. Reaction against Scofield Bible dispensationalism 10. Enchantment with contemporary scholarship and intellectualism 11. Softness toward non-conservative views of the Bible 12. Stress upon the need for social concern 13. Desire to cooperate with and work with non-evangelicals in religious matters. [Dr. George Houghton, 7-8/02 *Foundation*]

'ATTITUDES' OF BIBLICAL FUNDAMENTALISM 1. Belief that doctrine is important 2. Belief that certain doctrines are fundamental or essential to Christianity 3. Literal interpretation of the Bible 4. Recognition of dispensational distinctions within a premillennial system of theology 5. Belief that religious liberalism is not Christianity 6. Unwillingness to cooperate with or coexist with religious liberalism 7. Emphasis upon preaching, evangelism and missions 8. Distrust of secular higher educational philosophy and institutions 9. Personal commitment to holiness and godly living. [Dr. George Houghton, *Foundation*] Fundamentalists not only separate from unbelief and compromise but also warn about false doctrines and teachers. (See Eph. 5:11, e.g.)

N.C.C. FINANCIAL WOES END?—With staff and program cutbacks, a \$500,000 grant from the Lilly Foundation, and a \$600,000 deal for advanced rights to the National Council of Churches' New Revised Standard Version, the NCC can eliminate a \$830,000 debt to its relief arm, Church World Service (8/31 *HT*). Meanwhile, the U. Methodist Church, the NCC's largest donor has signaled \$195,000 in cutbacks to NCC.

BAPTIST CHURCH CALLS ITS FIRST WOMAN PASTOR—Sarah Shelton has been elected (131-2) the first female pastor of Baptist Church of the Covenant, Birmingham. She is apparently the second woman pastor to serve a Baptist Church in Ala. (8/15 *Ala. Baptist*). She has been a conference leader for the SBC's Woman's Missionary Union, and was a member of the 1991 Coordinating Council of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, a breakaway group from the SBC.

ABWE MISSIONARY SPEAKS IN FALWELL'S SBC CHURCH—Last year, speaking at Thomas Road Baptist Church, missionary Jim Bowers – whose wife Roni and daughter were killed after their plane was shot down by a Peruvian jet – said that in his wife's death she reached more people with the Gospel than she ever could in life. (7/02 *NLJ*)

WHAT HAPPENED TO HINN'S HEALING CENTER?—Flamboyant charismatic evangelist Benny Hinn three years ago promised to build a World Healing Center near Dallas. He requested funds for it but now says the decision to delay the project was divinely inspired (6/23 *Dallas Morn. News*). His ministry collects about \$60 million per year in donations. He is said to have built his theology around a theory that sending money to him will bring even greater riches from God. Critics say the healing center project was a fund-raising gimmick and "one of many false promises he has made to finance a globe-trotting ministry and lavish lifestyle." They say he leases a personal jet and luxury cars, and is seen on television laden with gold rings, watches and bracelets.

CATHOLIC PRIEST SPEAKS FOR HCJB RADIO & IBS—Roman Catholic scholar Cosme Damian Vivas was one of the speakers at a conference on August 13-15 at the Larson Center in Quito, Ecuador. It was sponsored jointly by HCJB World Radio and the International Bible Society. Vivas, who is with the Greater Archdiocese Seminary in Colom, Ecuador, is a Greek scholar. Such ecumenical affiliation is open disobedience to the Word of God. (David Cloud, (8/30 *FBIS*) HCJB, the first missionary radio station, was founded in 1931 by Christian & Missionary Alliance Bible believers, but has promoted ecumenical programs, and employed over

100 Roman Catholics. It is a member of the NRB. (7/15/87 CC).

THE OPEN VIEW OF GOD—Dr. Gregory Boyd, theology professor at Bethel College & Seminary (MN) and pastor of Woodland Hills Baptist Church, is at the center of the open theism controversy which questions the foreknowledge and omniscience of God. Boyd is quoted in the 8/02 *OBF Visitor*: “We create the reality of our decisions by making them. And until we make them, they don't exist...There simply isn't anything to know until we make it there to know. So God can't foreknow the good or bad decisions of the people He creates until He creates these people and they in turn create their decisions.” We must reject this unscriptural teaching.

N.C.C. NAMES A QUAKER TO ECUMENICAL POST—The National Council of Churches has named a Quaker and a former official of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to head up theological work for ecumenical discussions. This comes at a critical time when the NCC attempts to reinvent itself to attract participation of Catholics, Evangelicals and Pentecostals (8/02 *The Servant*). Leaders plan a meeting to discuss the future with non-NCC member churches, including Catholics, Salvation Army and the Church of God in Christ.

A.C.C.C. MEETING SET FOR MISSOURI—The 61st Annual Meeting of the American Council of Christian Churches is scheduled for Oct. 22-24 at Monett, Mo. The executive committee meets Oct. 21. Host pastor is Rev. Kevin Hilton. Conference theme: “Is There Not a Cause? Speakers include: John Vaughn, Stephen Jones, Jim Fields, Mark Franklin, Howard Carlson, and Kevin Colas. ACCC Exec. Secretary Ralph Colas and ACCC President John McKnight will lead panel discussions. Russ Carnagey and Ron Fieker will lead in Devotional and Prayer times. Get a Program from ACCC, POB 5455, Bethlehem, PA 18015. E-mail: acc@juno.com

FFBC RESOLUTIONS—The Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches adopted good resolutions on the following topics at its Annual meeting at Tri-State Bible Camp & Conference Center in Montague, NJ on Aug. 12-16: (1) Sept. 11, 2001 Terrorist Attacks (2) Islam (3) Reaffirmation of Fundamentalism (4) The Roman Catholic Church in Crisis (5) The Heresy of Harold Camping [Family Radio founder].

ANN LANDERS GAVE GOOD & BAD ADVICE—Ann Landers died June 23 in her Chicago home. Her advice was a mixture of good and bad. She excused homosexuality and did not oppose abortion (7/1 *Chr. News*). She was a witty relativist who once referred a reader to a Unitarian clergyman.

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SWEDEN'S 'HATE SPEECH' LAW—Swedish lawmakers have given initial approval to a law that could have a chilling effect on preaching against active homosexuality (8/5 *CT*). Sweden's parliament passed a bill criminalizing “hate speech” against homosexuals. A final reading is set for this fall.

DANGERS IN CHRISTIAN BOOKSTORES—David Cloud has a video by this title [Way of Life, P.O. Box 610368, Port Huron, MI 48061, 866/295-4143 (toll free)] of a message where he lists seven “dangers” (books and authors), and gives supporting evidence for dangerous philosophies of positivism, ecumenicism, anti-fundamentalism, charismatic, church growth, psychology, and miscellaneous heresies and heretics. Surging sales have made the evangelical and charismatic book market go mainstream. Secular publishers are buying up some Christian companies, so books now more than ever, need to be screened for doctrinal purity. Linda Hoff, manager of the Maranatha Christian bookstore in Cleveland says (6/29 *Houston Chronicle*): “Every time a Christian company is bought by a secular company we cringe because you don't know what is going to come out of them next.”

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS UNMASKED—Dr. Cathy Burns has released a new expanded edition of her 1991 book by this title (see 5/15/92 *CC*). She has mainly added more on the occult foundations of AA, and a new chapter on how Rockefeller and his friends helped finance and promote AA. This well-documented book gives a surprising glimpse into the lives of AA's co-founders, a look at the Twelve Steps, and an assessment of how effective its program *really* is. It presents many facts about alcoholism and its effect on the body, and gives a message of hope and deliverance. You may order this book from: Sharing, 212 E. Seventh St., Mt.. Carmel, PA 17851. Retail price is \$11.95 + \$1.75 postage.

WARNING ON CCM—David Cloud has a 2-hour video tape which gives a timely warning on the inroads made by Contemporary Christian Music into fundamental churches. This takes various forms and he shows excerpts of these from conferences he has attended, etc. CCM is a controversial subject today but its corruption cannot be written off as a “preference” difference. To find out how to receive the video, or a huge book on CCM—or to subscribe to Bro. Cloud's *O Timothy* magazine—contact him at 866/295-4143 (toll free), or fbns@wayoflife.org, or <http://wayoflife.org/~dcloud> .

CONFUSED COLLEGIANS—Per a recent survey: 37% of all college students said they would be “likely to try to evade the draft;” 71% disagree with the statement that U.S. values are superior to those of other nations; 79% do not believe western culture is superior to Arab culture; 61% say they generally have a favorable opinion of Islam; and that 57% believe the policies of the U.S. are “at least somewhat responsible” for the September 11 terrorist attacks. (July/August 2002 *World*).

AMY GRANT RETURNS—Recently divorced-and-remarried “Christian” rock star Amy Grant is back with not one but two albums—one aimed at reviving old hymns, the other at the pop market. She began her career as a CCM singer but crossed over into secular rock, throwing the CCM industry into an identity crisis (2/1/99 *CC*). She grew up in Nashville, the daughter of a surgeon. Her family belonged to a Church of Christ (“works salvation”) church. A 6/15 *Houston Chronicle* article notes: “Looking back at the hundreds of church services she attended as a child, Christian music star Amy Grant can't recall one sermon. It's the music that got to her.” Music can be a strong power for good or evil. CCM/rock today is having a corrupting power and influence in many fundamentalist churches which ignore it at their peril.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD USES TAXPAYER FUNDS—Planned Parenthood is America's largest aborter of unborn babies. Its 128 affiliates operate 875 clinics in 48 states and DC. It is now trying to bring sex education programs and abortion counseling into churches, calling its programs “faith-based initiatives” (7/27 *World*). PP uses taxpayer dollars not only to kill unborn babies, but also to cover up the sexual abuse of minor children. Life Dynamics, via undercover phone calls to all PP clinics, found that about 8 in 10 PP workers who agreed on tape to conceal evidence of child sex abuse (8/10 *World*). School districts are now being warned of potential legal liability if they refer minor children to PP.

VOUCHER RULING A BIG PLUM FOR CATHOLICS—The Supreme Court in a Cleveland case recently ruled that tuition vouchers are constitutional. This is a big financial windfall for the Roman Catholic parochial school system. Bob Ross says (7/8 *Chr. News*) that this means “most of the voucher money will go into the coffers of schools under the operational control of unmarried priests, nuns and their superiors, many of whom have been publicly implicated in recent months and years with pedophilia and homosexuality.”

I.R.A. APOLOGIZES—The Irish Republican Army has apologized for killing hundreds of civilians in its three-decade-long reign of terror. Some Protestant groups have also perpetrated violence, but the most violence by far has come from the IRA. The *Providence Journal* (8/7 *HT*) says: “The IRA has often been a murderous organization and well peopled with thugs, thieves and other criminals.” The *PJ* also mentioned the IRA's links to foreign terror groups.

'PENSACOLA OUTPOURING' BUILDING BURNED—Lightning struck the roof of the 2,200-seat Brownsville Assembly of God church on July 4, setting it ablaze and causing an estimated \$1 million in damage (7/27 *World*). This was a center for the “laughing revival” in recent years, where people were “slain in the Spirit,” laying on the floor for hours, and other weird charismatic happenings took place. (See 10/15/98 *CC*).

CBF WANTS TO JOIN BWA, SBC OBJECTS—The liberal Baptist World Alliance is the international umbrella entity of Baptists. Founded in 1905, it represents over 200 Baptist unions and conventions that include about 44.5 million baptized believers and 110 million worshipers in 193,000 Baptist churches. The Southern Baptist Convention, a founding member of the BWA, is its largest member body with 16 million church members. It also funds about 20 percent of BWA's \$2.1 million annual budget. (7/18 *Ala. Baptist*) The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, established in 1991, is a liberal breakaway group from the SBC. The 11-year conflict arose again recently at a BWA meeting in Spain, over SBC's opposition to CBF's application for BWA membership.

MORE CBF LIBERALISM—The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is a breakaway organization of moderates and liberals. Last year, a CBF auxiliary partner ministry featured a breakfast rife with stridently feminist God language and had songs and prayers to “Mother God.” (See 9/15/01 *CC*.) This year's meeting in Fort Worth was marked by allegations of plagiarism by CBF Resource Coordinator Reba Cobb of a 1970s-era sermon from a book said to be “a full-orbed defense of the far left of American religious feminism.” This source of her speech contained lesbian and erotic writings (7/8 *Chr. News*). CBF Coordinator Daniel Vestal wants dialogue with Muslims and said the CBF is committed to interfaith dialogue (7/11 *Ala.Bapt.*). The national CBF elected a Missouri woman, Cynthia Holmes, as moderator-elect.

RECENT NEW COLLEGE LEADERS—Dr. William E. Brown, president of Bryan College since 1992, is to succeed Dr. Paul Dixon as president of Cedarville University (GARBC partner) in early 2003. *** Dr. George D. Youstra recently announced his retirement as president of Clearwater Christian College and Dr. Richard A. Stratton is the new president-elect. *** Dr. Matt Olson succeeds Dr. Les Ollila as president of Northland Baptist Bible College. *** Dr. Tim Jordan became Chancellor of Calvary Baptist Seminary and is succeeded as President by Dr. David Burggraff. *** Dr. David Boulter was elected President of Tennessee Temple University succeeding Dr. Roger Stiles who became V-P. (Dr. Barkev Trachian is Temple Baptist Seminary President.)

SPONG'S 'NEW CHRISTIANITY'—Former Episcopalian Bishop John Shelby Spong denies the Trinity, Christ's deity and resurrection, and many other tenets of historical Christianity. He now proposes a “new Christianity” which must be able to “incorporate all of our reality. It must be able to allow God and Satan to come together in each of us...It must unite Christ with Antichrist, Jesus with Judas, male with female, heterosexual with homosexual” (7-8 *World*).

DE HAAN SUCCUMBS TO PARKINSON'S—Richard W. De Haan, former head of RBC Ministries and creator in 1968 of the weekly *Day of Discovery* TV program, died in July. He was 79 and suffered from Parkinson's disease. He took over his family's broadcast ministry when his father, well-known Bible teacher M.R. De Haan, died in 1965. He was the voice of the daily “Radio Bible Class” for over 30 years until his retirement in 1985 (8/10 *World*). He attended Wheaton and Calvin colleges and Northern Baptist Seminary and generally continued the scriptural teaching of his father. We have disagreed with their teaching that Jesus could have sinned, and have long been concerned about the drift toward New Evangelicalism. Liberals and New Evangelicals were sometimes quoted in *Our Daily Bread* devotional booklets.

FORMER CT EDITOR KENNETH KANTZER DIES—Dr. Kenneth Kantzer, 85, died June 20. He had a Ph.D. from Harvard, taught at Wheaton and Trinity, and was editor of the new-evangelical *Christianity Today* from 1978 to 1982. He praised the Pope and referred to him as “the successor of St. Peter” in the 9/6/85 *CT*. He said of hell: “But when Jesus spoke of flames...these are most likely figurative warnings.”

WHITHER TENNESSEE TEMPLE UNIVERSITY?—We would like to be able to sincerely recommend Tennessee Temple Schools (and Temple Baptist Seminary). After all, it's only a little over 100 miles from us (closer than any other such “evangelical” entity), and we have found their professors (the ones we've met through the years) to be nice folks. So, what's the problem? It's one that few ever mention anymore—the doctrine of Biblical separation! Routinely and habitually, year after year, TTU/TBS invites speakers identified, in varying degrees, as being in the New Evangelical camp. Some are reputed to be ecumenicals. Listed speakers in recent years include the following: Drs. Warren Wiersbe, Stephen Olford (So. Baptist), Mark Senter (Trinity Int'l U.), Walter Kaiser (Gordon-Conwell Sem.), Tom Mahairas, Kenn Gangel (Dallas/Toccoa), Eugene Merrill (DTS?), and Gary Habermas (Liberty U., defender of Shroud of Turin hoax). Trinity, Gordon-Conwell, Dallas, and Liberty have all for years taken a New Evangelical stance. TTU Pres. Dr. David Boulter was listed to speak at Word of Life and WOL's Dr. Joe Jordan was to speak at TTU last month. (See 8/02 *CC* for the “legacy” WOL founder Jack Wyrzten left on separation.) We know of no one who is perfect on this issue, but should it not grieve all of us when this Bible doctrine is so ignored?

PASTORS, CHURCHES MUST TEACH DOCTRINE—A doctrineless people will soon become a directionless people. They have no anchorage and no sense of direction. They are without guidance...A doctrineless people is a spineless people. They have no great convictions to put strength into their characters. They have no principles for which to fight. They do not know what the controversy means. They have no criteria nor canons for evaluation. They do not sense the dangers or the issues involved. Therefore, they are supine and soft and easily succumb. (April 2002, *Baptist Banner*)

'SILENT' EVANGELICALS ARE USED BY WCC COMMITTEES—Thomas Oden, Drew University professor and executive editor of *Christianity Today*, pleads for unity in the August 5 *CT* and says the growing half of the world church is not liberal, but evangelical, charismatic, and Pentecostal. He writes: “A few evangelicals appear on WCC committees, but these are typically 'safe' evangelicals who will not offer substantive critique of the Geneva office [of WCC], and whose attendance makes the WCC appear to be evangelically acceptable.” Oden says this won't work. “Not until the WCC receives centrist evangelicals as equal partners can there be constructive engagement.” Why do evangelicals want to be “unequally yoked” with the apostate world religion of the leftist WCC? God's Word commands separation.

'EQUALLY PARTNERED' OR 'UNEQUALLY YOKED'?—Thomas Oden, executive editor of *Christianity Today*, wants the liberal World Council of Churches to “receive” the World Evangelical Alliance as an “equal partner” (or vice versa). He says: “Some in the WEA would love to see [it] lurch in more liberal directions in environmental and government regulatory policy, while some in the WCC would like to see more biblical and classical Christian teaching.” The Global Christian Forum appears to look beyond the WCC to include evangelicals, Pentecostals, Roman Catholics and the Orthodox (8/5 *CT*). Oden says: “Oddly, there is more conversation between evangelicals and Catholics than between liberal and evangelical Protestants.” He laments the divisions that ecumenism has caused and continues to reinforce.

DISCIPLES OF MCINTIRE is the title of a new book by Dr. Timothy Tow. He relates how he became Dr. Carl McIntire's disciple and gives some history of the WCC/ICCC and the Bible Presbyterian Church in Singapore, etc. He has an interesting closing chapter on “McIntire's Maxims.” Some may disagree with the few pages devoted to “Christian Sabbath,” KJB, Scofieldism, etc. Get this 131-page book from Far Eastern Bible College, Email: febc@pacific.net.sg, or visit the Web site at: <http://www.lifefebc.com>

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TAXPAYERS MUST PAY FOR CYBERPORN IN PUBLIC LIBRARIES—A federal court recently ruled that a Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), requiring Web filters at public libraries, is unconstitutional (6/15 *World*). The three-judge panel said legislatures cannot force public libraries to install software that blocks sexually explicit sites from their public computers. This forces taxpayers to pay for people to view public pornography in public libraries. What next?

MASONRY & SOUTHERN BAPTISTS—Messengers at the recent Southern Baptist Convention rejected voting on a resolution describing Freemasonry as incompatible with Christianity. An estimated 500,000 to 1.3 million Southern Baptists, including an estimated 15 percent of SBC pastors and 18 percent of SBC deacons, are members of the Masonic Lodge (6/24 *Chr. News*). Masons are not a harmless fraternity but indeed a dangerous religion. Its own books say it is a religion. It teaches that Jesus is not God and that a person must work his way to heaven. (See 12/1/97 & 2/1/02 *CC* s.)

SAUDIS 'WORST RELIGIOUS FREEDOM VIOLATORS'—Saudi Arabia tops the list of religious freedom violators. It is a charter member of the United Nations, yet it brazenly ignores the UN's Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which asserts the right to profess, propagate and change faith (7/8 *C. Today*). Pakistan, another of our allies in the war on terror, keeps terrorizing non-Muslims and imprisoning Christians.

DR. FALWELL, IS HAGEE NO LONGER A HERETIC?—We have a copy of Jerry Falwell's May 6, 1994 *The Liberty Flame* (now defunct?), with the front page headline "John Hagee: Heretic?" We now see the same John Hagee pictured and listed on page 2 of Jerry Falwell's July 2002 *National Liberty Journal* to bring a Patriotic Message for Falwell's Independence Day Celebration (July 3). Is Hagee no longer a heretic, as the 1994 article quoted Paige Patterson and newspapers as suggesting? The main problem was Hagee's "Two Covenant" belief (see 6/15/94 *CC*). If he no longer believes it, or was misquoted, he should explain his belief. The 1994 article said in 1975 Hagee resigned as pastor of a charismatic church saying his marriage was over and he had become "immoral" in personal conduct. He became pastor of Cornerstone Church (San Antonio) and remarried in 1975. His Web

site July 2002 listed a "Cornerstone Fourth of July Campmeeting featuring "Pastor Hagee and his guests, Bishop T.D. Jakes, John Maxwell, Jesse Duplantis...." Jakes and Duplantis are charismatics. Jakes was recently accused of being a "Oneness Pentecostal," which denies the Trinity.

BENEDICTS OPEN FOR MEETINGS—Willard and Donna Benedict have just completed a ministry in church planting and are open to minister in Bible/mission conferences. Reach them at: 9442 SE 174th Loop, Summerfield, FL 34491-6457.

NEW BOOK ON BILL GOTHARD —Ron Hensel and Don and Joy Veinot have authored a new book, *A Matter of Principles*, endorsed by leading Evangelical leaders. It gives the background and cultural setting for an in-depth analysis of Bill Gothard's teachings. Hensel is completing a Master's degree at Wheaton; the Veinots are staff researchers and writers for *Midwest Outreach Journal*. Gothard is president of the Institute in Basic Life Principles. They acknowledge his sincerity and cite his phenomenal popularity. But they charge him with many "strange" and inconsistent teachings and practices—his "chain of command" authority structure teaching, his courtship views, his twisting and misuse of Scripture, taking things out of context, etc. The "strange" teachings include: necessity of circumcision for Christians, arranged marriages and a ritual that engages a daughter to her father until marriage, an unscriptural "chain of command" authority system, belief that no one should ever go against parental counsel, no matter how old the child or wicked the parents—and even when they tell us to perform actions we believe to be contrary to God's will (unless it's against the direct command of God), teaches that loneliness is sin that must be repented of, embraces the Galatian error on sanctification, says grace as unmerited favor is a faulty definition (says "grace is merited by a person's humility."). He says grace for salvation is not merited, but cites Noah, Moses and Gideon as OT examples of those who found grace and "possessed qualities that merited God's favor." The authors discuss Gothard's "cover up" of a 1980 sex scandal involving his brother Steve (IBLP v-p) who "confessed to deception and fornication with several women." Far from being a Fundamentalist screed, the book is endorsed by many (and mostly) New Evangelicals. Including: Two SBC seminary professors, a Dallas Seminary professor, and Dr. Jay Adams. We have carried several articles in past years warning about some of Gothard's dangerous doctrines and practices (e.g., 4/1/97 CC). The 383-page book can be ordered from: Midwest Christian Outreach, PO Box 455, Lombard, IL 60148, Phone 630/627-9028, www.midwestoutreach.org. Price is \$15.99 +. p&h.

ALCOHOL'S IMPACT ON CAMPUS—A deeply ingrained culture has developed on U.S. college campuses that promotes the drinking of alcoholic beverages, with thousands of deaths, injuries, sexual assaults and health problems, per a new report (6/10 *Chr. News*). Another study revealed a significant increase in binge drinking at schools for women.

DID JESUS SIN?—Barna Research Group says a quarter of Americans feel strongly that Jesus sinned when he lived on earth. "Feel strongly" is the trouble. Many today let feelings take precedence over doctrines of the Word of God. To suggest that Jesus may have committed sins when He lived on earth is blasphemy. If He sinned, He couldn't be our Savior.

FALWELL & CHARISMATICS—Dr. Jerry Falwell has a long history of working with charismatics, dating back to Moral Majority and PTL days. Charismatic leader Stephen Strang, publisher of the movement's main magazine (*Charisma*), paid a 1997 bridge-building visit to Falwell and came away praising his openness to charismatics (see 10/15/97 CC). Falwell has platform-shared and participated with several charismatics, such as at the 1996 Washington for Jesus Rally with Rock Church pastor John Gimenez. (6/15/96 CC). He featured Jim Cymbala and his Brooklyn Tabernacle choir at his Super Conference '99. Cymbala is reportedly a charismatic, and indeed runs in those circles (see 9/15/99 & 2/1/01 CCs). Falwell also paid tribute to and praised "false prophet" Benny Hinn

(8/15/00, 4/1/00, & 12/15/99 CCs). Falwell announced in his 7/02 National Liberty Journal that John Hagee of Cornerstone Church in San Antonio is a July 3 featured speaker at Falwell's church. Hagee is a dynamic preacher against the moral sins of our day but is solidly linked to the charismatic movement. He has pulpit-shared with Hinn and Oral Roberts, and received an honorary degree from ORU. Falwell had a long article in his 5/6/94 Liberty Flame titled "John Hagee: Heretic?" (see 6/15/94 CC).

DAVE WYRTZEN MINISTERS AT GRAHAM CENTER—Dave Wyrzten is offended that a May 21 Chr. Today article linked his father (Word of Life founder) Jack Wyrzten with Carl McIntire and Bob Jones, Jr. in labeling Billy Graham a liberal (7/8 Chr. Today). He said his father "deeply respected the biblical purity of Billy's lifelong gospel message and remained personal friends" with Graham. [Note: We would question the "biblical purity" of Graham's gospel.] Wyrzten went on to say: "Jack did not consider Billy his enemy, and with my brother Don, I look forward to ministering this summer at the Billy Graham Training Center." Note how unscriptural and fraught with danger Dave's last sentence is: "Dad's legacy taught us that 'friendship' and 'the communion of saints' were far more important than separatism and jealous controversy." What a sad legacy, this deprecation of the biblical doctrine of separation!

THE CULT OF JABEZ is the title of a new 118-page book by Steve Hopkins. He makes the case that the loud clamor of prayers by millions in the wealthiest nation, making personal demands that God "bless me, bless ME a lot, etc.," are drowning out prayers of suffering believers. Hopkins says: "All across the world believers in Christ are suffering in need of the basic necessities for daily survival. Yet while they are being persecuted and martyred for their faith in Jesus, millions of professing Christians in America and Europe covet a life of perpetual ease, and plenty." He quotes extensively from Bruce Wilkinson's three Jabez books and says the recitation of words or prayers ("vain repetitions," "incantations") is "the cornerstone of the occultic teachings of witchcraft and sorcery." You can get Hopkins' book from: COJ Book Offer, Bethel Press, Box 777, Burnet, TX 78611. Price is \$12 (including s&h). Ten or more rate is \$5.39 each.

FBF RESOLUTION ON NEW EVANGELICALISM IN FUNDAMENTALISM—Realizing that significant numbers of professing Fundamentalists continue to drift into New Evangelicalism, we grieve over this departure from Biblical separation and call for an unwavering commitment to a bold, militant defense of truth. As Fundamentalists, we must be willing to point out error and deal with it honestly, and when necessary, to separate from New Evangelicalism posing as Fundamentalism. We reaffirm our beliefs and practices concerning ecclesiastical and personal separation, and resolve to model Biblical love, intellectual honesty, diligent study, Scriptural preaching, appropriate debate, Holy Spirit dependence, joyful endurance, pure character, and gentleness of spirit, but deplore and forsake hypocrisy, unapproachableness, rashness, reactionism, contentiousness, and unteachableness.

GRAHAM DOESN'T WARN LAMB OF WOLVES—Billy Graham, quoted in 5-6 Foundation from 10/10/99 St. Louis Dispatch: "I am not a pastor of a church. That's not my responsibility. My responsibility is to preach the Gospel to everyone and let them choose their own church, whether it is Catholic or Protestant or Orthodox or whatever it is. And to me that's between an individual and a church and God."

IBFNA RESOLUTION: RESPONDING TO COMPROMISE IN THE GARBC—WHEREAS, the Independent Baptist Fellowship of North America (IBFNA) exists to lead the cause for Biblical Separation and this leadership requires both teaching the truth and warning against compromise (Col. 1:28), and WHEREAS, continuing compromise is evident in many of the churches affiliated with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches (GARBC) and its partnering schools and agencies,

and WHEREAS, symptomatic of this compromise is the appointment of Dr. William Brown, currently the president of new-evangelical Bryan College (Dayton, TN) as the next president of Cedarville University, and WHEREAS, this appointment continues the theological decline Cedarville University has pursued for many years under the leadership of its retiring president, Dr. Paul Dixon, as demonstrated by the speakers in its chapel pulpit, the lack of separatist teaching in its classrooms, the rapid descent into worldliness in its most recent jazz festival, and the discarding of its former musical and theological standards, and WHEREAS, the GARBC is cooperating with the theological compromise of Cedarville University, the site of the 2002 Annual Conference, through its partnering relationship, and WHEREAS, partnering has proved no better than the approval system but has only served to deflect criticism of the GARBC, and WHEREAS, we recognize that there are several of our fundamentalist brethren who remain in the GARBC, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the members of the IBFNA meeting in Annual Conference in Middleburg Heights, Ohio, June 25-27, 2002, do affirm that affiliation with the GARBC is inconsistent with the Biblical Doctrine of Separation that has been the very purpose of the IBFNA from its inception. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage all of our fundamentalist brethren to withdraw from the GARBC and that they rally together with the IBFNA in raising high the standard carried by the separatist founders of the GARBC. BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that we instruct the Editor of the IBFNA Review to provide Pastors and church members with current information about the compromise in the GARBC so that the IBFNA continues to follow the example of Dr. Robert T. Ketcham, Dr. Paul R. Jackson, and other past leaders of the GARBC, who challenged the compromises of their day and defended Biblical Separation in official GARBC publications.

NEW BOOK ON HOLY LAND—Dr. Stewart Custer served many years as chairman of the Division of Bible at BJU and currently pastors Trinity Bible Church at Greer, SC. He and his wife have led numerous tours of the Holy Land. He has a fabulous big book, *Stones of Witness*—an extraordinary collection of photos of Holy Land sights (best we've ever seen!) with an artfully-weaved concise text. You can order this 236-page book and CD from Janella Murry, BJU Press. Phone: 864/242-5100, Ext. 4350. E-mail: jmurry@bjup.com

IBFNA CONFERENCE REPORT—The 12th Annual Family Bible Conference of the Independent Baptist Fellowship of North America took place June 25-27 at Middleburg Heights, Ohio. The preaching, music, and fellowship were good (see June CC for list of speakers). Officers elected to new two-year terms were: Jeff Bailey is the new Moderator, succeeding Dr. Clay Nuttall; Dan Brown is the new IBFNA Secretary; and Tom Hamilton is Treasurer. Dave Reinhardt is the new Editor of *The Review*, succeeding Paul Gustine. Next year's meeting is tentatively set for Norwich, Conn.

IBFNA HONORS CC EDITOR—The Independent Baptist Fellowship of North America presented its Watchman Award to this editor at its annual convention June 27. A plaque with the Ezek. 3:17 verse had this notation: "For His Contributions to Our Fellowship and the Cause of Fundamentalism as Editor of the *Calvary Contender*." What an undeserved surprise!

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'GET KIDS OUT OF CALIF. PUBLIC SCHOOLS' —Most public schools today have become government indoctrination centers. James Dobson recently urged parents not to send their kids to public schools in California for fear they could be corrupted by a pro-homosexual agenda. His Focus on the Family last year singled out 10 “radical bills” that would “require [Calif.] teachers to tell children that homosexuality is normal and that anybody who objects is hateful.” (5/02 *Baptist Banner*) Dr. Laura (4/9) stood with Dobson and said: “Take your kids out of public schools.” Pat Buchanan said (3/28): “Anyone who teaches a child that homosexuality is a moral, natural and healthy lifestyle is lying to that child.”

CARTER'S TREK TO CUBA—Former president Jimmy Carter, in a five-day trip in May, became the first U.S. president since Calvin Coolidge to set foot in Cuba. He dined with Castro, praised his “superb systems of health care and universal education,” and called for the lifting of the 40-year-old U.S. embargo of the communist country. [Why didn't he lift it when *he* was president?] White House officials said Carter's visit was an undeserved public-relations coup for Castro (5/25 *World*). Alina Fernandez, the émigré daughter of the Cuban dictator, chastised Carter for playing into the hands of her father's brutal and repressive regime (6/02 *NLJ*). Forget Castro's charm offensive, Cuba for nearly 10 years has been producing bio-terrorism weapons complicit with Russia (6/1 *World*). Pres. Carter is not only undiscerning politically, but also spiritually so. He, as a Baptist Sunday School teacher, said it is wrong to believe that Mormon doctrine is essentially non-Christian and that Mormons are in need of evangelization (12/15/97 *CC*).

HABITAT: A GLOBAL RELIGION—Habitat for Humanity has built over 120,000 homes for poor people both here and overseas. It “gladly partners with people of other faiths,” and “it's not unusual to see a [Jewish] synagogue sponsoring a Habitat home” (6/10 *Chr. Today*). We noted (1/1/97 *CC*) that Habitat is ecumenical to the core and basically a global religion. We quoted its founder: “Habitat is in sympathy with the efforts of the World Council of Churches and other groups to influence churches and God's people to cooperate and work together.” Last year HFH formally launched a new partnership with the National Council of Churches (7/15/01 *CC*).

IS MARIJUANA HARMLESS?—White House drug czar John Walters says marijuana is not a harmless high. He says today's potheads inhale smoke that is 10 to 20 times stronger than what earlier generations used, making it addictive enough that 60 percent of “teens in drug treatment have a primary marijuana diagnosis.” (5/11 *World*) Walters says the drug has carcinogens, can hurt a user's concentration and memory, and is linked to tens of thousands of car accidents.

GAMBLING IS A LOSING BET—Timothy Kelly, a gambling researcher, says legalized betting costs federal and state governments over \$6 billion a year in gambling-related expenses. These include funding addiction treatment centers and handling higher numbers of bankruptcies—and those costs don't include the personal hardships suffered by families whose breadwinners wager their wages away (5/20 *USN&WR*). Of the over 800 casinos now spanning the nation, roughly 450 are located in Nevada and Atlantic City.

GUN CONTROL IN ENGLAND—Britain outlawed handguns about 5 years ago, and since then, there has been a jump in handgun crime of 40 percent (6/3 *New Amer.*). Robbers in England simply refuse to abide by the gun-control laws so the number of London's armed robbery victims rose 53 percent between April and November 2001 (6/8 *World*). The chances of being mugged in London are six times greater than in New York. The old prediction is true: “When guns are outlawed, only outlaws have guns.” [The Bush administration recently defended the Second Amendment right for individuals to keep and bear arms, but subject to “reasonable restrictions.”]

MAKUJINA HAS NEW PUBLISHER FOR MUSIC BOOK—John Makujina has a new publisher for his large 303-page book on CCM/rock music. *Measuring the Music* (see our 6/1/00 review) is now available from Old Paths Publications, 1 Bittersweet Path, Willow Street, PA 17584, 800-999-4541.

OPRAH'S 'GOSPEL'—The gospel according to Oprah offends no one, promises everything, and asks nothing except that devotees earn their way to a nebulous salvation (5/21 *CT*). Oprah says, “One of the biggest mistakes humans make is to believe there is only one way. Actually, there are many diverse paths leading to what you call God.” (4/02 *CC*)

ACCREDITATION DENIED OVER CREATIONISM STAND—Accreditation was denied Patrick Henry College, an outreach to home-schooled students, because of its stated “biblical worldview” and its instruction in creationism (6/02 *NLJ*). Its president, Michael Farris, said PHC is denied its freedom to think, believe, and speak contrary to the norm of academia. The rather new PHC has about 150 students. It plans to appeal.

IS HUMAN CLONING MURDER?—With the rise of bio-technology, the protection of life requires opposition to human cloning and embryo-destroying stem-cell research (5/4 *World*). Destroying an embryo that was created by cloning is the moral equivalent of taking a human life (5/9 *Ala. Baptist*). “Human cloning is a grievous assault on God as the author of life and an insult to Him as the Lord of life. Human cloning of embryos for the purpose of destroying them for their stem cells multiplies that horror....” (1/1 *CC*).

SBC'S 'TENUOUS' SUPPORT OF BWA—The Southern Baptist Convention continues to provide substantial funding for the Baptist World Alliance—an organization that has ties to the one-world church movement. The BWA has ties to the United Nations and the World Council of Churches. Former SBC president Paige Patterson says the relationship between the SBC and the BWA is “tenuous” and “under continuous evaluation.” (5/15 *AgapePress*) He said it's always a difficult decision, do you stay in and try to keep it from getting out of hand, or do you vacate it? He adds: “And

of course the independent Baptists' effort has always been to separate....”

N.A.E. TO WASHINGTON—The National Association of Evangelicals board voted May 1 to move its headquarters from Azusa, Calif. to Washington, DC. The June 10 *Chr. Today* said the move “marks the latest step back from the controversial tenure of Kevin Manion who resigned in July 2001 amid financial woes, controversy over ecumenical relations, and a sharp rebuff from National Religious Broadcasters.” (Get Dr. Ralph Colas's firsthand report on all this from: ACCC, P.O. Box 5455, Bethlehem, PA 18015.)

PRESBYTERIANS LOST 32,000 MEMBERS IN 2001—The nation's largest Presbyterian body (PCUSA) lost 31,549 members last year. This decline follows a larger steady trend in liberal Protestant mainline churches since membership peaked in the mid-1960s (5/27 *Christian News*). Over \$4.2 million in personnel and program cutbacks were announced.

MAINLINE UNBELIEF—Archbishop Dmitri Royster, a former Southern Baptist, is now a maverick of the Orthodox Church. He observed (5/21 *Chr. Today*) that many visitors to his church say they come due to problems within their own mainline [liberal] denominations. He said: “There is a weakness there, a denial of the divinity of Christ and of the integrity of the Scriptures.” He recalls an incident when he was teaching Greek to seminarians at Perkins School of Theology [U. Meth.]. “I asked the class how many believed in the divinity of Christ. After I defined it—not just that Jesus was a divinely inspired teacher, but that he was truly the Son of God—not one student in the class would agree.”

IS THE CC DEPRESSIVE?—Someone recently remarked to us, “I've quit reading the *Contender*, it's too depressive.” We of course understand where this friend is coming from and concede that negative news and warnings are not popular. They were not in Isaiah's day either. The people wanted to hear “smooth things,” not “right” things (Isa. 30:8-10). In the physical realm, would we not want a doctor to inform us if we had cancer? Indeed we want the truth, even if it isn't always “positive.” The doctor would not relish being the bearer of “negative” news, just as we derive no joy from reporting unpleasant news. A worn out cliché: “It is easier to be an appeaser than an opposer.” Some say the Bible is “depressing.” It mentions God's anger, wrath, fury, hatred, vengeance, and indignation about six times as much as it does His love. If we speak the truth in love, it may depress and even offend some, but hopefully will also bless and help some.

RICK WARREN'S PURPOSE-DRIVEN CHURCH MEETING—Thousands of church leaders swarmed Pastor Rick Warren's Saddleback Church mega-campus in late May for a “how-to” church growth seminar. One pastor, transitioning to a purpose-driven model, told of replacing the pipe organ with a praise band. The Lake Forest conference drew 3,800 church leaders from very diverse backgrounds—over 93 varied denominations. The mass convergence of beliefs seemed to imply that methodology was the valued commodity here, and that doctrinal purity is much less consequential. A Saddleback executive pastor said: “We're not talking about doctrine.” “We're talking about how to do church in a way that meets people where their needs are.” (5/28 *Relig. Today*) Warren was a scheduled speaker at the recent SBC meeting in St. Louis.

NEW ECUMENICAL ALLIANCE SEEKS TO UNITE ALL U.S. CHRISTIANS—A “Christian Churches Together in the USA” document was signed in Chicago in April by Catholic, liberal Protestant, evangelical, Orthodox, Pentecostal leaders or representatives. Such a broad union of ecumenicals is a step in the formation of the one-world church of Antichrist.

FALWELL: 'BRIGHT IS GREATEST MISSIONARY SINCE PAUL'—Many good things could be said about Dr. Bill Bright and Campus Crusade's sincere efforts in worldwide evangelism. But to a large

degree, this has been a ministry of disobedience. For, along the way, Bright has warmly embraced Catholics and Charismatics, and has linked himself with a plethora of ecumenical endeavors. Yet, Jerry Falwell's Liberty University on May 11, awarded honorary degrees to Bill and Vonette Bright for "their years of remarkable Christian service." (6/2 *Nat'l Liberty Journal*) And just prior to the ceremonies honoring the 1,560 LU graduates, Falwell noted: "In my opinion, Dr. Bill Bright is the greatest Christian missionary since the Apostle Paul."

REORGANIZED MORMONS CHANGE NAME—The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints changed its name to Community of Christ in April 2001. It rejects some Mormon teachings, such as the idea that God was a man and that man may become God, but it holds to many of the same errors as the Mormons, e.g., accepting Joseph Smith as a prophet, taking the Book of Mormon as scripture, claiming the Aaronic and Melchizedek priesthoods were restored, believing in three levels of heaven and baptism for the remission of sins (David Cloud via *C. News*).

SBC UPDATE REPORT—The annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention has wrapped up in St. Louis. Below are some major events of this year's meeting:

Dr. Jack Graham of Dallas was elected by acclamation to succeed Dr. James Merritt as SBC president. Some homosexuals disrupting the meeting were arrested. The gender-neutral TNIV translation was denounced. Church discipline of sex abuse in SBC ranks, and appropriate civil prosecution, was called for. Speakers included: Bill Bright (Campus Crusade), Rick Warren, Adrian Rogers, and Lt. Col. Oliver North. Setting off a firestorm of controversy was Pastor's Conference speaker Dr. Jerry Vines who called Muhammad a demon-possessed pedophile who had 12 wives, his last one being a 9-year-old girl. It was later verified that Vines based his charges on an Islamic source, the Hadith.

DEATHS: Dr. W.E. "Bill" Dowell, 87, chancellor of Baptist Bible College (BBC), passed away May 2 in Springfield, MO. He pastored High Street Baptist from 1941 to 1963. He served for eight years as v-p of BBC, then in 1975, upon the death of BBC president Dr. G.B. Vick, he served eight years (1975-1983) as BBC president. *** Dr. Paul Tassell was born July 20, 1934 and passed away June 3, 2002. He began preaching at age 15 and earned a Ph.D. in NT Interpretation from BJU at 23. He pastored various churches, served three years as Nat'l Youth Rep, and as GARBC's National Rep for 15 years. He was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 1991.

PERSONAL NOTE —Nothing much new to report, except certain muscles are weakening. (Walking, talking, writing, driving, etc. are affected.) I am to start the last of June on a medication my neurologist wants me to try, and will then go back to him in August and decide where to go from there. I'm actually not in any pain to speak of, except in my neck, and that pain has been there since last fall, presumably related to my Parkinson's stooped posture. Tremors are mostly mild, so far. The medication will treat symptoms but won't slow the progressive, degenerative dying of brain cells. There will be side effects. Please just pray that I'll be able to continue this ministry, at least on a monthly basis, for as long as our loving Lord sees fit to enable such. Maranatha!

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PRES. BUSH 'UNSIGNS' DANGEROUS ICC—According to *AgapePress*, the Bush Administration announced last month it is formally renouncing Bill Clinton's agreement to give U.S. backing to a world court. The International Criminal Court treaty would open U.S. soldiers, military leaders, and even the president to prosecution by anyone in the world who deemed Americans had done something wrong on the battlefield. This world court already has the endorsement of over 60 other nations and is due to begin operations next year in The Hague. Clinton signed the treaty on his last day in office, but it never made it to the Senate for ratification. [We are disappointed with Pres. Bush's favors to homosexuals, having disgraceful rock star Ozzy Osbourne at the White House last month, but we applaud his unsigning of the ICC treaty. We're in perilous times. Pray for our leaders.]

PRAGMATIC CHARISMATICS—The *May Charisma* had this quote from Stephen Strang, its founder: We charismatics seem to gravitate to the latest thing that brings results. A few years ago it was discipleship, then 'name it and claim it.' After that it was spiritual warfare. Now it's apostolic authority. Elsewhere, the *May Charisma* quoted a Nigerian pastor's lament that preachers there have used a cheap version of the prosperity gospel to enrich themselves and made it a sham. He said: I know of churches where they will not pray for you at the altar unless you give money first. They teach that you must give a seed first in order to receive any kind of blessing. Another Nigerian pastor said that in a trip to Tulsa in the 1980s he heard God say to him: Make my people rich. It is not the God of the Bible speaking this nonsense.

SAD STATISTICS—According to the *5/02 Charisma*: Over 70 million Christians over the world have been martyred in the last 20 centuries. *** There are 500 million orphans in the world and 70 million abandoned children and infants. *** Worldwide, 200 million children are exploited for labor. *** Even in the year 2002, 35 million people are still slaves. *** Pedophile racketeers victimize some 5.8 million children.*** There are 24 million prostitutes. *** Each year, about \$47 billion of cocaine is sold in the world. *** Trusted church workers steal some \$16 billion annually from church funds.

JOURNALISTS DISPLAY ANTI-CHRISTIAN BIGOTRY?—Many journalists have displayed the one politically correct bigotry still allowed and esteemed—anti-Christian bigotry. America is becoming a country where religious belief is welcome only if it abandons claims to exclusive truth (e.g., Jesus is the ONLY way to heaven.). Many secular liberals consider all Bible-believing Christians fundamentalists. Mean-spirited ones even call us Christian Taliban, and say anti-abortionists are no different than Osama bin Laden (see *4/27 World*). Pro-life fundamentalists are not to be tolerated!

SPONG SAYS GOD IS DYING AND PROBABLY NOT REVIVABLE—Heretical retired Episcopal bishop John Shelby

Spong recently urged over 600 Methodists not to believe everything they read in the Bible (4/15 *Chr. News*). He has made a name for himself by attacking fundamentalist views of homosexuality, conversion and theism. The 4/27 *World* quotes Spong's explanation for *Why Christianity Must Change or Die*: Theism, as a way of conceiving God, has become demonstrably inadequate, and the God of theism not only is dying but is probably not revivable. If the religion of the future depends on keeping alive the definitions of theism, then the human phenomenon that we call religion will have come to an end. If Christianity depends on a theistic definition of God, then we...are watching this noble religious system enter the rigor mortis of its own death throes. Spong questions Christ's virgin birth and physical resurrection.

PREDATORY HOMOSEXUALS—A pertinent fact is being overlooked in the child sex abuse scandal in the Catholic Church: The perpetrators of these heinous crimes are not pedophile priests, but rather predatory homosexuals disguised as priests (5/6 *New Amer.*). There is some truth to the claim that the Catholic priesthood, since Vatican II, has become something of a Gay Profession. (4/22 *Chr. News*) Per *Time* (via 5/6 *CN*): [T]he highest officials of the largest Christian [?] denomination on earth have lower standards [regarding protecting minors] than secular criminal law does.

COMPUTER ID CHIPS INSIDE HUMANS?—The Verichip will soon be available for implantation inside a person's skin. Programmable and about the size of a grain of rice, it emits a radio signal when a special scanning device is passed over it. (5/6 *New Am.*) Applied Digital Solutions is working on another implant device that would link to satellites to track a person's every movement (e.g., criminal, lost child). Now voluntary for its medical benefits, it could become mandatory. A privacy attorney warns of potential abuse: It's what we call function creep. At first a device is used for applications we all agree are good but then it slowly is used for more than it was intended.

PEACE ACCORDING TO ISLAM—For Muslims, the world is divided into land controlled by non-Muslims (territory of war), and the land where Islamic law prevails. This is a permanent state of war, though there may be temporary truces. In Islam, then, a peace is not a peace, and a truce should not last longer than 10 years, for infidels should never be allowed to rest on their laurels. Any land infidels possess is held illegitimately. So, to Muslims, jihad is not aggression but retrieving what is their legitimate possession. Holy war (jihad) is a religious duty, because of the universalism of the [Muslim] mission and the obligation to convert everyone to Islam either by persuasion or by force (4/27 *World*).

MISSOURI DISSIDENTS BREAK AWAY FROM SBC—Dissident Baptists in Missouri are the latest to break away from the Southern Baptist Convention. About 350 Missouri Baptists are forming the Baptist General Convention of Missouri. Moderate [and liberal] Baptists in several states have formed alternative fellowships as a reaction to the SBC's conservative theology. Despite the rifts, the SBC says it grew even bigger last year. The nation's largest Protestant denomination says it now has more than 16 million members (5/2 *Agape Press*) A Southwest Baptist University [Mo.] Bible professor who led weekend Bible studies last month for the new BGC of Missouri said some Old Testament stories (including Jonah) cannot be taken literally (4/29 *Chr. News*).

BENNY HINN, A MASTER MANIPULATOR—Benny Hinn is a charismatic showman who manipulates his audiences. Looking into viewers' homes recently, he spied a bald, overweight man with a heart problem, wearing a yellow shirt. Hinn said he could see the man walking away from his TV, resisting appeals to donate during a TBN Praise-a-thon. Hinn begged the man: If you will make that pledge, God will heal your heart tonight. Mostly, he brushes off scrutiny and criticism, but not always gracefully. He once wished aloud for a Holy Ghost machine gun to blow off the heads of his critics; who object to such things as his unverifiable healing claims. His global crusades draw thousands who hope he will zap them with power absorbed from the graves of dead faith healers (4/14 *Houston Chron.*). His handlers audition quickly those who approach the stage and lets those with the best stories get on. Hank Hanegraaff calls Hinn a false prophet. Hinn has claimed that the world would end in 1999 and Cuba's Fidel Castro would die in the 1990s.

MBI PROF. PRAISES GRAHAM—Moody assistant professor of Bible Andrew Schmutzer, a doctoral candidate at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, had glowing praise of Dr. Billy Graham in the May-June *Moody*. He lauded Graham's commitment to both purity and a consistent stewardship of his gifts that helps explain his effective ministry. He has wed competence with character that has become a testimony itself. He added: We need to learn from our present-day models and 'consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.' Incredible! MBI students should be warned against the ecumenical disobedience and compromise of Graham instead of presenting him as a role model.

JIM WALLIS: SOCIAL ACTIVIST COALITION BUILDER—Jim Wallis, editor of the liberal *Sojourners* magazine, has been described as Jane Fonda's male clone. He was pro-Viet Cong (communist) during the Vietnam War (7/1/97 CC), but the 6/16/97 *Chr. Today* said he has been transformed from an antiwar and social justice activist to a coalition builder among diverse groups. He recently compared the divisions among Christians to those among gangs (4/13 *H. Times*). He said If Crips and Bloods can get together, why can't the evangelicals and the liberals...? Only by setting aside the doctrine of separation could such extreme ecumenism occur.

FBF CONFERENCE—The 82nd Annual National Meeting of the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship is set for Bethel Baptist Church, Schaumburg, Ill., June 11-13. General session speakers include: Dr. Rod Bell, Matt Recker, George Youstra, Mike Yarborough, Gordon Dickson, Michael Lambert, David Barba, and Ed Nelson. Dr. Bob Jones will speak at a Leadership Banquet. Workshop sessions will be led by Drs. John Vaughn, Matt Olsen, Beneth Jones, etc. Dr. Brad Smith is host pastor. For more info call (847)885-3230.

NOTE FROM EDITOR—I plan to have a brief update on my health (Parkinson's, etc.) in the July CC. Meanwhile, we are cutting back to a monthly, at least most of the time. Even at that, I am inundated with e-mails requesting info about some article or issue. I'm glad to do this but please be patient.

IBFNA CONFERENCE—The 12th Annual Independent Baptist Fellowship of N. America Family Conference is set for the Clarion Hotel, Cleveland, OH, June 25-27. Speakers include: Drs. John Stormer, Fred Moritz, Tom Nieman, Mike Windsor, Al Harris, John Williams, and IBFNA Moderator Dr. Clay Nuttall. Workshop leaders include: Ken Brown, Al Richards, Dave Kilgore, Mark Foster, Donna Benedict, Zeldia Brown, and Myrtle Weer. Prayer sessions will be led by, Art Sinski and Dan Brown. For more info, contact Conference Coordinator Jeff Bailey, 508/222-6283 (ofc.), 222-3095 (home).

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER - HOW CAN THE CAUSE BECOME THE SOLUTION?—The National Day of Prayer is an annual event, established by the U.S. Congress in 1952. Since 1988, it has been designated for the first Thursday of May, which fell on May 2 this year. What should be an occasion for congregations to meet together separately and earnestly pray for their nation has instead become a vast ecumenical media event. There is little praying in the midst of a lot of hoopla. There is shallow "repentance" of relatively meaningless things, of some of the symptoms of America's illness, instead of a genuine addressing of America's moral and spiritual debauchery. This year it will be conducted from Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. and will feature Bill Bright, Luis Palau, James Dobson, Greg Laurie, Lloyd Ogilvie, Josh McDowell, and Bill Bennett. [These are big] names in the movement to bring all churches together in spite of their doctrinal heresies, in direct and open disobedience to the Word of God. Bill Bright speaks highly of the pope and wants unity between Catholics and non-Catholics. That is part of the cause of America's problem. Can we not see in the newspapers every day what Rome has contributed to America's moral decline? James Dobson promoted Mother Teresa, in spite of her false gospel, and never warns his many Catholic listeners of Rome's blasphemous dogmas, filling their ears, instead, with his self-esteem principle. That is part of the cause of America's problem. America doesn't need more self esteem. It needs to fall on its idolatrous, lascivious knees and submit to Almighty God. Bill Bennett is a nice and knowledgeable man who cares for his country, but he is part of the problem, being himself deluded by Rome's false doctrines. He sees only the symptoms and is blind to the true causes of America's decline, the chief of which is religious apostasy. Luis Palau joins hands with Catholics and Church of Christ and other false groups in his evangelistic meetings, thus completely disobeying God's command of separation from false gospels....[He reportedly sends converts right back to the churches they come from.] It is part of the cause of America's problem. For the last five years, the National Day of Prayer was aired from Pentecostal Jack Hayford's Church on the Way in California, among others....Hayford believes in such nonsense as "baby tongues speaking... that a believer must begin with "baby tongues" and progress from there. He joined hands with thousands of Roman Catholics and had not one word to say about their error -- or about the silly nonsense of spirit slaying and spirit drunkenness and other such things that were prominent at the meeting. In addition, the National Day of Prayer will feature Christian rock music and charismatic praise groups, which ignore God's command to separate from the things of the world and to make a difference between the holy and the profane. The root cause of America's ills is the apostasy and carnality and compromise of her churches (including her independent Baptist churches, large numbers of which are as lukewarm as Laodicea, and which, like Sardis, have a name that they live but are dead), and the National Day of Prayer will only contribute to that cause. My friends, we DESPERATELY need to pray. Churches need to be praying instead of partying. But the ecumenical-charismatic-christian rock crowd are among the chief causes of America's spiritual problems, and it is impossible for the cause to become the solution. (5/2/02, David Cloud, Fund. Baptist Information Service, P.O. Box 610368, Port Huron, MI 48061, 866-295-4143, fbns@wayoflife.org)

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CARLTON PEARSON'S 'INCLUSION THEOLOGY'—Carlton Pearson is founder of a multiracial, charismatic megachurch in Tulsa. He claims he lost the recent mayoral primary due to his belief in inclusion theology, which also questions the existence of a literal hell (5/02 *Charisma*). His gospel of inclusion states that everyone is saved—they just don't know it. Pearson said he first started thinking about the inclusive doctrine after reading E.W. Kenyon's writings over 25 years ago and has been preaching it for three years. Per Dave Hunt, Kenyon is the real founder of today's Positive Confession movement which has also influenced Hagin, Cho, and others. Pearson spoke at NRB'98.

COMMERCIAL CONTEMPORARY MUSIC—Modern praise concerts where there is a ticket price have moved from worship of God, to the entertainment of the people. You don't pay to worship God! The cost of a praise service can be covered by a freewill offering but when tickets are sold, as in a recent Gaither concert in Toronto, the emphasis is on entertainment rather than the worship of God (2/02 *Canadian Revivalist*). Toronto Free Presby. pastor Dr. Frank McClelland said according to advertised ticket prices, if the Air Canada Centre was full that would bring in \$1.5 million.

CCM LEADS TO NEW EVANGELICALISM—Music is a powerful force for change. Rev. John Ashbrook writes in the 4/02 OBF *Visitor*: Wherever Christian contemporary music is welcomed by a fundamental church or school that fundamental entity will become new evangelical. Worship music is one of the great battles in Bible-believing churches today. We must teach students to thrill to the worship music which upholds the Savior. Be warned, be wise, beware!

CATHOLIC PRIEST'S UNSCRIPTURAL THEOLOGY—Influential Catholic priest Michael Manning gave the following answers to Larry King's questions (12/1 show): King asked: Now Father, if you don't believe in Christ when you die, are you going to hell? Manning replied: No, not at all. It's the Catholic belief that Jesus is the source of salvation, Jesus is God; we believe that. But what [do] we say to the millions and billions of people who don't even know about Jesus, are they just thrown into hell? Or what about a Rabbi who really follows the Lord as best he can? As a Catholic, I'm very comfortable that he attains salvation by doing this. King: So he achieves it without believing in Christ? Manning: Correct. [He added that it's not the goal of

Christ to try to throw people into hell.] King: ... [H]ow do you view Mohammed? Manning: As a very wise man. I see the beauty of Islam in a very strong way. A simple approach to God...I'm very touched by Ramadan, by the fasting; the beautiful presence of God and the power of God. And as a Catholic, I need to learn from that. (*Foundation*)

U.N. WORKERS TRADE AID FOR SEX—The United Nations has publicly accused its own aid workers and peacekeepers of rampant sexual abuse in West Africa (3/30 *World*). According to testimony of refugees, male UN staff members traded wheat and other food items, tarpaulins, and medicine for sex with girls under 18. UN workers feel free to abuse the people they are supposed to help and protect.

FORCED TO PAY FOR SOMEONE ELSE'S ABORTION?—Last month, California became the first state to force insurers to cover so-called morning-after pills. Gov. Gray Davis ordered California HMOs to pay for the drugs, claiming that a woman's right to choose must never be held up by red tape. (4/13 *World*) But, what about the right not to pay for someone else's abortion? In 1999, Davis signed a bill requiring HMOs to cover federally approved contraceptives.

BONO SEEKS AID FOR AIDS IN AFRICA—U2 rock singer Bono visited Washington last month to drum up political support for aid to Africa (for AIDS programs, and Third World debt forgiveness). Evangelicals were impressed by his profession of faith in Christ (but see 4/02 *CC*), and reporters were in awe as he tagged along with Pres. Bush for a day (4/22 *Chr. Today*, 3/30 *World*). Aid funds usually go to corrupt dictatorships and seldom reach the needy people.

HALF OF RC PRIESTS MAY BE HOMOSEXUALS—Roman Catholic seminary president Donald Cozzens says that at least half of the priests and seminarians in the U.S. may be homosexuals and that the priesthood is becoming a gay culture (4/8 *C. News*). RC officials have covered up for them.

COURT KILLS BAN ON VIRTUAL CHILD PORN—The U.S. Supreme Court last month shocked Christians over the country with a decision that legalizes child pornography when the pictures are generated by computers, etc. The ruling struck down a congressional ban on virtual child pornography, saying the First Amendment protects pornography or other sexual images that only appear to depict real children engaged in sex. *** And a federal judge has ruled against a bid by the Justice Department to overturn an Oregon law that allows doctor-assisted suicide. Attorney General John Ashcroft had sought to override that law, saying helping people to die was not a "legitimate medical practice."

VICTIM AWARDED \$80,000 FOR INJURY AT SERVICE—A woman who broke her arm after being slain in the spirit during a charismatic worship service won \$80,000 from the Long Island church where she was injured (2/21 *Ala. Baptist*). The minister placed his hand on her forehead causing her to fall backwards. She argued the church should have had someone in place to catch her. Or better yet, why not heal her?

CAMPING SAYS GOD'S USE OF CHURCHES IS ENDED—Family Radio founder Harold Camping claimed in his 1994? book that Christ would return in 1994. Foolish date setting is unwise. He now writes in the new *Family Radio News*: It is the time when the work of the corporate external church has been finished. It is no longer used of God to do the work that had been assigned it to do as its principal endeavor. That work is to evangelize the world. Thus we have learned that the time has now come when we must leave our churches and congregations even though we are to continue to gather in fellowship with other believers (Heb. 10:25). This means that God's usage of the churches...has come to an end. (4/8 *C. News*). So does Camping think Jesus was wrong when He said the gates of hell would not prevail against the church?

BWA LEADER WITH POPE AT ASSISI—Baptist World Alliance Gen. Sec'y Denton Lotz participated in Pope John Paul's interfaith prayer gathering for world peace at Assisi, Jan. 24 (*Foundation*). Lotz said: I went to

Assisi to affirm as Baptist Christians that we are people of peace and that we will join the other Christians to pray for peace. His other Christians included Catholics, Muslims, Hindus, etc. (2/15 CC), He has reached out ecumenically to Catholics before (see 2/1 CC). The testimony of conservative So. Baptists is tainted by its membership and support of the apostate BWA.

OBF'S 'EXPECTATIONS' FOR CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS—John Ashbrook in the 4/02 Ohio Bible Fellowship *Visitor* writes: We expect the schools to which we entrust our young people to take the separatist position of Christian service which holds that believers must only be yoked in ministry with spiritual equals. We expect our schools to teach our students that they cannot unite in service with modernism, new evangelicalism, ecumenical evangelism, or the charismatic movement. Rev. Ashbrook lists other expectations from schools (relating to morality, etc.), and said in church history it has usually been the schools which changed denominations from Bible-believing to apostate. He said we have watched such institutions as Moody, Biola and Wheaton change from fundamentalist to new evangelical and must be diligent lest the same pattern be followed by fundamentalist schools we now support. Music, Bible texts, and other current issues are mentioned in this 4-page article. Order it from: OBF, 3165 N. High St., Columbus, OH 43214, 10 copies for \$3.50.

OBF ON BIBLE TEXT ISSUE—Rev. John Ashbrook (OBF *Visitor* writes: The Bible text issue has become a divisive force in fundamentalism. He adds: We in the Ohio Bible Fellowship are grieved at the way this issue has divided fundamentalism. Every school which trains pastors must deal with this issue. In its teaching it must express its own conviction on the biblical text. However, we hope that our schools will beware of an emphasis which divides and makes it impossible for true, but differing, brethren to work together.

USE ONLY 'ORIGINAL SOURCES' IN QUOTING?—A Michigan PhD in an e-mail last month suggested this. (On the surface, it sounds more ethical and fair and, indeed, can and should be done at times.) But we replied: How many deceivers would give a truthful answer if it meant their deception would be exposed thereby? If one is devious enough to be a deceiver, he would have no qualms in lying to cover it up. I John 4:1 commands us to try or test false prophets, etc., and we do this by comparing their teachings to the Word of God (Isa. 8:20, Acts 17:11, Matt. 7:15-16). A wolf comes in the attire of a sheep, so wouldn't it be naïve to ask him (primary source) if he's a wolf? Great care must be taken in exposing compromising brethren who call themselves fundamentalists but are linked in ministries with new-evangelical compromisers. These we are to note and admonish, but not to count as enemies (II Thes. 3:14-15).

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BILL BRIGHT'S 'BEYOND ALL LIMITS' CONFERENCE, 'GLOBAL PASTORS NETWORK', 'SYNERGISTIC CHURCH'—Dennis Costella has a good firsthand report of the Beyond All Limits pastor's conference which convened in Orlando, Jan. 17-19 (*Foundation*). Campus Crusade's Bill Bright had the vision for this. The purpose was twofold: first, to minister to the 5,000 pastors assembled at First Baptist Church and second, to launch a new Internet program for training pastors for the new millennium, the Global Pastors Network. The ambitious plan to network (join together in common fellowship, ministry and purpose) and instruct virtually every Christian worker in the world by way of the Internet and satellite technology in the decade ahead was impressive. The proposed global synergistic church model, an ecumenically-styled network of churches and ministries where doctrinal issues are set aside and all who say they love Jesus will join together to reach the world for Christ. Many messages were helpful and Biblically-based. Speakers included Drs. Falwell, Stowell, Smalley, Warren, Trask, and Merritt. Charismatics were well represented by Hayford, and PK's Bill McCartney who stressed the need for no divisions to exist between all Christians. The above speakers and the following other ministries are part of 200 already committed to the GPN. Kay Arthur, Henry Blackaby, Bill Bright, Chuck Colson, Jim Cymbala, James Dobson, John Hagee, David Jeremiah, John Kilpatrick, Erwin Lutzer, Chuck Swindoll, and Bruce Wilkinson. A conference leader said: In the future, those [pastors] who are

not networking will not be working.

REVISIONIST EVANGELICALS OFFER STALE LIBERALISM—The struggle to define evangelical boundaries has existed since the formation of the movement in the 1940s. Young evangelicals in the 1970s stretched the movement leftward. The evangelical left now resists any meaningful boundaries at all (*4/6 World*). A group of theologians recently released a new manifesto for revisionist evangelicalism. The Word Made Fresh calls for evangelicals to resist attempts to propagate rigid definitions of evangelicalism that result in unnecessary alienation and exclusion. Without doctrinal boundaries, New Evangelicalism has long been adrift, moving leftward. The middle of the road is a dangerous parking place.

THE EXTREME MIDDLE—We have heard about the extreme right and the extreme left, but it is the extreme middle we need to expose as being extremely deceptive, extremely disobedient, and extremely dangerous. (Rev. Hayes Minnick). Dr. W. B. Riley in bygone years said: The middle-of-the-road man is the theological menace of the twentieth century. In the battle between truth and error, (good and evil) neutrality (moderation) is no virtue.

SCHULLER COZIES WITH MUSLIMS—Islam rejects the Jesus of the Bible. Yet Robert Schuller's compromises with Islam are notorious. From personally preaching in the mosque of the Grand Mufti in Damascus, to allowing the Islamic leader's cleric son to preach from his own pulpit, these things are nothing new for someone who sponsors Christians and Muslims for Peace at his Crystal Cathedral. He stated to an official of the Muslim American Society that if he [Schuller] came back in 100 years and found his descendants Muslims, it wouldn't bother him.... (*3/02 Berean Call*) He was also a keynote speaker for the Unity School of Christianity's (New Age) conference ridiculing evangelical Christianity; at Unification Church (Moonies) functions with Sun Myung Moon, and at Mormon Tabernacle where he addressed an interfaith event and saluted the Mormon Church (*Vantage Point*).

CHARISMATICS GO BEYOND PENTECOSTALISM—In promoting a book by O. Talmadge Spence in 1989, Dr. Bob Jones, Jr. wrote: The Charismatic movement goes far beyond the traditional Pentecostal practices of healing and speaking in tongues. It is not a matter of what many of us regard as a misinterpretation and misunderstanding of Scripture. It is a denial of Scriptural authority and infallibility....

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OPRAH'S CHURCH-FREE RELIGION—Oprah Winfrey since her 1986 debut has become one of the richest and most influential people in the world. In 1998 when she began “Change Your Life TV,” her main role has become that of spiritual leader. To her “congregation” of over 22 million mostly female viewers, she has become a postmodern priestess—an icon of church-free spirituality (4/1 *C. Today*). Her message is partly New Age psychobabble, but it goes much deeper. Oprah clearly believes part of her talk show host role is to call her audience to a higher plane. The theological nature of that higher plane and her methods for getting there alarms many Christian critics. Her former pastor says of her: “She now has this sort of 'God is everywhere, God is in me, I don't need to go to church, I don't need to be a part of a body of believers, I can meditate, I can do positive thinking' spirituality....” Oprah has said, “One of the biggest mistakes humans make is to believe there is only one way. Actually, there are many diverse paths leading to what you call God.” This contradicts John 14:6.

WE SHOULD EXCUSE THEOLOGY & IMMORALITY OF U2 CCM/ROCK GROUP? —Probably the world's biggest [rock] band today is U2, an enormously popular Irish group whose leader, Bono, “for all of his left-leaning political posture, is remarkably open about his Christianity.” (3/23 *World*) “U2's theology may not be as conservative as one would like [they shun the 'Christian' label], but still, this is a long way from the Rolling Stone's 'Sympathy for the Devil.’” A 4/02 *Charisma* reviewer of a book about U2 wrote: “...[T]he book is effective in stating its case that artists with a spiritual message shouldn't be dismissed because they occasionally question their faith, drink, smoke and even curse. The world needs Bono as a model....”

MARRIAGE IS 'FOR BETTER'—According to a report issued Feb. 14, married folks live longer and make more money (4/1 *CT*). They also are less depressed, suicidal, violent, and prone to drug abuse than their single and divorced cohorts.

FOOD AID NOT REACHING STARVING N. KOREANS—Communist North Korea is the most repressive nation in the world. It receives more food aid than any (3/9 *World*). The U.S. supplies 300,000 tons of food each year, but food aid is not reaching the starving; it goes to the government where it is stockpiled and used to feed soldiers and the ruling elite.

FEMALE FETICIDE IN INDIA—In India, a cultural obsession for boys drives 5 million women to kill their

unborn baby girls each year, per the UN Children's Fund (4/1 CT). High-tech ultrasound equipment has encouraged a boom in female feticide. But that may be changing. Courts are confiscating assets of prenatal sex-determination clinics.

ABWE & THE PERU INCIDENT—We are glad to see that the government agencies involved have agreed to a request by ABWE and the injured families, for a “reasonable settlement with an apology and an offer for reparations to the families only.” ABWE attorney Donald Davis said the families and the missionary group had “asked the government for \$35 million, but settled for a smaller sum that he described as satisfactory.” This, and all the other six or more reports we have seen, confirms the accuracy of our 3/15 CC brief neutral news report (without comment) on this. We were told by the Washington Post writer who broke the story that her source for the “\$35 million” figure was the missionaries' Washington, DC attorney. ABWE president's early letter on this seemed a bit misleading and confusing.

ZIMBABWE'S WOES WORSEN—Forty percent of Zimbabwe's adult population is HIV-positive. Over 1.5 million children are orphaned as a result of losing parents to AIDS (3/25 *H.Times*). Catholic Marxist Robert Mugabe was recently re-elected president in a flawed election. An international ecumenical team from the World Council of Churches and the All Africa Conference of Churches, sent to observe the fraudulent election last month, in a summary statement said various aberrations “preclude us from confirming the election to be universal, transparent, fair or free.” (3/13/02 P. Jenks e-mail). Ironically, Mugabe praised the WCC (at its 8th assembly, 1998), hosted by Zimbabwe, for having supported his armed [Marxist] revolution (10/15/99 CC).

SEX, MEN, AND MINDS—Men struggling with impure thoughts sometimes wonder if there will ever be a time in their lives when they will no longer be tempted with lust. Unfortunately, most men never grow beyond it. Temptations are everywhere in our sex-charged society, from TV commercials to checkout counter magazines. When pornography is part of a man's history, he can find pictures coming into focus years after the images have been burned into his mind. Men with purity problems have the most trouble when they allow themselves to indulge their eyes “just a little bit.” The battle against lust is a lifelong fight for most men, but Christ gives us the power to reject evil thoughts before they take root....[Excerpts, Focus on the Family, via 4/02 CVN] Job (31:1) said: “I have made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?”

ISLAM'S ALLAH VS. CHRISTIANITY'S GOD—“Islam is a religion in which God requires you to send your son to die for him. Christianity is a faith in which God sends his son to die for you.” [Cal Thomas claims this politically incorrect quote was by Attorney General John Ashcroft. The latter has denied making the remark, but Thomas stands by his story. (See 4/1 CT) It's good, regardless of who said it first.]

JACK GRAHAM IS LIKELY NEXT SBC PRESIDENT—Texas pastor Jack Graham “very likely” will be nominated for president of the Southern Baptist Convention at its annual meeting June 11 in St. Louis, per Jerry Vines (*Bapt. Banner*). Graham's church, Prestonwood Baptist near Dallas, was one of the first mega-churches (has over 20,000 members) to join the newer more conservative Southern Baptists of Texas Convention while maintaining nominal membership in the “moderate” Baptist General Convention of Texas.

'MODERATE' BAPTISTS PLEDGE \$1 MILLION TO MISSIONARIES WHO DECLINE TO AFFIRM DOCTRINAL STATEMENT —The moderate/liberal Baptist General Convention of Texas has pledged \$1 million to a fund to help missionaries who will lose or relinquish their ministries rather than affirm in writing the 2000 Baptist Faith & Message doctrinal accountability instrument required by the SBC's Int'l Mission Board (3/7 *Ala. Baptist*). At least 60 missionary families have said they could not sign the statement, which opposes women pastors and says wives should “submit graciously to the servant leadership of their husbands.”

WAS JENKINS 'LEFT BEHIND'?—After the huge success of the *Left Behind* apocalyptic novels, Tim LaHaye will receive a reported \$45 million for four new novels. But co-writer Jerry Jenkins seems to have been “left behind” on the big deal, even though *Christianity Today* for April 1 said he “actually wrote the series, basing the thrillers on conversations with and the nonfiction theological writings of LaHaye.”

NCC NAMES QUAKER, A CATHOLIC, TO HIGH POST—The National Council of Churches has named a Quaker and former official of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Ann K. Riggs, to head up theological work for ecumenical discussions (3/11 *CN*). The appointment comes at a critical time for the NCC as it attempts to reinvent itself to attract participation of Catholics, Evangelicals and Pentecostals. A core group of leaders plans an April 4-6 meeting to talk about the future with non-NCC member churches, including Catholics, Salvation Army and the Church of God in Christ.

MARTY A LIBERAL CRITIC OF FUNDAMENTALISM—The 3/9 *Huntsville Times* stated: “Huntingdon College [Montgomery, AL] will present internationally known theologian Dr. Martin Marty Tues. for the annual Stallworth Lecture Series. His topic will be 'Fundamentalism: Around the World, Down the Block, and Dividing Our Minds.' He will address the tensions caused by religious exclusivity....” The latter term refers to teaching that Jesus is the *only* way, e.g., and is the opposite of religious pluralism. *Christian News* has had many articles on Marty, showing that he for over 40 years has repeatedly attacked the Bible and that he denies the physical resurrection of Christ, supports abortion and homosexuality, and maintains that adultery is permissible in certain situations (3/18 *CN*). Yet he, a liberal ELCA minister, is also scheduled to lecture at the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod's Concordia Seminary in St. Louis.

CATHOLIC CLERGY CRISIS WIDENS—The scandal over sexually abusive priests continues to grow as more facts are uncovered. John Leo (4/1 *USN&WR*) writes: “The sad truth is that church officials have treated sexual assaults as if they were administrative problems of celibacy violations to be covered up by offering hush money and shifting priests from parish to parish.” He says confidence in Catholic clergy is gone. And this at a time when this church faces a dire shortage of priests. The number of priests nationwide has dropped from 58,632 in 1965 to 45,191 last year, even as the Catholic population in the U.S. grew from 45 million to 60 million nationally. Celibacy remains a problem. The apostle Paul warned that in the latter times some would depart from the faith, “Forbidding to marry....” (I Tim. 4:3), and in I Cor. 7:9, said “...it is better to marry than to burn” [with lust].

CARL McINTIRE DIES AT AGE 95—Dr. Carl McIntire, fiery radio preacher (and many other titles) died March 19 in N.J. He was a staunch battler against communism, religious liberalism, and the FCC. Though some broke away from him, his “empire” at some time included the following: Int'l Council of Christian Churches, American Council of Christian Churches, Bible Presbyterian Church, 20th Century Reformation Hour (at peak, in 1960s, was on over 600 radio stations), Faith Seminary, Shelton College, ICR, and TAM. His *Christian Beacon* paper was a big help to this *CC* editor for over two decades. His “empire” today has eroded. Some entities have dwindled to obscurity, or split away from Dr. McIntire's control (BPC, e.g.), or no longer exist. The ACCC, a notable survivor, founded in 1941, wrested control from McIntire in 1968 and is still going strong today under the leadership of Dr. Ralph Colas (Exec. Sec'y) and Dr. John McKnight (Pres.). Sadly, Dr. McIntire seemed to be his own worst enemy at times. As a fallible human being, he could be cantankerous. He had major run-ins with many fundamentalist leaders (e.g., Drs. Ketcham, Rice, Jones, Paisley, and MacRae). Liberal Lutheran Dr. Martin Marty noted: “Whatever he decided was the truth he followed to the very end, no matter how few friends or colleagues were left.”

IS 'CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN' A SEXIST NAME?—Radical feminists “determined to destroy,” and others who desire to “broaden the evangelistic appeal” of the Church of the Brethren (member of NCC/WCC), are demanding a name change (*BRF Witness*). The latter group says a new name will “make us more acceptable to seekers.” But defenders say the Brethren name is inclusive and: “For the Church of the Brethren to part with the Brethren name, would be to effectively sever us from our own heritage as a denomination.”

REDEFINING EVANGELISM—Jim Henderson, a founder of a Seattle-based network exploring new forms of sharing faith in a postmodern world, wants to change the way we define and do evangelism. The movement encourages Christians to see the unsaved as “missing” rather than “lost” – the latter, he says, is often meant in a derogatory way (4/02 *Charisma*). Would he then also change Luke 19:10 to read: “For the Son of man is come

to seek and to save that which was missing.”? *** In a recent *Decision* magazine interview, Ravi Zacharias said that over 90% of the Muslim converts to Christianity he has spoken to did so as a result of a dream or vision. We must stick with Scriptural terminology. Experiences are not sufficient to base our salvation on. “Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.”

WHY DOES CHINA NEED POPULATION FUNDS?—Why does the United Nations Population Fund need \$34 million from us (or anyone) to promote family planning in China, a nation that slaughtered 85.5 million unborn babies and sterilized 45 million women in a mere 10 years? (3/2 *World*)

TWO BOOKS FROM PIEDMONT—One is by Clearwater Christian College prof. Dr. Robert Delnay, *Fire In Your Pulpit* (primarily for preachers/teachers). The other is by Piedmont's Dean of Education and IBFNA moderator Dr. Clay Nuttall titled *The Weeping Church*. It pertains to local church authority, doctrine, practices, etc. Contact Piedmont Baptist College Press (Kenny Long), Phone 336/725-8344, Ext. 2225, E-mail goodbook@pbc.edu for prices, postage, etc.

NRB MEETING REPORT—ACCC Exec. Sec'y Dr. Ralph Colas covered the recent action-packed (see 3/1 CC) National Religious Broadcasters meeting in Nashville. Get report from: ACCC, PO Box 5455, Bethlehem, PA 18015, or: acc@juno.com

CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN MUSIC UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT is the name of a much-needed book by David Cloud. It has 450 large pages and a bibliography on Christian music. Get it from: Way of Life Literature, P.O. Box 610368, Port Huron, MI 48061 or call 866/295-4143 to order.

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'GOD BLESS AMERICA'?—Dave Hunt writes (2/02 *Berean Call*): “To gain God's blessing cannot be as simple as saying, 'God bless America.' Yet in all the memorial services and confident expressions of God's favor, scarcely a word has been said about man's failure to obey what God has written upon every conscience. America has thrown God out of public schools; ridicules, maligns and misrepresents Him in film and media; murders babies in the womb by the millions; flaunts before Him rampant fornication, homosexuality, divorce, pornography and all manner of evil—then asks His blessing!”

'GAY-ON-GAY' VIOLENCE IS THE REAL DANGER FOR HOMOSEXUALS—The people who present the most ominous threat of violence to homosexuals are not Christians or conservatives, but other homosexuals, per a new Justice Department report (*Choice4Truth*). It shows that 10 percent of domestic violence from 1993-1999 were males who were violent toward male partners. Surveys in the last decade have shown that homosexuals are 2 percent of the population which would mean they are five times more likely to be victims of, or perpetrators of, domestic violence than other U.S. males. FBI “hate crime” statistics now show that efforts to silence all opinions disapproving of homosexuality in order to stem some widespread danger are not warranted.

N.O.W. ASKS MOORE TO RESIGN OVER LESBIAN RULING—Christian Coalition of Alabama Pres. John Giles applauds a unanimous ruling of the Ala. State Supreme Court, which denied a lesbian mother custody of her children. In agreeing that the mother's same-sex relationship made her unfit for custody, Chief Justice Roy Moore wrote, “common law designates homosexuality as an inherent evil, and if a person openly engages in such a practice, that...alone would render him or her an unfit parent.” Moore went on to say in his written concurring opinion that homosexuality is “abhorrent, immoral, detestable, a crime against nature, and a violation against the laws of nature (3/4 *C. News*). The radical National Organization for Women demands Moore's resignation.

CHINA ERADICATES RELIGION IT CAN'T CONTROL—Red China is determined to eradicate all religion it cannot control. Top communists, despite denials, endorse the arrest, harassment, torture, and killing of people—especially Christians—for their political and religious beliefs (3/11 *Chr. Today*). Documentation of 22,000 cases provide irrefutable evidence that the “new” China is up to its old repressive tricks.

NO TRULY CHRISTIAN DENOMINATION SHOULD BE A MEMBER OF NCC—And, no true Christian should be a member of a church that is in the NCC (National Council of Churches). NCC member churches include: Presby. Church (USA), United Methodist, Episcopal, Disciples of Christ, American Baptist, ELCA, and Church of the Brethren.

ABWE MISSIONARY SEEKS \$35 MILLION FROM U.S.—Missionary Jim Bowers whose wife and infant daughter were killed last year when their plane was mistakenly shot down by a Peruvian fighter jet is seeking \$35 million in compensation from the U.S. government (3/4 *C.News*). The plane was targeted in a joint U.S.-Peruvian operation when Peruvian officials mistook it for drug smugglers. Pilot was injured but survived.

CATHOLICISM, LIKE ISLAM, HAS MISUSED POWER—Like Islam, wherever it had the power, the Roman Catholic Church for more than a thousand years forced its false doctrines upon the populace under penalty of death. Its false doctrine offered heaven through baptism, sacraments, indulgencies, the wearing of scapulars and medals and other good works. The popes matched the Muslim promise of Paradise for the *jihad* martyr by offering a plenary indulgence and instant entrance into heaven for all who died in the Holy Land Crusades. Such practices were directly contrary to the teachings of the Bible and the example of Christ and of the early church. [Excerpt, 2/02 *Berean Call*]

THE UN IS NOT OUR FRIEND—The United Nations conducted 33 peacekeeping missions in 28 countries from 1996 to 2001, with 15 still underway as of Jan. 2002 (3/11 *USN&WR*). The U.S. pays 27 percent of the rising cost, and provides troops and arms to the UN's global police force. When UN Sec'y General Kofi Annan recently accepted the Nobel Peace Prize, he avowed more concern for the security of the *jihad* states than the United States and warned the Bush administration against planning further attacks on Iraq and other terrorists (12/22/01 *World*). Fight terrorism we must, but does it make sense for us to use up our armaments in UN “peacekeeping” missions while rogue-nation sponsors of terrorism continue to stockpile theirs to use against us?

MORE GUN CRIMES IN BRITAIN THAN SWITZERLAND—British authorities cracked down on guns using a 1996 school massacre as an excuse. Armed crime has grown in London and other UK cities. Firearms murders jumped nearly 90 percent between April and Nov. 2001 over the 2000 rate. Estimates of illegal firearms range from 200,000 to several million (2/11 *New American*). Meanwhile, Switzerland, with its population of six million, has at least two million publicly owned firearms. BBC reported 9/27/01 that the rate of gun crimes is so low that statistics are not even kept.

LUCADO & DRINKING—Max Lucado, noted pastor of the Oak Hills Church of Christ (San Antonio) and a prominent Promise Keepers speaker stated “I don't have a strong opinion about Christians and drinking. Some of the people that I really look up to, they drink.” [Jan.-Feb. *Fund. Digest*]

CEDARVILLE HAS JAZZ CONFERENCE—Cedarville University (Ohio) is a GARBC “partner” and is the site for the GARBC's annual convention in June. We have a flyer for Cedarville's “2002 Instrumental and Vocal Jazz Conference” Feb. 15-16 featuring “a variety of jazz concerts,” “clinics on drumming, improvising, jazz piano,” and a festival and jam session. CU's own jazz band and vocal jazz ensemble are listed. CU Pres. Dr. Paul Dixon plans to retire in 2003. Wonder if he would now revise his good article in the 12/84 Baptist Bulletin where he rightly warned about “the devil's” and the world system's music. Sadly Cedarville's new-evangelical/ecumenical speakers, associations, and practices over the past couple of decades have placed it squarely in the new evangelical camp.

PRESERVE SEPARATIST HERITAGE—The Bible mandates a separation from those who reject, or fellowship with those who reject, the basic doctrines of Christianity. With the onslaught of new evangelicalism, which repudiated fundamentalism and taught a new generation to compromise, churches are falling away and

separatist churches are becoming fewer. [OBF] "...Earnestly contend for the faith..."

A STAND FOR TRUTH WILL HAVE OPPOSITION—We received an e-mail from Bert Esselink, a 2000 graduate from Briercrest Biblical Seminary (Canada), noting Briercrest's rejection of his thesis paper. His topic related to leadership and was an in-depth evaluation of Mormon Stephen Covey's teachings. Briercrest held Covey's position and teachings on leadership in high regard and often considered them quite Biblical. So Esselink's paper was rejected, but he "came away with a whole new determination to adhere to the Word of God and not be caught up in the compromise and inclusive thinking of today's average evangelical." He and his wife have since left the Evangelical Free Church they were active in for some 13 years, due to compromise. His conclusions: "Jerry, some might view the CC as being too negative, but I find it to be very encouraging! We are called to be discerning, something that most evangelicals consider anathema (probably not consciously, but in reality). I guess I would have to say that I no longer consider myself an evangelical—the name has come to stand for compromise, inclusivism, and tolerance of error. My heart is heavy for those who sit in these churches and hear nothing of eternal value from week to week. What a different burden the Lord has placed on my heart from the one I had when I began my Master's studies at Briercrest." "I have come to learn that a stand taken for the validity of the *truth* of the Word of God will not go without opposition."

CAMPOLO IS NCC SPEAKER—Tony Campolo, the keynote speaker at the National Council of Churches' general assembly gathering in November, told attendees that the primary hindrance of ecumenical unity between mainline Christians and evangelicals is not political or theological disagreement, but the manner in which the NCC avoids using Biblical language (1-2/02 Foundation). He said both groups share the same social vision, "the kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven." He said "you are Biblically-based, but you seem to avoid Biblical language." He noted, "Language is dividing us, not the issues—and it's a big problem."

CBF FOUNDED ON IDEOLOGY, NOT THEOLOGY—The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, a breakaway group from the Southern Baptist Convention about ten years ago, consists of some 1,600 SBC churches (2/02 Baptist Banner). It arose mainly from controversies over biblical authority. The CBF was founded on ideology rather than theology and doctrine. The premise was that it is possible for diverse entities to work together in common mission. The CBF supports Baptist freedom and the ordination of women pastors but is divided over homosexuality. CBF affiliate, Baptist Women in Ministry, held its 7/01 General Assembly meeting with the CBF and had songs and prayers addressed to "Mother God."

UNITY IN COMMON MISSIONS—This is the unscriptural premise and glue that is holding many convention Baptist groups together today. This ideology of "unity in missions and diversity in all else" was necessitated by the desire to accommodate the inclusion of growing numbers of theologically diverse groups. Biblical authority and doctrine are being jettisoned. Some American Baptist Churches denominational leaders insist that Scripture must be interpreted through the "eyes of Christ" as if we could know how He would think apart from Scripture (2/02 Baptist Banner). The ABC has qualified its confession of faith as representing what most people in the ABC believe! The SBC is yoked with the ABC in the liberal Baptist World Alliance.

CHARISMATIC LEADERS DIVORCE, REMARRY, RESUME MINISTRIES—Charisma editor Lee Grady writes (3/02): "A prominent pastor in Los Angeles caused a stir two years ago when he divorced his wife and—seven days later—married another woman...[And] in just a few months...he was back on the conference circuit, no questions asked. Today Clarence McClendon enjoys the spotlight on Christian television, and he shares pulpits with top leaders in our [charismatic] movement." Grady says that when it comes to marital breakdowns or sexual sin, "we charismatics are way too eager to grant immediate pardons." He gives other examples, such as Larry Lea, who had "nonstop speaking engagements during the time he was divorcing..."; and South African charismatic pioneer Ray McCauley who divorced and remarried in a matter of months. One of his defenders said: "Yeah, Ray's marriage didn't work out, but "really, he is more anointed than ever!" Roberts Liardon may return to ministry after three months following his disclosure of a short-term homosexual

relationship. The saddest irony is the planned marital breakup of Ray Mossholder, who has “saved 11,000 couples from divorce,” as a popular conference speaker and author. Sin is at the root of the growing number of divorces in our day. And no movement, including the Fundamentalist one, is immune from such a sad eventuality.

BLAME CATHOLIC POPE FOR CHARISMATICS?—In 1962, Pope John XXIII issued a call for a “new Pentecost.” The result was the charismatic renewal, which has touched tens of millions of people both within and outside the Roman Catholic Church (3/02 Charisma). Of course, Episcopal priest Dennis Bennett, Oral Roberts, and others were early leaders in the movement. Pentecostal historian Vinson Synan believes there are now 400 million Catholics and Protestants worldwide who have received the “baptism in the Holy Spirit.” The charismatic movement has become weirder and wilder in recent years, thanks to such leaders as Benny Hinn, Paul Crouch, John Wimber, Kenneth Hagin, Kenneth Copeland, Rodney Howard-Browne, etc.—giving us the Laughing Revival, the Pensacola Outpouring, etc. It is a tool for building the ecumenical church of the Antichrist.

THE KESWICK DEEPER LIFE MOVEMENT—Dr. Robert Delnay (Clearwater Christian College) discusses this in the March Faith Pulpit and traces it back to the 1860s and 1870s. He lists some problems and concludes that separation was perhaps a key problem or issue. He added: “Few if any of [Keswick leaders] ever went into Modernism; but they did not seem to warn people very much against it, or against the ecumenical movement.” This is a key point. Other problems listed related to prophecy, pietism, and pride. He noted that Fundamentalists and Keswick men stood aloof from each other, but that “each needed the other's message.

WILKINSON RESIGNS—Best-selling author Bruce Wilkinson resigned from his position as president of Walk Thru the Bible last month (3/4 Chr. News). He, the author of the controversial [and doctrinally flawed] Prayer of Jabez book, will move to California later this year and pursue “a broader mission through the medium of television and film.”

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DEATH OF THE WEST, HOMOSEXUALITY A SIGN?—Pat Buchanan has a new book titled *The Death of the West: How Dying Populations and Immigration Invasions Imperil Our Country and Civilization*. The 1/28 *Christian News* notes that: “The general acceptance of homosexuality is another sign of the death of the West. Homosexuals die much sooner than others. They don't have children.”

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN CHINA?—The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and the Lutheran Laymen's League do not support the persecuted house church Christians in China. They support the Communist- approved and pro-abortion, theologically liberal China Christian Council and such CCC leaders as retired Bishop Ting and Wensao Han. (1/28 *Chr. News*) No Chinese can go to any public store to buy a Bible. All churches in China are...under the control of the Communists who also appoint the pastors. House churches are “illegal.”

HANG ON TO GOOD HYMNALS—Gordon Sears and Al Smith have gone to heaven – their gain, surely, but a great loss to heart-felt sacred music. Sears fought till his dying breath to try to save churches from going the CCM route with the taped background and the worldly beat. Smith wrote great spiritual songs and produced many good books of hymns and choral numbers for choirs and church groups. His “Singspiration” songs and choruses for children were the mainstay of our youth groups and Vacation Bible Schools in the twentieth century. If you have some of his music books, please hang onto them. They'll be greatly appreciated if God ever sends revival! (Dr. Hugh Pyle, 2/1 *Sword of the Lord*)

CATHOLIC PEDOPHILE PRIESTS SCANDALS—A former parish priest was convicted in January of sexually assaulting a 10-year-old boy a decade ago. Records depict the “loathsome deeds of a sexual predator who allegedly preyed on over 100 innocent children over three decades.” The Catholic Church already has paid over \$10 million to settle 50 civil lawsuits against this priest alone. The Boston archdiocese has quietly settled child sex-abuse claims against at least 70 other priests in the past 10 years. Church leaders could have stopped the abuse but didn't. Instead, they quietly shuffled the predatory priest from parish to parish where he continued to prey on children. A \$120 jury award in Dallas in 1997 was later reduced to \$23 million (2/1 *CC*). Catholics in Ireland agreed last month to pay \$110 million to settle cases involving hundreds of people who claimed they were sexually abused as children by priests, nuns, and other church officials over several decades. (2/11

USN&WR) The Catholic “forbidding to marry” rule (1Tim.4:3) is a main causal factor.

MTV: A LARGE EVIL NETWORK—MTV is now the largest network in the world. It affects the teen culture of the world more than any other medium. It now reaches 342 million households worldwide in 17 languages in 140 countries. It boasts an audience of 78 million households in the USA, captivating 12 to 24 year-olds. The editor of *Rock & Rap Confidential* says MTV is evil and its effects are evil. A *Chicago Tribune* critic says: “MTV is the single most powerful force in popular music, and also the most ruinous.” (9/15 *Baptist Bible Trib.* via 1-2/02 *Fund. Digest*)

SELF-ESTEEM OR SINFUL PRIDE?—Endless campaigns have tried to boost self-esteem, especially among the disadvantaged. Psychologist Lauren Slater now admits it hasn't worked. Some researchers now wonder if high self-esteem may actually contribute to social ills (2/16 *World*). Slater says if we were to question the value of self-esteem, we would be, in a sense, questioning who we are. So, often what the buzzword refers to is simply pride.

HOMOSEXUAL ADOPTION—The American Academy of Pediatrics now says moms *or* dads raise children as well as moms *and* dads do (2/16 *World*). It last month endorsed homosexual adoption, claiming that children raised by homosexuals can be as well adjusted as those raised by heterosexuals. The AAP ignored abundant contrary evidence and based its findings on disputable research. This is another coordinated assault upon the traditional family by cultural revolutionaries of the left.

TONGUES, PROSPERITY, & GODHOOD is the title of a new book by Dr. Cathy Burns which answers such questions as: Do all Christians speak in tongues? Is that the evidence of the Holy Spirit? Do non-Christians speak in tongues? Should we expect signs and wonders, and to name and claim our desires? Are Christians supposed to be prosperous just by speaking our desires into existence? Can we visualize Jesus? What about inner healing? Are you a god? How do New Agers feel about true Christians? Will Christians be counted as misfits in the new world order? This 180-page indexed book is available from: Sharing, 212 E. Seventh St., Mt. Carmel, PA 17851, \$8.95.

OLYMPICS FULFILL 'MORMON PROPHECY'—A former Mormon missionary said Mormons may lie low till after the Olympics, but that to Mormons worldwide, the Salt Lake City Olympics are a literal fulfillment of a biblical prophecy (2/18 *USN&WR*): “And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.” Isa.2:2. Mormons got much good PR from the Games!

SAVED OUT OF CATHOLICISM, DISAPPOINTED IN GRAHAM AND STOWELL—Rich Kris (1999 Moody Grad School), writes: “For 28 years [now age 38], I was a Roman Catholic and believed in Catholic doctrine for my salvation. Needless to say, I was on my way to hell....” He adds: “As an altar boy in the Catholic Church at an early age, I served the RC priests, believing everything they told me about Mary, purgatory, and in essence, their false sacrifice (the Mass). But God (Eph. 2:4-5) intervened in my life when I was 28 years old, and today I am simply grateful to know that God saved me by His Grace.” Mike Gendron referred him to *CC* articles. After reading David W. Cloud's *Evangelicals & Rome* book (wayoflife.org) documenting Billy Graham's compromise with Catholicism, and there seeing MBI-Pres. Joseph Stowell on a list of evangelicals “entangled” with the RC Church, Kris wrote Dr. Stowell with some pointed questions concerning Graham's compromise. He also questioned Stowell about his being listed to speak at a Pastor's conference in Orlando (see 7/15 *CC*). Stowell in a very brief reply advised him to “contact Bill Bright at Campus Crusade, sponsors of the event, for specific concerns.” We can well understand how someone leaving Romanism's false-gospel system would be perplexed to see Graham refer to Catholics as “brothers and sisters in Christ.” Last month Kris wrote, as an MBI alumnus, his professors about Stowell's not responding (since Aug.) to his concerns about Graham and evangelical compromise.

THE FEMINIZED TNIV—As a concession to political correctness, the *Today's New International Version* dangerously tinkers with God's Word. It reduces the presence of words such as *he* and *man* that feminists find objectionable and mistranslates and changes the meaning of some Greek words. Paige Patterson calls it “dishonest and grossly unfair.” (2/9 *World*). David W. Cloud says it pushes “gender inclusive” language at the expense of the purity of God's Word, and promotes women deacons.

UNIVERSALISM is the false teaching that everyone will be saved in the end (Bob Dalton). *Christian News* for 1/28 states: “Universalism, the doctrine that Jesus Christ is not the only way to heaven and that Christianity is just one of many man-made religions, has now thoroughly permeated every major Protestant denomination, Roman Catholicism, and the Orthodox church.” The Pope has made it clear that he believes that Muslims, Jews, Hindus, and even Voodooists all worship the same God only call him by a different name. Popes and the RCC since Vatican II have not taught the truth about Islam, and do not call for the conversion of Muslims. Pope John Paul II kissed the Koran to show his high regard for it.

PIPER TO SPEAK AT EBM EVENT—Respected author and theologian John Piper is listed as keynote speaker at Evangelical Baptist Mission's *Church Institute of World Missions* conference at Indianapolis (College Park Church), May 20-21. Who is Piper? He is an inerrantist, a Senior Writer for *World Magazine*, and led a charge last year on Bethel College teacher Gregory Boyd's “open theism” heresy (see 3/15/01 *CC*). Both men pastor large churches in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area, and both churches are affiliated with the Baptist General Conference, which is a member of the NAE and the apostate Baptist World Alliance. Piper attended Wheaton, has a graduate degree from Fuller, and a doctoral degree from the University of Munich (Germany). He was a 2001 Moody Founder's Week speaker, was listed in Billy Graham's “The Cove” (NC) 2001 Program Guide as a June 5-7 speaker, and his Web site shows him speaking at BIOLA and Bryan later this year [all four are in the new-evangelical camp]. Who is EBM? EBM (Kokomo, IN) is a GARBC “partner!”

PEDERSON RESIGNS AS NRB PRESIDENT—No great surprise that NRB president Wayne Pederson resigned, and his resignation was unanimously accepted, at the 59th annual National Religious Broadcasters meeting, in Nashville last month (see 2/15 *CC* for background). His proposal in a Jan. 5 interview appearing in the *Minneapolis Star-Tribune* that the NRB should downplay its political image and increase its theological one set off a firestorm of protest – especially from such NRB stalwarts as Dobson, Falwell, Wildmon, and Baehr. These men and others made their voices heard by board members prior to the convention, and carried the day at the convention. Pederson became President last October, the unanimous choice of NRB's Board and Executive Committee to succeed longtime President Dr. E. Brandt Gustavson who died last May. But confidence in his leadership waned after the interview. Atty. Gen. John Ashcroft subbed for Pres. Bush who could not attend. Newly elected Chairman/CEO, Glenn Plummer—a charismatic, and the first African-American Chairman/CEO—along with Pederson, called for unity to heal whatever rift remains. The NRB has strong ecumenical and charismatic representation (and Benny Hinn's organization was there for the first time as an exhibitor!) and has now grown to 1,490 members. Dr. Ralph Colas covered the NRB convention for the ACCC and will make a firsthand report available in the near future.

MEEKS, JACKSON & MBI—The 2/4 *Christianity Today* had a 6-page article mainly pertaining to Chicago mega-church pastor James Meeks, and Jesse Jackson. Meeks is the exec. v-p of Jackson's Rainbow/PUSH Coalition and a longtime admirer of him. He is Jackson's heir apparent at Rainbow/PUSH. Meeks says: “I help him be more conservative; he helps me be more liberal.” Many evangelicals see Jackson as constantly craving the media spotlight and too quick to impose the race issue—stuck in a “black victimization” mindset. The announcement a year ago that Jackson had fathered a daughter out of wedlock to some was confirmation that he was a spiritual phony. Meeks defends him, and compares him to David having a baby out of wedlock. His public reemergence took place at Meeks' church, just three days after the revelation. Some of Jackson's theology troubles evangelicals, as do his positions on abortion and homosexual rights. He says, “God did not stop with Revelation. The Bible is a holy book but not the *only* book of God.” Dwight Perry, professor of pastoral studies

at Moody Bible Institute, says: “Jesse Jackson is the premier social activist of our time...He teaches us the importance of not dichotomizing the gospel, that the essence of the gospel is how I am relating to my neighbor...” Is this what MBI students are taught? Meeks is said to be “a frequent speaker at Moody Bible Institute's annual conferences.”

FAILURE IN SEPARATION LEADS TO APOSTASY—Failure in the area of separation always leads to apostasy, be it a denomination, a parachurch organization, an individual church or an individual. The primary purpose of separation is to maintain the purity of the people of God. God is separate from all evil, and if we are to walk in fellowship with Him we are to be holy... (*The Projector*).

SAVED BY GRACE ALONE is the title of a new book by Dr. Lance Ketchum, Exec. Sec'y of the Minnesota Baptist Association. The author's letter says it is “an inductive, expository commentary on the epistle to Galatians.” It sprang from “concern due to prevalent and growing soteriological inclusivism and the antinomian teaching on grace pervading fundamentalism.” For information on how to get this big 460-page book, and pricing information, e-mail the author: LanceKetchum@msn.com

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HOMOSEXUAL NETWORK COMING?—MTV and Showtime are seriously considering an “all gay, all the time” cable network which could be launched within the next year (1/19 *World*). These two networks have been at the forefront of homosexual programming in recent years. Has America sunk to such a depth to accept such?

TBN'S CHINA STRATEGY HURTS CHRISTIANS—The Trinity Broadcasting Network seeks to build a relationship with Communist China in hopes of getting permission to spread the charismatic “gospel” on state-sponsored cable television (2/02 *Charisma*). But Chinese house-church leaders complain that TBN-founder Dr. Paul Crouch spends too much time speaking friendly about the Chinese government, lobbying for China’s entrance into the World Trade Organization, instead of speaking openly about the daily torture and murder of Christians.

MIXED SIGNALS ON ISLAM—The media today send confusing signals about the true nature of Islam. We are told by some government leaders that Islam is a peaceful religion. But they also say its goal is to destroy Western civilization, particularly the U.S. and Israel. Last month we received a statement of Bill Hybels’ Willow Creek megachurch’s reaction to the articles reporting the forum at this church for a Muslim leader to present Islamic teachings. Some members were deceived by this (see 1/15 *CC*); others walked out when he blamed the U.S. for the recent terrorism. We do not advocate violence against non-terrorist Muslims, and seek to win them to Christ. But we find it incredible the extent to which Islamic popularity has soared following the terrorist acts, and that so many liberal leaders have opened their arms wide to include Muslim leaders in universalist meetings.

LIBERAL EUPHEMISMS—The left has successfully framed the abortion controversy as a matter of “women’s rights.” Euthanasia is termed “death with dignity.” Sexual immorality is framed as an issue of “freedom.” (1/19 *World*) Homosexuality is tolerated as “gay rights.”

POPE'S PEACE PRAYER EVENT AT ASSISI—Pope John Paul in one of the largest ever “Christian” groups, brought together Catholics, Baptists, Lutherans, Quakers, Mennonites, and Orthodox, which joined with 11 other religious groups including Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Shintoists, Confucianists, and

tribal religionists Jan 24 at Assisi, Italy. About 200 made the pilgrimage and heard a call for dialogue and of creating a more economically just [communistic] world (1/24 *HT*). The Pope said: "There is no religious goal which can possibly justify the use of violence by man against man." Pacifist?

WORLD DICTATES CHURCH MUSIC—The world is now dictating the church's standards for music. The very style of music that appeals to the unregenerate has become increasingly appealing to professing believers and has crept into thousands of churches. The question we must ask is this: How can the very music that moves, energizes and fuels the fleshly appetite of the old nature of the unbeliever edify the believer who is a "new man" and is indwelt by the Holy Spirit of God? (Nov-Dec *Foundation*)

DUTCH LIFT RESTRICTIONS ON EUTHANASIA—Holland has tolerated euthanasia for decades but now a new law lets Netherlands doctors do it legally. It permits euthanasia or physician-assisted suicide in cases of "interminable and unendurable suffering," not just in cases of terminal illness (1/26 *World*). It also allows parents to choose euthanasia for their children between ages 12 and 16, while allowing 16 and 17-year-olds to make their own decisions as long as they consult with their parents.

TOLKIEN'S LORD OF THE RINGS—The following are quotes or paraphrased excerpts from reviews of J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings* three-book fantasy series and movie trilogy. Tolkien's novels reflect a distinctly Christian [?] worldview [but], without their broader context, the movie's sorcery is unsettling in its ambiguity. Gandalf simply comes across as a "good wizard." (Focus on the Family Web site) [There is no such thing as a "good" wizard (Dt. 18:9-12).] Always a vexing problem with the fantasy genre is the use of potentially occult imagery, but Tolkien used fantasy [myth] to communicate Christian themes. (1/28 *New Amer.*) Berit Kjos writes in the 1/21 *Christian News*: "A staunch Roman Catholic, Tolkien affirmed his faith in the One God who created the universe. But his mythical God stopped creating before the work was finished, then turned the rest over to a group of gods, or 'sub-creators'... Many Christians argue that his spiritual hierarchy [of deities] does indeed parallel the Biblical account... But the obvious similarities tend to confuse rather than clarify Biblical truth. For Tolkien's myth twists scriptures enough to change their meanings and muddle the true nature of God..."

NRB CONTROVERSY OVER PEDERSON REMARKS—Wayne Pederson is slated to be installed as president of the National Religious Broadcasters at its joint meeting with the NAE this month in Nashville. But trouble may be brewing within the NRB over remarks Pederson made in an interview with a Minneapolis paper in which he said he wants the NRB to downplay its political image and increase its spiritual, theological image. It disturbs him that "evangelicals are identified politically more than theologically." (1/23 *Religion Today*) But Don Wildmon, head of the American Family Radio network, says "theology drives our social action." Others such as Focus on the Family's Tom Minnery are discussing this with NRB board members and some news reports hint that the latter are "reassessing" whether they want Pederson to run the NRB. There is still some fallout from NRB's split last year from the NAE (see 3/1/01 *CC*) and the repercussions that has had on NAE leadership (see 7/15 *CC*). ACCC Exec. Sec'y Dr. Ralph Colas plans to attend and report on the NRB/NAE meeting, health permitting.

PK USES PSYCHOBABBLE/NEW AGE WITH BOYS?—A Promise Keepers first-of-its kind "Passage" rally drew 14,000 youth leaders to Columbus, Ohio in Dec. (See 1/15 *CC*) Christina Hoff Sommers is author of *The War on Boys: How Misguided Feminism is Harming Our Young Men* and mother of a 16-year-old son. She welcomes Passage but is concerned that the curriculum contains "a little bit of boys sitting in circles sharing emotions." (2/4 *C. Today*) She says: "I'd warn Promise Keepers not to go too far into the psychotherapeutic mode, treating boys as if they are fragile mental patients." The second Passage rally is planned for this summer in Anaheim, California.

ACCC EMPHASIZES STAND AND UNITY—Dr. John McKnight, newly elected president of the American

Council of Christian Churches, writes: “The ACCC is a unique organization. It maintains a biblical stand without bearing a denominational label. Ecumenists want unity without a stand. Many separatists seem to want a stand without unity. But both are important, and the Council is unique in emphasizing both. As far as I know, there is no other church organization like this.” Dr. McKnight—son of longtime ACCC leader Dr. Don McKnight—succeeds Dr. Richard Harris as President of the ACCC. Dr. Ralph Colas is its Executive Secretary.

CAREY PRAISES MUHAMMAD—Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey, who is stepping down from that position next Oct. (see 2/1 CC), says we should appreciate the worth of leaders of other religions (12/10 CC). In an astounding untrue statement, he said: “I can say unreservedly that Muhammad was clearly a great religious leader whose influence on millions has been for the good.” He compares Muhammad’s teaching to that of Christ, saying they have so much in common. James Sundquist lists 20 ways they are NOT the same (1/15 CC).

BIBLICAL SEPARATION—(Dr. Dayton Hobbs, *The Projector*) Biblical Separation is the active and aggressive withdrawal or severing from everything that is displeasing to God or that is contrary to His nature or a violation of His commandments as revealed in the Scriptures. It is negative, that is from evil, as well as positive, that is unto God. It includes separation from sin, worldliness, error, false teaching, wrong philosophies and unequal yokes (with the unsaved; with ecclesiastical organizations that teach error or support things contrary to the Scripture; and with brethren that walk contrary to the Scripture); as well as separation unto God. Separation is not conforming, but being transformed. (Romans 12:2). Lack of separation in any area is spiritual adultery.

CATHOLICS, EVANGELICALS MEET AT WHEATON—The theme of the Eleventh Annual Wheaton Theology Conference will be “Catholics and Evangelicals in Conversation.” It is scheduled for the Wheaton College campus April 11-13. Keynote speakers include: Francis Cardinal George (archbishop, Chicago Archdiocese), Timothy George (dean, Beeson Divinity School), James I. Packer (Regent College), William Shea (St. Louis Univ.), Mark Noll (Wheaton), Susan Wood (St. John’s Univ.), Daryl Charles (Taylor Univ.), Brian Daley (Notre Dame), Gerald Bray (Beeson), Howard Loewen (Fuller Sem.), Thomas Rausch (Loyola), Ralph McKenzie (Trinity Int’l U.), Margaret O’Bara (St. Michael’s), etc. The confab is designed to facilitate discussion of themes such as the relationship between Catholic and Evangelical Christians, the doctrine of justification, the relationship of Scripture and tradition, and the call to evangelize the culture.

RE-GENDERED NIV MAKES ITS DEBUT—The Feb. 4 *Christianity Today* says: “The International Bible Society has released an updated English New Testament called Today’s New International Version. It comes nearly five years after conservative critics [Southern Baptists, and others] blasted another NIV translation for using gender-inclusive language.” [See 6/15/97 & 7/1/99 CCs] *World* magazine called it the “Stealth Bible,” and said the Committee producing its text had been “co-opted by liberals and feminists.” Under heavy criticism, the IBS withdrew plans to publish a gender-inclusive NIV. This TNIV will now compete with the recently-announced English Standard Version (Crossway) and Holman Christian Standard Bible (SBC). Bob Ross comments: “With Southern Baptists having their own translation (for the first time in history), there will be a considerable loss of NIV sales in the SBC’s Lifeway bookstores [and others where SBs are predominant purchasers]. A Bible translation simply cannot succeed on a large scale in the U.S. without the patronage of the SBC customers.”

ALL RELIGIONS ARE NOT THE SAME—Buddhism, for example, is really a philosophy suggesting love and peace, but it has no god. Hinduism has created millions of gods and is such a hodgepodge that the people are left to wallow in fear and superstition. Islam offers a false god (Allah) and invariably leads by tyranny, as is illustrated by the oppressive regimes of over 50 Muslim nations (12/7 *Sword of the Lord*). If Islam is a “peaceful” religion, why are Christians severely persecuted in Islamic countries? In some of these, the ultimatum is: “convert (to Islam) or be killed.” Christianity is the only “religion” that has a living Savior and is

the only way to heaven.

WHY BE SO NEGATIVE?—You have heard people say, “Why be so negative all the time?” when you have tried to warn them about some false doctrine, teacher or compromising leader...[But] if someone says you are too negative, he is by that very statement being negative toward you. We have often read or listened in amazement while someone has verbally ripped us up one side and down the other because we were so negative and unloving; yet, they were far more negative and unloving to us....Is it too negative and unloving to awaken a neighbor in the middle of the night if his house is on fire? (*Foundation* via *12/10 C. News*) Some would have us not be negative toward wolves in sheep’s clothing, who seek to devour the sheep, but would themselves instead be negative toward faithful “warners” who try to protect the flock.

WE ARE MOVING!—We plan to vacate the Sparkman Drive facility by March 1 and move to an interim location until Oct. 15 while our new facility is being built on our 21+ acre lot. For *CC* mail, in interim, use the Cotton Row address.

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ANGLICANS: MASONRY INCOMPATIBLE WITH BEING CHRISTIAN—The Anglican parish of St. Paul's, Lithgow, (Australia) has split after an edict from the parish council that Freemasons abandon their beliefs, or "cut yourself off from fellowship with St. Paul's," per the *Sydney Morn. Herald*. On Oct. 28, the parish council issued a leaflet saying: "There has been a clear recognition of the spiritual dangers of Freemasonry, and that it is incompatible with being Christian." It said Freemasonry undermined the Bible, contained rituals offensive to Christianity, and denied the one true God (1/11 *Religion Today*). Thousands of Southern Baptist pastors in the U.S. and hundreds of thousands of laymen are Masons (see 7/15/98 CC). The SBC should demand that it's pastors withdraw from Freemasonry's religion of works.

PRISON CHAPLAIN IS A WITCH—Wisconsin's newest prison chaplain is "Rev." Jami Witch, who changed her name from Welch, "because I am one" (a witch). Taxpayer funds are used to pay a "wicked Wiccan witch" prison chaplain's \$32,500 salary, according to a Jan. 14 *Christian News* article. Wicca is a very fast-growing pagan religion.

EU'S ARRESTING POWER—European Union leaders gathered at the Royal Palace in Dec. to put in place plans for a new "global superpower." Per the Dec.16 *Wash. Post*, the EU summit launched "a constitutional convention to design a federated Europe that could govern over a half-billion people from Dublin to Dubrovnik before the end of this decade." (1/14 *New Amer.*) At present the EU claims to represent "about 380 million people in 15 countries who share a common president, parliament, court system, central bank, anthem, bill of rights and 80,000 pages of legal code." Under a new EU-wide arrest system, citizens from one EU country could be handed over to another.

VATICAN TO KEEP PEDOPHILIA TRIALS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS—Priests accused of sexually abusing children will be tried in secret ecclesiastical courts, with the Vatican overseeing cases directly from Rome, per the *New York Times*. The new rules are intended to "protect the rights of the accused," said a Vatican official. But the *Times* said some feel the rules could "instead add to the impression that the Roman Catholic Church is trying to conceal abuses...." "The problem of pedophile priests has been a huge and expensive embarrassment to the church," the *Times* reported. Pope John Paul II has, in the past, apologized to victims of

sex abuse by priests. And one large award was given in a case involving a priest two years ago in Dallas, where the diocese had concealed the abuse of boys who were later awarded \$120 million in damages by a civil court (*Religion Today*).

7th GRADERS MEMORIZE KORAN VERSES, PRAY TO ALLAH—In the wake of Sept. 11, an increasing number of Calif. public school students must attend an intensive 3-week course on Islam, reports ASSIST News Service. The course mandates that seventh-graders learn the tenets of Islam, study the important figures of the faith, wear a robe, adopt a Muslim name and stage their own jihad. Students must memorize many verses in the Koran, are taught to pray "in the name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful" and chant, "Praise to Allah, Lord of Creation." We could never teach Christianity like this.... We can't even mention the name of Jesus in [most] public schools,... Can you imagine the barrage of lawsuits and problems we would have from the ACLU if Christianity were taught? [Some see] the course as a tool [indoctrination?], not only to engender sympathy and support for the Muslim cause, but for recruitment.... Islam is presented broadly and positively, whereas the limited references to Christianity are shown negatively, with events such as the Inquisition, and the Salem witch hunts highlighted in bold, black type. The portrayal of Islam omits the wars, massacres, cruelties against Christians and other non-Muslims that Islam has consistently perpetrated over the centuries. (Adapted, 1/11 *WorldNetDaily*)

PERSECUTION SEVERE IN VIETNAM—After South Vietnam fell to the Communists in 1975, North and South were joined and hundreds of church buildings were confiscated or destroyed. The Communist government's strategy for dealing with Christianity was eradication. Pastors were killed or imprisoned. Missionaries were expelled (1/02 *Charisma*). Communists now tout "religious freedom," and officially approve some churches which they control. To control the growth of unofficial house churches, Communists apply such measures as "forcing Christians to deny their faith by drinking a mixture of blood from sacrificed animals and rice alcohol in a 'Ceremony of Repentance for following Christianity.'..."

THE FRIEND OF MY ENEMY IS MY ENEMY—Red China's leader Mao used to say, "The enemy of my enemy is my friend." But the title of this article might be more appropriate for today. Someone put it this way: "Seeking the help of nations like Sudan, Syria, Pakistan, China, and Iran in our war on terrorism is like joining forces with the Mafia to stamp out organized crime."

WHAT CAUSES DEATH?—Tobacco-related illnesses take 400,000 Americans annually. Over 300,000 deaths each year in the U.S. are from illnesses linked to obesity. Alcohol abuse takes over 110,000 annually (*USN&WR*, 1/14). Many of these and injuries and drug abuse are preventable.

LONGTIME SBC LEADER W.A. CRISWELL DIED—W.A. Criswell was a "legendary" Texas Baptist pastor, says Baptist Press. He died Jan. 10, at 92. He served as Billy Graham's pastor, and as president of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1968 to 1970. He founded Criswell College and pastored the First Baptist Church of Dallas. He succeeded George W. Truett at the latter in 1944. Under Criswell (1944-1991), it became one of the nation's largest Southern Baptist congregations. He was given the title of senior pastor in 1991, and was pastor emeritus since 1994. He influenced a generation of Southern Baptist preachers "to preach confidently and faithfully the Word of God." But sadly, Dr. Criswell— though a masterful pulpiteer and author of 54 books— was an ecumenical and stayed in the SBC, yoked with liberals, and endorsed a book by liberal Robert Schuller, etc. His memorial service was held at First Baptist, Dallas.

CAREY TO RETIRE AS ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY—Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey, leader of the world's 70 million Anglicans, says he will retire Oct. 31 (1/14 *Chr. News*). Thorny issues for his successor will include: women's ordination, remarriage of divorced people, homosexuality, and reunion with Rome. He met with Cardinal Cassidy and others in Toronto May 2000 and they agreed to create a commission to study how to unite the two churches after a 466-year rift (6/15/00 *CC*). Regent University charismatic dean

and historian Vinson Synan said Carey is a charismatic (5/15/00 CC).

POSTMODERNITY: LIFE WITHOUT GOD—That is the theme of the new Winter issue of Northland Baptist Bible College's 27-page *Integrity*. [Subscriptions are free, from NBBC at: W10085 Pike Plains Road, Dunbar, WI 54119. Phone: 715/324-6900, Ext. 3015] Excerpts follow: Rather than a distinct set of doctrines or propositional truths, Postmodernism is best seen as a mindset or a mood characterized by two things: a deep distrust of reason (thus the rejection of modernity) and a fundamental rejection of absolute truth. It has led to the rejection of objective truth—the death of truth—replacing it with multiple truths. Intolerance is the only thing that Postmodernism will not tolerate. But if truth is not what the Bible presents it to be, then there can be no biblical Christianity. Theological anarchy is seen in the toleration of an ecumenism that is so inclusive that unity can be found in such a wide theological diversity as a Catholic priest, a Protestant minister, a Native American shaman, and a Buddhist monk [and, we might add, a Muslim imam]. Postmodernism argues for the absence of God, thus, man becomes God's equal, greedily grabbing after a freedom from both authority and responsibility.

NCC FORCED TO CUT BACK AGAIN—National Council of Churches Treasurer Phil Young says it is crucial that the NCC balance this year's budget. Otherwise, he says, "We're facing a moment of very sober truth." (1/7 *C. Today*) The United Methodist Church and Presbyterian Church (USA), the NCC's two largest donors, are reassessing their contributions. The 52-year-old ecumenical NCC finished the 2001 fiscal year with a deficit of \$2.1 million forcing severe cuts. (See 1/01 CC).

ECUMENISM AND THOSE WHO ARE INVOLVED is the title of an article by John Ballentine with Jo Ann Bevier in the new issue of *The Discerner* (P.O. Box 22098, Robbinsdale, MN 55422, Phone: 800/562-9153). They write: "The word 'ecumenical' comes from the Greek word *oikoumene*, which denotes 'this inhabited world.' In plain language the ecumenical church is the world church....They go on to show its historical rise and the involvement of the WCC, Catholicism and Billy Graham.

BWA RELATES TO CATHOLICS—The Baptist World Alliance is a fellowship of 201 Baptist conventions and unions comprising over 43 million members. BWA general secretary Denton Lotz has reached out ecumenically to Catholics (2/1/00). In the new *Baptist World* he refers to Catholics as Christians. It pictures former BWA president Nelson Fanini presenting a Bible study in Argentina to 13 Baptists and nine Catholic leaders in a "fraternal session." These talks were "aimed at promoting better understanding between the two groups." The So. Baptist Convention is a main donor of the BWA.

COCU BECOMES CUIC—The Consultation on Church Union, at its founding in 1960s ("Blake-Pike Proposal") with nine liberal denominations, proposed a Protestant superchurch. A new plan in 1999 (Churches Uniting in Christ – see 2/15/99 CC) would seek affiliation without merger. Now this "new" CUIC, was set to meet Jan. 18-21 in Memphis and formally replace COCU. The 1999 relationship called for eight distinguishing characteristics, such as mutual recognition of each other's churches and baptisms, shared Communion celebrations, involvement in community projects such as those addressing racism, and ongoing theological dialogue (1/12 *H. Times*). The nine participating CUIC members are: United Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian (USA), Disciples of Christ, African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, United Church of Christ, International Council of Community Churches, and Christian Methodist Episcopal. CUIC members have set a deadline of 2007 to solve ministry differences. These significant ecumenical events portend the building of the world church of antichrist from which Bible-believers are to separate.

CELEBRITIES DEMAND ROYAL RECOGNITION—*Charisma* editor Lee Grady (1/02) points to a growing new "epidemic of spiritual pride" in charismatic celebrity circles, though not just limited to them. Some excerpts, sample observations, and deserved criticism: Big-headed charismatic speakers who insist on waiting until worship is over to make their grand entry into the church service. A conference speaker who demands limousine service and a hand-made fruit basket. A mad rush to use impressive titles for church leaders. Grady

warns that flawed celebrities often disappoint us, and that big names are not necessarily the people we need to follow. "What makes the spotlight usually turns out to be a distracting sideshow." He adds: "Ten of the ministry leaders we featured on the covers of *Charisma* in the 1980s eventually endured embarrassing scandals. Sad!

LARSON SPEAKS AT GARBC CHURCH—Knut Larson, well-known in new-evangelical circles, delivered a dedicatory sermon recently at Faith Baptist Church (GARBC) in Streetsboro, Ohio (1/02 *Baptist Bulletin*). Larson, speaking at the NAE's annual meeting in Dallas in 1994, used a worn-out cliché to harshly criticize fundamentalism. New evangelicals (e.g., MBI-Pres. Joe Stowell and Warren Wiersbe) speaking at a GARBC church or partnering entity is barely surprising nowadays.

SBC CHURCH TO HOST ECUMENICAL EVENT—The third annual Festival of Christian Unity was scheduled again for First Baptist Church of Huntsville, Jan. 20. Participants included Baptists, a Catholic and a Seventh-day Adventist. Interfaith Mission Service was sponsor.

TRUTH: THE IMPORTANT THING—"When truth compromises with error, it is truth that loses for error had nothing to give up in the first place." (Dr. Bob Ketcham, via Harvey Seidel) Someone else put it this way: "Better to be divided by truth than united in error."

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WHY THE DEATH PENALTY?—Capital punishment is not rehabilitative or remedial but retributive. A main reason for it is that justice demands it. The results of the recent "most thorough study to date" suggest that capital punishment has a strong deterrent effect. An increase in any of the three probabilities—arrest, sentencing, or execution—tends to reduce the crime rate. In particular, each execution results, on average, in 18 fewer murders—with a margin of error of plus and minus 10 (Manfred Kober, Th.D., 12/01 *BB*). As to racial fairness, Norm Geisler says: "A disproportionate number of capital punishments is not in itself a proof of inequity any more than a disproportionately high number of minorities in professional basketball is proof of discrimination...."

MORMONISM IS STILL A FALSE CULT—Set to host the 2002 Winter Olympics, Mormons are polishing their image and seeking to appear as just another Christian religion. But their writings present a salvation-by-works gospel and teach they will one day become gods. Mormons are gaining many new converts, but don't be deceived by this false system that tries to pass itself off as Christian by using terminology designed to confuse and ensnare the unwary (12/01 *Foundation*). Be warned, be wise, beware!

'RELIGIOUS TOTALITARIANISM'—Gene E. Veith defines it as "the view that one faith must reign supreme and can be affirmed and held passionately only if all others are negated." (12/15 *World*) He says the new world war is against it. He says Christians better be ready to become unpopular and will find themselves demonized as "intolerant" if our culture drifts toward a new syncretic (multi-faith) religion. Veith mentions the 7,000-member Agape International Spiritual Center near L.A. where "intermixed with the Christian praise songs are the 'oms' of Eastern meditation. Agape calls itself a church but makes no pretension of being Christian at all.

HYBELS INVITED MUSLIM LEADER TO PRESENT ISLAM PROPAGANDA TO HIS CHURCH—As we reported in the Nov. *CC*, Bill Hybels provided a forum in his Willow Creek megachurch near Chicago for a Muslim leader to deceive and spread lies about Islam. The 12/01 *Foundation* states: "For any Christian leader to share a platform with a Muslim and blatantly allow a false teacher to propagate error is unthinkable. Hybels has completely rejected...Paul's admonition for church leaders to protect the flock and beware of false teachers and false doctrine (Acts 20:28-31). Rather, he has intentionally allowed a wolf to enter the doors of the church and deceive the flock. This...reveals the extent to which one will compromise once the

Biblical doctrine of separation is rejected."

WORSHIPPING MUSIC OR GOD?—The 9/01 *Vanguard* posed this question: "Have we, unknowingly, actually arrived at a position where music has replaced faith as the means by which we appropriate God's blessings and where the 'worship leader' rather than the evangelist is responsible for bringing people to God?" Churches are being filled with concert goers rather than congregations, and the music team are becoming performers rather than pastors—and often having more public presence and time with congregation members than does the pastor.

RED CHINA TO OFFER MORE FREEDOM TO CHURCHES?—Communist leaders in China are preparing to give formal recognition to unregistered religious groups, but house-church leaders are wary and wisely so. China's government brands as illegal any Protestant group that refuses to join the officially recognized TSPM church (12/3 *Chr. Today*). On another front, U.S. tax dollars are sent to the UN Population Fund which in turn supports China's forced abortion policies.

NO TIME FOR MORE GUN CONTROL LAWS—Even though firearm sales increased dramatically after Sept. 11, this is no time to ban guns from law-abiding citizens. In Hitler's Germany, gun laws that proved useful to the Nazi regime were enacted by its predecessor. Once a population has been disarmed by a relatively humane government, it is deprived of the most valuable means of resisting a more corrupt one (11/19 *New Amer.*). Simply brandishing a gun is enough to stop most crimes (*World*).

ABSENT FATHERS, UNWED MOTHERS—On any given day, one in three black men, ages 20-29, is in prison or jail, on probation, or on parole (compared to 12.3 percent of Latinos and 6.7 percent of whites). Many who are not incarcerated deal drugs and belong to gangs. Seventy percent of African American babies are born to unwed mothers (12/3 *C. Today*). A recent study indicated 29.9 percent of black boys engage in sex before age 13 (compared to 14.2 percent of Hispanic boys and 7.5 percent of white boys), and 75.7 percent do so before finishing high school. Of African American girls, 11.4 engage in sex before 13; 66.9 percent before graduating. Such sad statistics indicate Christians are failing to reach perishing souls, for whom Christ died, with the Gospel.

THE ISLAMIC JESUS VS. THE BIBLICAL JESUS—James Sundquist has compiled a comparison of the two, and gives "20 Scriptural Reasons Why the Muslim Jesus is Not the Same as the Biblical Jesus." Available from him at: Last Generation Artists, 551 Valley Road, PMB #123, Montclair, NJ 07043. E-mail virtfit@hotmail.com

MAKIJINA TAKES PINNOCK TO TASK—Central Baptist Seminary Visiting Lecturer John Makujina, Ph.D, in an Oct. 23 letter to Clark Pinnock of McMaster Divinity College (Canada), wrote: "I notice that you will be giving a paper at the ETS [Evangelical Theological Society] meeting in November. I would encourage you to act with integrity and resign your membership in the ETS. I cannot understand how you could sign the statement of doctrinal agreement....I have read your utterly blasphemous book *Scripture Principle* and cannot see how the author of such a book can sign this document. Further I think you ought to show a measure of honesty and cease posing as an evangelical. You are an inclusivist, an open theist, a conditionalist, and deny the doctrine of inerrancy—i.e., you are a liberal theologian with some evangelical leanings rather than an evangelical with some liberal leanings. Further I see you as a thoroughgoing apostate, who creates Biblical doctrine in accord with what ideals he can and cannot live with. You are as dangerous as any cult leader. I have a dear friend who was deceived into accepting open theism due to your *Openness of God*. I hold you, Greg Boyd, and IVP responsible for this. Further as an ex-Zoroastrian, converted to Christianity in my early twenties, I find you and your brand of inclusivism utterly loathsome. Your toleration by ETS, IVP, and the church testifies to the failure of the experiment known as evangelicalism.... I feel nothing but contempt for you precisely because you persist in masquerading as an evangelical."

DIALOGUE IS DANGEROUS—Beware of the leading Evangelicals of our day who are attempting to find a

common cause with a dangerous religious system that preaches a false gospel and has enslaved millions...for hundreds of years. True believers should never support or find themselves in joint ministry with any religious leaders who are capitulating to the Roman Catholic Church, nor should they associate with or participate in dialogue with those who are attempting to find common cause with those who preach a false gospel. God's command is clear—separate, turn away, shun and avoid false teachers, for they will one day face the judgment of God as a result of their rejection of His truth (*Foundation*).

INTERFAITH WORSHIP VIOLATES CHRISTIANITY—NAE's Richard Cizik says interfaith services—featuring, e.g., Muslim, Hindu, Catholic, and Protestant leaders—which have sprung up increasingly since 9/11, and which see all religions as equally valid, should be rejected. Meeting organizers sometimes ask clergy to focus on only those beliefs shared by all involved, or to refrain from using Christ's name (12/17 *C.News*). Cizik rightly says: "We do no one a favor by appearing to support a mistaken pluralism that pretends all religions are the same."

BILLY GRAHAM AND HIS FRIENDS is the title of a new 788-page book (including Endnotes, bibliography, and index) by Dr. Cathy Burns, and subtitled "A Hidden Agenda?". This is a valuable, well-documented reference book about a popular man and his powerful influential friends. The publisher writes: "While Graham has been a beacon of hope in spiritually turbulent times and a source of comfort and solace to many in times of tragedy, we find that others have questioned his connection with the National and World Council of Churches [and] the ecumenical movement." The book has brief reports on many people and subjects, and quotes the *CC* a few times. Dr. Burns has a degree in Bible Philosophy and has done extensive research on the New Age movement and related subjects. Get this book from: Sharing, 212 E. 7th St., Mt. Carmel, PA 17851. Retail price is \$21.95 + \$2.55 postage. Mention *CC* and get it for \$16.00 postpaid.

HINDSON ON POST-MODERN TRANSFORMATION OF SOCIETY—Dr. Edward Hindson (Dean of Dr. Jerry Falwell's Liberty U.) says he believes the transformation model of changing society is the most biblically correct of the five basic models proposed in church history for church and society (1/02 *NLJ*). He notes that ecumenical Anglican theologian John Stott calls the contemporary post-modern challenge one of living between two worlds, and quotes him as calling for the "earthing of the Word" so that the Gospel may be communicated with relevance to the secular world." Hindson adds: "Only as we speak the truth effectively within our culture can we truly build a bridge of communication to that culture." Indeed, we are to serve as salt and light in the world, evangelize it, but we are not commanded to "Christianize" or change society. The post-modern world system is headed for judgment. We are commanded to be separate *from* it as we seek to be effective witnesses *to* its lost individuals.

F. GRAHAM CLARIFIES ISLAM REMARK—Franklin Graham has clarified his charge that Islam is a "wicked religion" and said he was not talking about individual Muslims but about "the terrible deeds that are committed as a result of Islamic teaching." (1/2 *C. Today*)

NEW SCAPEGOAT: FUNDAMENTALISM—A good editorial in the new-evangelical 1/7 *Christianity Today* cites examples from the liberal *New York Times* and London's *Guardian* revealing that *Fundamentalist* has become a rhetorical weapon of mass destruction. It said that both papers "have devoted a bewildering amount of space to shrill essays that equate many fundamentalists (be they Christians, Jews, or Muslims) with bin Laden's homicidal minions." It said our war on terrorists is "not a war against fundamentalism, unless these armchair generals want America to wage a centuries-long reverse Crusade against all people who believe in objective truth, miracles, an afterlife, or natural law." Most Christians, even those who happily call themselves fundamentalists, respect and try to guard the freedoms of our nation.

PROMISE KEEPERS' YOUTH EVENT DRAWS 14,000—Thousands of teenage boys descended on Columbus, OH for a first-of-its-kind Promise Keepers youth rally, "Passage," an all-day conference to teach boys about integrity, courage, humility and faith. Passage features high-energy music from Jars of Clay and rap artist John Reuben, pro-skateboarding and bicycling demos, and a 12-week follow-up curriculum study led by

local adult mentors in area churches (12/18 *Relig. Today*). Jars of Clay is a CCM/rock band whose lead vocalist said they don't want to be called a Christian band because it's a turn-off (9/15/98 *CC*). PK is very ecumenical and pro-charismatic.

ABUSE LAWSUITS SINK CANADIAN DIOCESE—The Cariboo (Anglican) Diocese in British Columbia was to close Dec. 31, facing \$63,000(US) in monthly legal bills. This is Canada's most visible loss relating to thousands of suits charging sexual abuse (1/7 *CT*). The government offered to shoulder 70 percent of out-of-court legal settlements for physical and sexual abuse claims at church-run residential schools for natives. Some estimate it may cost \$1.26 billion to settle suits from over 8,000 plaintiffs.

ROBERTS LIARDON ADMITS TO HOMOSEXUAL AFFAIR—Charismatic pastor-writer Roberts Liardon is stepping down from ministry for three months to seek professional and church counseling related to a recent homosexual relationship (12/21 *Charismanews*). Liardon, 34, cited "several situations, both personal and health-related." We do not rejoice in his fall, but have warned about his "wacko charismatic teachings." (See 9/1/99 *CC*).

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WCC DEFENDS ISLAM—World Council of Churches head Dr. Konrad Raiser sent a letter in Nov. greeting the world-wide Muslim community at the beginning of Ramadan. He evoked the spiritual bonds uniting Christians and Muslims that "need to be rediscovered in the aftermath of the 11 September tragedies." He said: "As Christians, we reject the tendency, not uncommon in many Western countries, to perceive Muslims as a threat and to portray Islam in negative terms while projecting a positive self-image." He called for "intensification of dialogue between religions and cultures." A copy of the letter to Muslim leaders was also sent to WCC member churches and to other ecumenical bodies. In an enclosed note, Raiser asked them to "seek the most appropriate ways" to engage with Muslim partners in acts of spiritual fellowship and prayer for peace and justice. He expressed solidarity with the Muslim community, and of "our commitment to the spirit of dialogue and mutual trust." He wrote: "All acts which destroy life, whether through terrorism or in war, are contrary to the will of God. The recent tragic events [reveal] the vulnerability of all nations and the fragility of the international order. A world in which more and more people and nations are consigned to extreme poverty while others accumulate great wealth is inherently unstable. The tendency to impose one's will, even by force - which is [seen] in the policies of powerful nations provokes resentment among the weaker ones....Here the dialogue between Muslims and Christians, to which the World Council of Churches remains strongly committed, finds its authentic meaning." (11/16 WCC E-mail). [The apostate WCC's bent toward socialism and syncretism is clearly evident. -Ed.]

JESSE JACKSON GUILTY OF RACIAL PROFILING?—After his home and neighborhood were invaded by street punks Jesse Jackson dedicated himself to fighting black-on-black crime. He confessed: "There is nothing more painful for me than to walk down the street and hear footsteps and start to think about robbery and then look around and see it's somebody white and feel relieved. How humiliating." (1/17/94 *USN&WR*, 2/1/94 *CC*) Law enforcement officials should be able to use, but not abuse, racial profiling. It makes no sense to ignore statistics.

MAINLINE CHURCHES DON'T OFFER MUCH—In a story regarding Islamic converts, and why some Americans find Islam attractive, an ex-Methodist youth minister said she "wasn't concerned about heaven or hell," and didn't see "why Jesus had to die for my sins." (11/24 *World*) Decades of liberalism are taking their toll

as liberal denominational churches fail to offer much, and their social ideology becomes mushier and mushier.

HARRY POTTER MOVIE IS BAD LIKE BOOKS—The Harry Potter movie, like the book series, gives kids a first look at the occult. A Southern Baptist author says: "Besides getting kids hooked on the occult," they teach children "moral relativism" and desensitize children to profanity and off-color humor. Other Christian movie reviewers say the movie presents a "deep occult and pagan world view." Harry Potter conditions children to think of witchcraft as harmless fun (11/19 & 12/3 *Chr. News*). The books are "entry-level occult tools that introduce readers to witchcraft, sorcery, spells and spiritual power apart from God (12/01 *Charisma*). A Focus on the Family writer says, "Anytime the dark side of the supernatural world is presented as harmless, or even imaginary, there is the danger that children will become curious and find too late that witchcraft is neither harmless nor imaginary."

THE FIRST HUMAN CLONE—Scientists have finally cloned a human embryo, which promises cures for terrible diseases. This is good, right? Wrong. A 12/3 *Christian News* article states: "Human cloning is a grievous assault on God as the author of life and an insult to Him as Lord of life. Human cloning of embryos for the purpose of destroying them for their stem cells multiplies that horror...." The scientists have taken body cells and cloned them to generate embryos [harvesting spare parts], then shown that stem cells from those can grow new tissue and cure diseases (12/3 *USN&WR*). But it is wrong to deliberately kill such innocent human life.

PRES. BUSH & ISLAM—Pray that our president will heed the advice of evangelical advisers and cease making overtures to Islam. It deeply saddens us that he has in recent months visited the main Washington mosque, and declared Islam a religion of peace; hosted a formal (and first!) Ramadan celebration dinner at the White House with dozens of Muslim leaders (where prayers to Allah were offered), and asked our children to find Muslim pen pals, etc. He is likely unaware that Islam has a false god, a false gospel, and that idolatry is such a *serious* thing.

POPE CALLS FOR PEACE SUMMIT IN ASSISI—Pope John Paul II's 1986 Assisi prayer meeting with leaders of some 32 world religions was a heretical step toward syncretism. He now has called another such meeting at Assisi of the world's religious leaders for Jan. 24 to pray for peace and to work to improve relations between Christians and Muslims, which deteriorated after the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the U.S. He has told Jews, Muslims, and other non-Christians: "We believe in the same God...." (7/15/88 *CC*) The Pope also urged Catholics to hold a fast for peace on Dec. 14 (11/23 *Religion Today*).

DALLAS PROF. SAYS EVANGELICALS SHOULDN'T DRAW SHARP LINES—Last month, Dallas Seminary Prof. Darrell Bock, president of ETS (Evangelical Theological Society), said "sharp boundaries should not be drawn for the evangelical movement." Instead, Bock argued that "evangelicalism may be likened to a 'village green,' which is defined more by the center than by the boundaries." He said this in a speech before the ETS during a debate on whether or not to reject the doctrine of "open theism." This is the heresy that says God does not know all things that are going to happen in the future. Though the ETS passed a non-binding resolution condemning open theism, Bock argued against it....Some Fundamentalist seminaries are encouraging teachers to pursue graduate degrees from Dallas....They should be lifting their voices to warn about Dallas's compromise. [David W. Cloud, 12/1/01, Fundamental Baptist Information Service, P.O. Box 610368, Port Huron, MI 48061, fbns@wayoflife.org]

ETS SPLIT ON 'OPEN THEISM'—The Evangelical Theological Society (Nov. 16) passed a resolution, by about 70 percent, against "open theism" which stated: "We believe the Bible clearly teaches that God has complete, accurate and infallible knowledge of all events past, present and future including all future decisions and actions of free moral agents." (11/26 *Christian News*) Open theism undermines God's foreknowledge and some other of His attributes. Its main proponents include John Sanders (Huntington College), Gregory Boyd (Bethel College), and Clark Pinnock (McMaster Divinity College).

PINNOCK DEFENDS 'OPEN THEISM'—Clark Pinnock in the 1960s was a Southern Baptist New Evangelical and inerrancy defender, but in recent years has become quite liberal. He now defends "open theism," and argues that God sometimes changes his mind as he gains new information (11/19 *CN*). He even claims that Jesus was wrong at one point, and that God's limited knowledge of the future causes him sometimes to get prophecies wrong. He cites a litany of prophecies that he claims went unfulfilled. Let God be true and men who dispute Him liars.

SBC CONSERVATIVES NOT LINKED BY DOCTRINE—Mike McLemore was recently re-elected as president of the Alabama Baptist State convention. He acknowledged that Alabama Baptists are diverse and said he wants to respect that diversity (11/22 *Ala. Baptist*). He stressed that "We can respect our diversity and still be unified in the areas of missions and evangelism." He again says "In the midst of diversity, we remain linked together through evangelism and missions." But Amos 3:3 asks: "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" The new North Carolina state president, touted as a conservative and inerrantist, said his goal is to be inclusive, to reach out to all NC Baptists "under the banner of the lordship of Jesus Christ." Inclusivism, where doctrine is deprecated, is what makes conservative Southern Baptists to be New Evangelicals, unequally yoked together with liberals.

MOON'S GOD IS NOT OURS—According to Sun Myung Moon, "in love, God, as the Father, wants his children to be better than Him." Man be better than God? An 11/19 *Christian News* article states: "Moon's god is not the Holy Trinity, the only God who exists. He maintains that he is the real Messiah and that Jesus Christ failed. Although he is a divorced adulterer, remarried, he poses as a great champion of family values."

NEW FBF RESEARCH SECRETARY—Dr. Gordon A. Dickson, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church in Findlay, OH, is the new FBF Research Secretary. He succeeds Bob Whitmore who relocates to the mission field in Micronesia.

NCC NAMES FEMALE PRESIDENT—Elenie Huszagh, an attorney and prominent lay member of the Greek Orthodox Church, was installed Nov. 15 as the 21st president of the National Council of Churches. She succeeds Andrew Young, and is the first woman and the first lay person to hold that office (12/6 *Ala. Baptist*). The liberal NCC, on the verge of bankruptcy last year, has eliminated 16 of the 54 staff positions. Two years ago it had 102 people on staff. By New Year's Day it will have 39.

NRB APPOINTS FIRST BLACK CHAIRMAN—The National Religious Broadcasters has named Detroit broadcaster Glenn Plummer, a charismatic, as its chairman and CEO. He is the first African American to hold the position, and assumed it Oct. 1 after former chairman Wayne Pederson became president of the NRB upon the death of former president Brandt Gustavson (12/01 *Charisma*). The NRB's convention is set for Feb. 16-19 at Nashville. Speakers include: James Dobson, Bruce Wilkinson, Henry Blackaby, Rochunge Pudaite, Crawford Loritts, Leonard Sweet, and Thelma Wells. (Pres. Bush is invited to speak.) Former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will address a Campus Crusade Public Policy Breakfast. Gaither Vocal Band, Twila Paris, Michael W. Smith, and Jars of Clay will participate in music/awards.

MANNOIA'S NEW JOB—Former NAE head, Kevin Mannoia, is the new dean of Azusa Pacific University's C.P. Haggard School of Theology in Azusa, CA. He left as president of the NAE last July, after just two years at the helm, in the wake of financial shortfalls and displeasure about his policy to allow organizations to hold dual membership in the NAE and the NCC (12/3 *CT*). In Oct., Leith Anderson was named as NAE's interim president.

SPONG DENIES CHRISTIAN DOCTRINES—John Shelby Spong, "the most controversial bishop of the late 20th century," retired two years ago as Episcopal bishop of Newark, NJ. He rejects theism, replacing a view

of God as "a being, supernatural in power" with theologian Paul Tillich's view of God as the "Ground of Being." But he goes further than Tillich ever did in discarding Christianity's core doctrines of incarnation, atonement, and resurrection (12/3 *Christian News*). A purely human, not divine, Jesus is what emerges from the rubble.

SBC ENDS TALKS WITH CATHOLICS—The latest six-year round of conversations between Catholic and Southern Baptist representatives has officially ended (11/29 *Ala. Baptist*). SBC pastor Jerry Moser said: "... We Southern Baptists have already published what we believe, and Roman Catholic officials have published what they believe. These publications have been officially approved by each body. No amount of private 'conversation' with individuals will change these published beliefs. So, what's the point of...any more meetings?"

HAGIN VISITS HELL, LATER SPEAKS WITH JESUS—In Kenneth Hagin's Oct. 2001 *Word of Faith* magazine, in an article titled "Born Again," he recounts his three visits to hell as a 15-year-old boy in 1933. In his Nov. 2001 magazine, in an article titled "A Sobering Vision," he recounts a 1950 Texas tent revival where Jesus appeared to him in a vision. [This is an excerpt from *BDM Letter*. Its Web site <http://www.rapidnet.com/~jbeard/bdm/> has more on Hagin heresies, and new updates on many cults.]

SHOULD CHRISTIANS TOLERATE SIN?—"Should police be tolerant of crime, doctors tolerant of disease, judges of false testimony, etc.? Yet a tolerance is mandated in spiritual matters which in any other context would be lunacy...." (Dave Hunt, 5/00 *The Berean Call*)

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F. GRAHAM IN TROUBLE FOR REMARKS ON ISLAM—We disagree with Franklin Graham on his ecumenism, but applaud him for speaking out against Islam. MSNBC says he is "in trouble" with political friends for recently calling the entire Islamic religion "wicked, violent and not of the same God." "I don't believe this is a wonderful, peaceful religion," said Graham. "When you read the Koran...it instructs the killing of the infidel...those that are non-Muslim." Asked to clarify, Graham repeated his charge that Islam, as a whole, is evil. "It wasn't Methodists flying into those buildings, it wasn't Lutherans," said Graham. "It was an attack on this country by people of the Islamic faith." The White House distanced itself from his remarks, saying Pres. Bush "views Islam as a religion that preaches peace" But, it *practices* violence toward the U.S. and Israel.

HISPANIC GROWTH RATE IN U.S. IS STUNNING—The 2000 census showed that 35.3 million Hispanics make up 12.5 percent of the U.S. population, while 34.7 million African Americans constitute 12 percent. Half of all U.S. Hispanics live in just two states, Calif. and Texas (11/12 *CT*). These figures have stunned church outreach groups.

ATLANTA PAPER REJECTS CHURCH AD—The *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* will allow a church to run an ad seeking a "Presbyterian" youth pastor. But won't permit it to specify "an energetic and outspoken Christian leader" and be one that would demonstrate "contagious faith in Jesus Christ," since such language would discriminate against "some Jewish or Buddhist person who might be qualified for the job." (11/1 *Ala. Baptist*) Curiously, the paper approved a similar ad with the phrase, "strong atheistic or agnostic convictions required."

IRISH TERRORISM—The Irish Republic is over 90 percent Roman Catholic. Northern Ireland is 65 percent Protestant and wants to remain under British rule. It opposes becoming a minority in a united Catholic country that has a history of bloody cruelty against Christians. [Ian Paisley and other Protestants fighting Catholic rule and terrorism are cast as troublemakers by the media, and even some fundamentalists in the U.S. see these Protestants' fight as merely "political" and are unaware of the "religious" significance.] The Irish Republican Army is a large terrorist group funded largely by Irish-Americans, thanks to Bill Clinton's permission. Its roots are Catholic, but it gets arms from Libya and has a Marxist agenda (4/1/95 *CC*). The IRA is an appendage of Sinn Fein, headed by Gerry Adams who, per George Will (10/28 *H. Times*), visited the U.S. nine times since

1994. The IRA recently promised once again to disarm.

URI: 'A CAGE FOR DIRTY BIRDS' (Rev. 18:2)—The United Religions Initiative seeks to create a permanent body of religious ambassadors – a parallel organization to the UN – to address the problem of "fundamentalists in our own groups." This is from Episcopal Bishop of San Francisco, William E. Swing who also said all religions are guilty of fostering terrorism. URI was founded in 1995 and is active in 58 countries. It includes Protestants, disaffected Catholics, witches, Druids, and New Agers (10/29 *Chr. News*). Swing is hostile to traditional and conservative faiths, and said "proselytizing will be illegal in the UR zone." This is shades of the coming one-world religion from which Christians are to "come out of" (Rev. 18:4). UR wants to "delete" fundamentalists.

OPRAH'S SINCERE BUT FLAWED NEW AGEISM—Oprah Winfrey said during an interfaith prayer service at Yankee Stadium that victims of the terror strikes instantly became angels. Her impulse to comfort is noble, but takes license with theology. A "salvation by sudden death" clause is simplistic and unscriptural—much like telling sorrowing parents that a drunken driver killed their child because "God needed another angel in heaven."

ALPHA COURSE CONCERNS—The Alpha Course is the fastest-growing adult education program in the country (11/12 *Chr. Today*). Over 3,300 churches in the U.S. use the 15-session curriculum, which came here from London's Holy Trinity Brompton church in 1996. But some are worried about its adaptability. Denver Sem. Prof. Gordon Lewis is concerned that "Catholics could add tradition, Mormons could add the Book of Mormon" An Episcopal church in Calif. added an "Alpha for the Gay Community." But Alpha leaders hope the course "which has a charismatic perspective," spreads to 50,000 U.S. churches. [Get Elizabeth McDonald's newly updated "warning" book, *Alpha: An Overview*. E-mail: emcd@globalnet.co.uk Web site: <http://www.bayith.org>

GOAL OF ISLAM: WORLD DOMINION—Islam is committed to the complete subjugation of the entire world to Allah (12/01 *Moody*). Muslims (especially non-Western ones) view the U.S. as a Christian nation, and so a powerful rival to their faith. For Islam, the kingdom of Allah must in the end become the unrivaled kingdom of this world. Muslims see the U.S. as exporting immorality, and being a political puppet of Israel and American Jews.

A TIMELY QUOTE TO NOTE—"We are on the verge of a global transformation. All we need is the right major crisis and the nations will accept the New World Order." – David Rockefeller (Oct. 2001 *Evangelical Methodist*)

TIMOTHY GEORGE, ECUMENICAL SO. BAPTIST?—Dr. Timothy George is the founding dean of Beeson Divinity School, which is on the campus of Samford University (SBC) and a member of the NAE. George is a Harvard grad and an executive editor of *Christianity Today*, the main new-evangelical magazine. Fuller Seminary president Richard Mouw, at the recent Pilgrims on the Sawdust Trail conference at Beeson, referred to George, the "organizer of this overtly ecumenical conference [which included Roman Catholics Richard J. Neuhaus and Jeffrey Gros as speakers], as a representative of current conservative SBC leadership." We suspect that many of the latter would disagree with this characterization. The 10/5 *Raden Report* said Gros and Neuhaus gave strong appeals to the validity of RCC sacramentalism, sacerdotalism, etc. In his "response" Dr. George did not rebut this perversion of biblical truth, but "repeatedly and pointedly referred to both of these professing sacramentalists as fellow brothers in Christ." Neuhaus and George said a new ECT statement, "Your Word is Truth," would be out in book form next spring.

HYMERS' REPORT ON GRAHAM'S FRESNO CRUSADE—Following are adapted excerpts from a four-page "Eye-Witness Report on the Fresno Billy Graham Crusade" by L.A. pastor Dr. R.L. Hymers Jr. who

attended the first two nights and has listened to nearly 500 of Graham's sermons, read all of his books, etc. Graham spoke on "The Love of God" Oct. 11, quoting John 3:16. He did not open his Bible nor ask anyone else to open one. (Hymers' own was the only Bible he saw!) Hymers says something is basically wrong with Graham's preaching—it "has mellowed." He disagrees with Graham's ecumenical emphasis, his loud pulsating music, and his sending people into liberal and Roman Catholic churches. But he says the greatest tragedy is in his sermons themselves. "The old preachers let people know, in no uncertain terms, that they were *lost*—and on the way to hell." The second night (Oct. 12), Hymers said Graham gave nine different ways to be saved: 1. accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, 2. repent, 3. come to Christ, 4. come to faith in the Word of God, 5. open your heart to Jesus, 6. believe that Jesus died on the Cross, 7. get up right now and come forward, 8. acknowledge Christ publicly..., and 9. rededicate your life. Dr. Hymers concludes: "That kind of preaching doesn't get *anyone* saved." [Editor's note: To be saved, one must be convicted of his sin by the Holy Spirit, Who uses the Gospel (I Cor. 15:1-4), which is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes (Rom. 1:16). The 11/1 *Ala. Baptist* noted that Charles Colson shared the platform with Graham on the final night. And, as in recent years, the final night had a youth-oriented CCM/rock concert, this time featuring dc Talk, Kirk Franklin, etc.]

PLATFORM MINISTRY SPEAKERS—Pastor Gary Freeland (Berean Baptist Church, Boone, Ia.) has a good article on separation in the Sep-Oct *Foundation*, titled "Platform Ministries: Does it Matter Where we Go?" In conclusion he writes: "As hard as it may be, Fundamentalists must refuse to use speakers who have compromised themselves and their message by aligning themselves with apostate, heretical groups or ministries that are New Evangelical or Charismatic. Furthermore, when an institution or local church uses compromising speakers, Fundamentalists should refuse to fellowship with them or promote them until they repent (Gal. 6:1)."

J. HAROLD SMITH DIES—Dr. J. Harold Smith was a non-separatist Southern Baptist, but his Radio Bible Hour was popular among independent Baptists also. He went to be with the Lord Nov. 13 at 91. Bob L. Ross writes: "I doubt seriously if any radio preacher for the past 50-something years has preached as many sermons on the radio as Brother Smith. He was a mighty and fearless pulpiteer, pastoring churches and doing extensive evangelistic work." He preached over 70,000 sermons.

PROPHETS FOR PROFIT: ANOINTING FOR SALE?—Even *Charisma* magazine (10/01) warns against it! It says: "More and more ministries are 'selling' spiritual gifts to anyone willing to pay..." A conference ad: "The first 100 paid registrants will receive a personal prophecy." Peter pronounced a curse on Simon the Sorcerer who tried to buy the power of God from the apostles (Acts 8:18). Fortunetellers, psychics and tarot card readers have moved into the mainstream, using the latest technology to hawk their wares via TV and the Internet. Soothsaying has become a multibillion dollar ministry. Harry Potter has nothing on these charlatans.

CATHOLICS APPROVE MORE OF MUSLIMS & MORMONS THAN FUNDAMENTALISTS—*USA Today* reports that American Catholics look more favorably on Muslims and Mormons than they do on fundamentalist Christians...A nationwide phone survey of 1,508 Roman Catholics found 56 percent had a favorable impression of Islam, but only 46 percent of Catholics had a favorable view of fundamentalist Christians...(*Religion Today*). In the poll, 58 percent of Catholics surveyed agreed that "fundamentalist Christians tend to be religious fanatics," and 50 percent called them "not tolerant of others." [We are "tolerant" of Catholics, but not Catholicism.] Richard Land, a conservative Southern Baptist...said "If they had asked about Catholic views of evangelical Christians, they would have gotten measurably different results." Of course this is true; "evangelical Christians" would include most charismatics and new evangelicals whose leaders "tolerate" and work together in ministry with Catholics in clear disobedience to the commands of God's Word.

TOLERANCE VS. PLURALISM—There is a distinction between tolerance and pluralism. Tolerance gives us room to say, "I think you're wrong, but I'll defend your right to be wrong." Pluralism strongly suggests that there isn't any such thing as right and wrong—and no such thing as truth and error. As is practiced more and more in America, pluralism tends to require that you not only leave room for your neighbor to believe what he believes,

but that you also refrain from disagreeing with it (*World*). While tolerating "rights" of sinners, we must not condone sin, and must expose and warn against false doctrine.

ANOTHER JABEZ REVIEW—Dr. Layton Talbert in the Sep-Oct *Frontline* magazine gives a balanced review of the popular *The Prayer of Jabez* book. But one of the philosophical flaws he noted was "a tendency to confuse 'blessing' with 'success.'" He said: "The underlying assumption seems to be that an increase in successful ministry opportunities is indicative of God's blessing, and the lack of an increasing number...denotes the absence of God's blessing. This can create an unwarranted expectation on the part of readers which, when not realized, results in confusion, frustration, and disappointment with God or an introspective assumption that there is simply something wrong with them. The Biblical emphasis is on faithfulness, not fruitfulness. Both Jeremiah and Ezekiel were explicitly forewarned that their ministries would be noticeably 'unsuccessful' in terms of tangible positive influence and results; despite that, they were exemplary successes because they faithfully fulfilled God's commission for them....Despite [the] weaknesses and its obvious New Evangelical orientation, the book contains inspirational illustrations...."

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THE POWERS OF TERRORISM ON PLANET EARTH is the title of an article by Foundations College Pres. Dr. H.T. Spence (info@foundations.edu) in the September *Straightway* from which we excerpt below. Our nation will never be the same after [the 9/11] atrocities. We may have to give up certain freedoms in order to secure life. Out of necessity, the liberty of movement throughout the country may be hindered. Greater surveillance of our private lives may take place for the sake of security. We must remember that when the Antichrist comes, humanity will believe him to be the one who has the answers to all national and global perplexities. The nations will be in perplexities, or problems for which they have no solutions Out of such dilemmas, Antichrist will arise.... For him to rule, a true republic or democratic government must cease.... There must come a day when America's lifestyle with its liberties and comforts change.... [Benjamin Franklin warned: "Those who give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." But let's not forget that our God is in control!]

CAN'T BE SAVED WITHOUT BAPTISM?—If salvation was really dependent upon water baptism by immersion, would that mean that an astronaut in space who suddenly came to Christ could not be saved until he got back to earth? What about a lone Eskimo in the frozen north? What about a traveler lost in the Sahara desert who was dying of thirst? Fortunately, Scripture does not call for a baptizing pool as a requirement for salvation, but we are saved through faith ... it is not by works (Eph. 2:8-9). [*Christian Debater Guide* (on "cultic Campbellism," e.g.), P.O. Box 144441, Austin, TX 78714. Phone 512/218-8022]

MISSING BAPTIST MEMBERS—Southern Baptist churches total 15.9 million members but only 5.5 million are in attendance on any given Sunday morning—only 33 percent (10/1 *Christian News*). A new study showed that the typical SBC church has 233 members but an average attendance of only 70 persons for Sun. morning worship. It may be as bad or worse in some other denominations.

CHRISTIANS PRAY WITH MUSLIMS, JEWS—Across America, Christians, Muslims and Jews are praying and worshipping together more than at any other time in history. Surveys show that the majority of church members maintain that all religions actually worship the same God and that a person must work, at least in part, his own way to heaven. Christians who pray with Muslims and other non-Christians do not show true

love to them but lead them to believe that their god actually exists, hears and answers prayer. Muslims reject the Trinity and do not believe that Jesus died and rose again.

THOUGHTS ON HOW TEENAGERS THINK—1. From a very self-centered perspective 2. Shift blame to others (or circumstances) when caught in wrongdoing 3. No respect for authority 4. Very materialistic 5. Motivated by immediate gratification 6. Slow to accept responsibility for actions 7. Worldliness pervades their minds. But wait parents: Most teens think the way they do because they've been taught to think that way. Our children grow up to mirror us and/or the influences we allow them to have in their lives. [Adapted from 10/01 *Baptist Banner* article]

DOCTORS SLOW TO PRESCRIBE ABORTION PILL—RU-486 is only slowly catching on (11/12 *Chr. Today*). The reason seems to be rising safety concerns and bad side effects are becoming common. But more doctors are expected to begin offering the drug soon. Hopefully not.

BUILDING A UN ARMY—The U.S. has been gradually turning control of its military over to the United Nations. So-called "arms control" is not a drive to *eliminate* weapons of war but to monopolize them. We seem headed for a point in the "global governance" scheme where no state would have the military power to challenge a progressively-strengthened UN Peace Force. (10/22 *New Amer.*) A UN with sufficient power to enforce world peace would use that power to impose world tyranny.

SCHULLER FEATURES HYBELS, WILKINSON—The Robert H. Schuller Institute for Successful Church Leadership, set for Jan. 28-31, features the following speakers: Bill Hybels (who has given a forum to former Pres. Bill Clinton, and to a Muslim Imam), Bruce Wilkinson (of *Prayer of Jabez* fame), Leith Anderson (the new interim president of the NAE), Jack Hayford (charismatic), Lydia Waters (liberal United Methodist Church), and Ken Medema (popular with homosexuals). The above speakers, and others, are listed in a full-page ad in the 10/1 *Chr. Today*. Sixty pastors associated with the homosexual MCC attended Shuller's 2001 Institute.

THE JACKSON 'SHAKEDOWN'?—When Jesse Jackson shows up in corporate offices demanding not just racial equity in hiring but millions of dollars paid to his organizations, most businesses give in. (9/1 *World*). Like shop owners in a Mafia-controlled neighborhood, they pay protection money and count it as cost of doing business.

TERRORISM IN COLOMBIA—Colombia is one of the major drug centers of the world. At least 3,000 Colombians are killed each year in its civil war (10/13 *World*). Colombia had 1,700 kidnappings in the first seven months of this year, the highest rate in the world.

NAE NAMES ANDERSON INTERIM PRESIDENT—The National Association of Evangelicals' Board of Directors met Oct. 11 and named Dr. Leith Anderson to be Interim NAE President. He is senior pastor of Wooddale Church in Eden Prairie, MN (since 1977) which has a weekend attendance of 4,300. He has a Master's degree from Denver Seminary and a doctorate from Fuller. A Study Committee is being set up (for up to 18 months) to study the whole concept of membership. In the meantime, no denomination with membership in the WCC, NCC, or ACCC will be admitted into NAE membership during this period. [10/17 e-mail from NAE v-p Richard Cizik to ACCC exec. sec'y Ralph Colas] Surely no ACCC group would apply for membership in the compromising NAE! Former NAE president Kevin Mannoia recently resigned under pressure, in large part due to his establishing a dual membership policy between NAE and NCC/WCC groups.

MUSLIM DECLARES U.S. IS TERRORIST AT HYBELS' MEGACHURCH—Willow Creek Community Church Pastor Bill Hybels last month invited a local Muslim leader Fred Hammouda to talk about Islam to a total of 17,000 churchgoers. Hammouda was provided with this huge forum to spread lies about his false and dangerous religion. He blamed the U.S. for recent terrorism and professed hate for the U.S. and Israel. He said

Muslims consider Jesus and other biblical figures Islamic prophets, though not as important as Mohammed. It surprised many in Hybel's audience that Muslims believe in Jesus [not the Bible Jesus]. The deception was evident from reactions such as, "I didn't know they believed in Jesus," and "we have much in common." Some walked out, however, when he said things like "The U.S. is responsible for terrorism." Bill Hybels was a "spiritual advisor," and gave a forum to, Bill Clinton, remember?

RUDD'S CHURCH BEGINS '3 SERVICES, 3 STYLES'—A friend sent us an e-mail concerning a *Muskegon Chronicle* ad for Calvary Church, Pastor Bill Rudd. It read: "New at Calvary, beginning Oct. 7, 3 services, 3 styles. 8:30 - traditional, 9:45 - blended, 11:10 - contemporary, 6:00 - Bible studies." Rudd is a longtime GARBC leader and a former Chairman of its Council of 18. His church has participated in Promise Keepers events. Churches are changing, and in most ways not for the better. Dr. Falwell's Oct. *National Liberty Journal* has a big ad titled, "Is Your Church Ready to Make the Praise & Worship Transition?" Worldliness is invading fundamental churches, often through the choir loft! Rock music, more and more, is becoming a permanent fixture.

MacARTHUR SAYS GRAHAM HAS 'UNORTHODOX VIEWS'—In a Feb. 15 letter to a Grace Partner, John MacArthur takes issue (and rightly so) with some remarks Billy Graham made in an interview with Robert Schuller a few years ago when he said that those who may not even know the name of Jesus will be in heaven, etc. MacArthur commented that based on what he told Schuller, Graham's theology includes some unorthodox views. He added: "He claims that the Body of Christ encompasses non-believers and that God's mercy is wide enough to encompass people who don't follow Christ.... Obviously [his] comments to Schuller (and later to Larry King) have caused a great deal of confusion.... Can Billy Graham... truly believe people can be saved **without** the gospel?... Billy Graham is the highest profile evangelist of our time, and when he makes statements about the gospel, people listen. And because he wields so much influence, when those statements are unclear, or contradictory, problems arise...." We have disagreed with certain of Dr. MacArthur's teachings in the past, but he is on target in taking Graham to task on this issue.

GORDON & JEAN GREER NEW CD—As accomplished opera and concert artists, Gordon and Jean Greer have sung in many countries. Gordon was introduced to Biblical Fundamentalism in 1984 and dedicated his life and singing to the Lord. Jean has served on the Bob Jones University music faculty since 1989 and as Head of the Voice Department since August, 1998. Their new CD has been three years in the making. Their tremendous talent is clearly evident, as they sing the great and beloved old hymns of the faith (and a couple of newer sacred and Gospel songs) in arguably unsurpassed blended harmony. Titled "A Tribute to SOLDIERS of the CROSS," this recording honors twelve dedicatees, (including the *CC* editor), and the accompanying CD booklet gives a brief bio of these men as well as selected quotations from their writings, preaching, etc. The Greers have devoted their lives to honoring the Lord with their talents and defending Bible principles of separation in music. You may contact them for concerts, church meetings, or for this CD at: 605 Del Norte Road, Greenville, SC 29615. E-mail: singingforsouls@altavista.com. Phone: (864) 244-9152. The CD is \$15 + \$2 postage, or \$10 for a cassette version.

ACCC'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY—The American Council of Christian Churches is celebrating its 60th Anniversary. It was begun back in 1941 to be a strong voice for fundamentalism. It rejected the liberalism of the old Federal Council of Churches which later became the National Council of Churches. The ACCC has always repudiated the position of the National Association of Evangelicals with its compromising hodgepodge of believers, new evangelicals, modernists, and charismatics. And while many organizations and groups have drifted far from their historic position, the ACCC has not. It continues the same stand today that brought it into existence 60 years ago, and expresses sincere gratitude to our great God for preserving it as a testimony to His glory in this dark, sin-cursed world.... At its 60th annual convention, in Lancaster, PA, Oct. 23-25, the ACCC declared its dedication and commitment to the precious Word of God. It also reaffirmed its loyalty to the principles of Biblical separation and resolved to continue to look for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of

our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. It pledged to maintain a voice for Biblical fundamentalism in these last days. [For how to get resolutions, tapes, and useful literature, contact ACCC at P.O. Box 5455, Bethlehem, PA 18015. E-mail: acc@juno.com Officers are: Dr. Ralph Colas (Executive Secretary), Dr. John McKnight (President), Rev. Mark Franklin (V-P), Rev. Craig Griffith (Secretary), and Rev. Tom Hamilton (Treas.).]

CONTRAST BETWEEN MOHAMMED AND CHRIST—George Zeller has a interesting paper (flyer) showing the contrast between Mohammed (and Islam's Koran) and Christ. It's "free" by e-mail at: GeorgeZeller@Juno.com or from him at: 349 East Street, Middletown, CT 06457.

FFBC RESOLUTIONS—The Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches (NJ) in Annual Session (Aug.) passed good resolutions on the following subjects: 1. Pornography (on TV, Internet, etc.) 2. Salvation (Charles Stanley's recent wrong teaching on "ones who have never heard of Jesus," etc.) 3. Death Penalty 4. Embryonic Stem Cell Research 5. Harry Potter Books 6. Standing in the Evil Day 7. Apprec. of U.S. Veterans 8. Tri-State Bible Camp (Joe Racite & staff) 9. Appreciation for the Faithful Ministry of BWM's Dr. David Cummins. Read these resolutions at the Web site (www.ffbc.ws) or by e-mail from: pastor@calvarybaptistministries.org. Committee members were: Joe Roof (Chair), Mark Franklin, & Al Martin. Bill Raymond is FFBC pres., Robert Biscoe is Nat'l Rep.

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CRONKITE EXPLODES OVER FALWELL REMARK—Walter Cronkite unleashed a very harsh attack on religious broadcasters Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson, terming Falwell's remarks on the 700 Club about the Sept. 11 terror attack "abominable." He implied their God and the bombers' might be the same (*TV Guide*). Even though Falwell apologized (mainly for not stressing the terrorists' blame) for blaming the devastation on pagans, abortionists, homosexuals, ACLU, etc., the "tolerant" liberal free speech lobby could not tolerate this and came down very hard on him. Actually, in divine "retribution" God has even allowed more-evil enemy nations to chasten His erring people (see Habakkuk). Cronkite in a 1998 fundraising letter for The Interfaith Alliance (its national board has Unitarian, Catholic, NCC, and other liberals), revealed his extreme left-wing bias against Falwell, the Christian Coalition, etc. This "most trusted man in America" said: "I work very hard at being a Christian."

T.D. JAKES IS *TIME'S* 'BEST PREACHER'?—*Time* magazine (9/17) has named Dallas' Bishop T.D. Jakes "America's Best Preacher." But it says he lives in a \$1.7 million pillared mansion and claims Jesus must have been rich to support His disciples (9/17 *Chr. News*). Jesus said he was not rich. Norm Geisler said Jakes promotes the "old, old heresy" of modalism which denies the Trinity.

SINGER SAYS IT MAY BE OK TO KILL AN INFANT—Princeton University's animal rights radical Peter Singer believes parents should be able to euthanize severely disabled infants less than a month old (10/4 *H. Times*). He said "Killing a defective infant is not morally equivalent to killing a person. Sometimes it is not wrong at all."

LEGACY OF HOMOSEXUALITY—The homosexual lifestyle is an unhealthy, unnatural, and unwise choice. It has cost the Roman Catholic Church hundreds of millions of dollars in lawsuits against homosexual priests. It is a danger to schools, and is a public health hazard. AIDS is more prevalent among homosexuals than for heterosexuals in the U.S. The life expectancy of "gay" and bisexual men is as much as 20 years less than for all men (10/1 *Christian News*). Homosexuality is a life of pain, is unnatural (homosexuals won't have children), and is something parents don't want for their kids.

GOOD TEENS EAT WITH PARENTS—In proclaiming Family Day 2001, Pres. Bush cited a Columbia University study that said teens who eat dinner with their family are 20 percent less likely to smoke, booze, or do drugs (*USN&WR*). Skip the meat loaf and fish sticks and teens are 61 percent more likely to engage in those activities.

ABORTIONS CONTINUE—Children murdered through abortions in Russia now exceed live births (10/1 *CN*). Women in China, South Korea, and wealthy parts of India increasingly abort female fetuses. Over 40 million babies have been aborted in the U.S. since 1973. A mother's womb has become the most dangerous place on earth.

POPE SAYS MUSLIMS WORSHIP SAME GOD AS CHRISTIANS—Pope John Paul II has said for years that Jews, Muslims and other non-Christians worship the same God Christians worship. But Muslims and the others deny the deity of Christ and other key doctrines. Last month the Pope called for Christians and Muslims to unite and said: "...I invite both Christians and Muslims to raise an intense prayer to the One, Almighty God whose children we all are..." He said the Catholic Church has nothing but respect for "authentic Islam." The Pope does not believe Christianity is the only saving faith and that Jesus Christ is the only way to heaven (10/1 *Christian News*). He even said last December that unbelievers will be saved if they live a just life (1/1/01 *CC*).

NAME ONE MUSLIM NATION WITH FREEDOM!—Most of the following are excerpts from the 10/6 *World*. What country of the world is the "beautiful religion" of Islam practiced in a way that might prompt one to want to move there for the rest of one's life? Muslim nations have severe restrictions, especially on women. Islam and Christianity are mutually exclusive—both claim to be the only right way to God. Shiite Muslims are more radical than the Sunnis, but in all Islamic nations, none welcome people of other faiths in the way our nation welcomes Muslims. It seems unwise to enlist terrorist-sponsoring nations as "allies" in the war on terrorism. We grieve when our president visits a mosque and praises Islam. We are a nation "under God," not "gods." Pray that our president will trust the only true and living God for guidance and protection during these uncertain days.

NATIONAL CATHEDRAL PRAYER MEETING—We were unable to see the official State prayer meeting on TV (in its entirety) but read several reports and quotes. Leading the meeting were Episcopalians, Roman Catholic Cardinal, Methodists, a Muslim cleric, a rabbi, and Billy Graham. A Methodist minister from Houston offered his prayer to the "God of Abraham and Mohammed, and the Father of Jesus Christ." (9/24 *C. News*) John Robbins' report was titled, "A Nation of Idolaters." If there could be a "positive" spin on such a disgraceful gathering, it would be one reader's interesting e-mail observation: "Today for the first time in history, one man (Graham) spoke the Gospel to the entire world at the same time."

R.T. KENDALL EMBRACES 'TORONTO BLESSING'—G. Campbell Morgan (1863-1945), pastor of London's famed Westminster Chapel, called the Pentecostal movement "the last vomit of Satan." (7/15/88 *CC*) Martyn Lloyd-Jones, who served five years under Morgan and became solo minister from 1943 to 1968, said baptism of the Holy Spirit was a post-conversion experience (7/15/92 *CC*). Charismatic "prophet" Paul Cain joined Westminster in 1992. Dr. R.T. Kendall, "highly respected in evangelical and charismatic circles," has been Westminster Chapel's senior pastor for the past 25 years. He writes in the Toronto Blessing's *Spread the Fire* magazine: "So when I first heard about the Toronto Blessing, I was skeptical. If you had put me under a lie detector, when I first heard about it, I would have told you that it was 'not of God.' But a number of things have happened to change my mind. The first was seeing a close friend of mine, a reformed Baptist minister who had never heard of Toronto and is by nature very cynical, fall to the floor the first time he received prayer..." Kendall adds: "A few years ago I was sitting with Paul Cain in our family room and he prophesied these words: 'the last shall be first.'...I knew in a flash that Westminster Chapel would be the last church in London to embrace the Toronto Blessing, but that one day we would take our place. It turned out to be exactly that way. We were in fact the very last church in London to accept this phenomenon." G. C. Morgan would grieve to see

such a tragic legacy.

ADRIAN ROGERS, "GREAT BRIDGE BUILDER."—Early this year, Southern Baptist pastor and dynamic preacher Adrian Rogers commemorated 15 years of television ministry on the charismatic Trinity Broadcast Network. Rogers' *Love Worth Finding* program is very popular. The TBN Web site has a photo of Rogers shaking hands with Paul Crouch, head of TBN. Crouch said, "We salute Dr. Rogers, and honor our friend and brother! He is truly one of the great bridge builders in the Body of Christ." Crouch has promoted practically every weird and unscriptural Charismatic doctrine and practice, including Word-faith, healing in the atonement, gibberish "tongues," spirit slaying, holy laughter, and prosperity giving. The problem with the conservative Southern Baptist preachers such as Rogers is that they ignore and neglect the hard things of the Christian ministry, such as marking and avoiding false teachers. Instead of shaking Crouch's hand and giving the viewers the impression that he supports this man, Rogers should be lifting his voice to plainly warn his listeners of Crouch's dangerous heresies. Dr. Rogers does give warnings, but they are vague and non-specific. That is not the example given to us by the faithful Apostle Paul. He didn't hesitate to name the names of false teachers and compromisers. (David W. Cloud, 9/21/01, Fund. Baptist Information Svc., P.O. Box 610368, Port Huron, MI 48061, 866-295-4143, fbns@wayoflife.org)

PEDERSON IS NEW NRB PRESIDENT—National Religious Broadcasters Chairman Wayne Pederson is the new NRB president and chief operating officer. He succeeds Dr. E. Brandt Gustavson, who died of cancer in May. Pederson, currently executive vice president at Northwestern Radio in St. Paul, Minn., will begin with NRB part-time Oct 1, then will relocate to Manassas, Va., to begin full-time work by Jan. 1. The 54-year-old has spent his entire career in Christian broadcasting, earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and broadcasting from the University of Minnesota, then later earned a master of theology from Free Lutheran Theological Seminary in Minneapolis. The NRB is an ecumenical association of more than 1,400 religious communicators. It promotes standards of excellence, integrity and accountability, and provides networking opportunities for its members.

DR. BILL BRIGHT WORKS WITH CHARISMATICS, CATHOLICS—The 10/01 *Charisma* says Bill Bright is a bridge-builder who considers healing evangelist Benny Hinn "a dear friend." It says there was a time, though, when controversy over charismatic gifts cut to the heart of Bright's ministry and home. "As the Jesus Movement touched colleges...during the 1970s, Campus Crusade introduced a policy that banned staff from speaking in tongues or advocating its practice. When Bright's son, Zac, experienced the baptism in the Holy Spirit, the clash of views caused him to leave the ministry and the family home." They reconciled before long and Campus rescinded its "hard-line" stand, but still precludes tongues in public meetings. Bright says he's a Presbyterian, yet: "I work with everybody who loves Jesus, whether they be charismatic or Catholic, Orthodox or mainliner." He adds: "I'm a classical Christian...I'm not an evangelical. I'm not a fundamentalist. I'm not Orthodox. I'm just a follower of Jesus in the traditional New Testament sense." *Charisma* says "In many parts of the world, Campus workers labor closely with charismatic...believers."

CWA NAMES NEW PRESIDENT—Beverly LaHaye, founder and chairman of Concerned Women for America (CWA), recently announced the appointment of Sandy Rios as president. Rios is a Chicago radio talk show host, musician and singer and mother of two grown children, one of whom is severely disabled. Rios says she has a heart for those often overlooked in the cultural battle for the soul of America. "Mrs. LaHaye...taught us a lesson in founding CWA to show that the radical feminists do not speak for mainstream American women.... Young people and minorities can and must have a voice in promoting the effective Bible-based values we share. I want to help Mrs. LaHaye reach out to make sure those voices are heard too." Rios will relocate to metropolitan Washington and begin with CWA on October 15. CWA is the nation's largest public policy women's organization. It is conservative, pro-life, but ecumenical.

NEW EVANGELICALISM—The New Evangelicalism is a theological and moral compromise of the

deadliest sort. It is an insidious attack upon the Word of God. No more subtle menace has confronted the church of Christ since the Protestant Reformation....It is deadly for several reasons. First, because it originated not outside evangelical circles as an attack from without but within these circles as a form of theological erosion. Second, because it is in some instances championed by men who for years have been known as Bible-believing evangelicals. Some of these men indeed were once defenders of the faith. They have gained the confidence of a multitude who will be slow to believe that their views have changed and who may be led to follow them in their compromises. Third, because it is not a clearly defined system of alien theology which Bible-believers may refute point by point. Discernment is needed to detect its insidious nature. Fourth, because it emphasizes love at the expense of doctrine and stresses societal aspects of the gospel. Orthodox believers who oppose its false teaching run the risk of being regarded as unloving or anti-social....Fifth, because it courts and caters to the theological intelligentsia of the liberal camp and implies that those who do not share its views are unenlightened. Pastors who have had little formal academic training may find this frustrating. Sixth, because many Christians are being brainwashed by its false but appealing views. As the result, a doctrinal and ethical letdown is discernible in many areas of church life. Seventh, because the camel's nose of the New Evangelicalism is already in the Christian tent. The camel is pushing hard to get its entire body in. [This article is by Dr. Charles Woodbridge, 10/01 *Gospel Standard*.]

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CHRISTIANITY ALMOST CRUSHED IN BRITAIN—Christianity has almost been vanquished in Britain. Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, Archbishop of Westminster, told a gathering of priests last month that Christ was being replaced by music, New Age beliefs, the environmental movement, the occult and the free-market economy. The Cardinal, leader of 4.1 million Catholics in England and Wales, said people were seeking transient happiness in alcohol, drugs, pornography and recreational sex (9/6 *The Times*). He spoke of the damage and shame to his church by the scandal of pedophile priests. Archbishop of Canterbury Dr. George Carey last year said a "tacit atheism" prevails in Britain and "concentration on the here-and-now renders a thought of eternity irrelevant."

MORMONS TRY TO APPEAR CHRISTIAN—Mormons are increasingly emphasizing Jesus and de-emphasizing their founder Joseph Smith. Their rhetoric is becoming more overtly evangelical. But their God is married, is a finite being, and their Heavenly Mother" produces spirit children in a "pre-existence." Thus they teach that Jesus and Lucifer were spirit brothers. This deceptive false cult teaches a "works" salvation. They teach a different Jesus, and a different gospel. We and they have the same vocabulary but use different dictionaries. We must speak the truth in love and try to win them to the true Christ, but must not compromise the true Gospel in the process.

'MOTHER' TERESA HAD EXORCISM?—Archbishop of Calcutta Henry D'Souza said last month that Catholic nun "Mother" Teresa had an exorcism performed on her while in the hospital in 1997, but he said this would not affect her candidacy for sainthood (9/7 *Religion Today*). The 9/15 *Huntsville Times* had this bizarre account of thoughts that this "nun headed for sainthood" wrote in 1959-60: "Now, Jesus, I go the wrong way....They say people in hell suffer eternal pain because of loss of God. In my soul, I feel just the terrible pain of loss, of God not wanting me, of God not being God, of God not really existing....Jesus, please forgive the blasphemy...that darkness that surrounds me on all sides. I can't lift my soul to God: No light...." [See also 10/1/97 CC]

A LIBERAL ADMITS HELMS WAS RIGHT ABOUT CLOSING NEA—*L.A. Times* writer Crispin Sartwell says Sen. Jesse Helms was almost always wrong but that he was right about wanting to close down the

National Endowment for the Arts (9/5 *HT*). Of smut artists who complain and cry "censorship," Sartwell says: "I may have an obligation not to shut you up when you say things that disturb me, but I don't have an obligation to pay you to do it." Taxpayers have the right not to fund filth.

U.S. WIDOWS FARE BETTER—American feminists take note! A branch of Muslims believe women do not have souls (9/8 *World*). And in a Hindu Rite of Sati, the widow is burned alongside her dead husband (lest she reap the bad Karma to be born a woman again in her next reincarnation). In Zimbabwe, a widow is not allowed to inherit from her dead husband. In Swaziland, widows are the poorest of the poor. In Nigeria, a widow may not work for a year after her husband's death, to prove that she has not killed him. [A disclaimer applies for this article!]

TERRORISM IN AMERICA—Islam is a complicated religion. The word means "submission." We have recently witnessed havoc wreaked by certain radicals of this group. Make no mistake, these terrorists hate our values and seek to destroy America, calling us the "Great Satan." Today, they have the *will*, but not the *power*, to do this. Today we have the *power* to destroy terrorist networks, but may not for long have the sustained *will* to do it. Watch our media's reaction if we shoot down a hijacked plane with civilians on board headed for the White House or other prime target. Former Israeli leader Netanyahu in a 9/13 interview said the terrorist groups, if bin Laden is killed, have other "bin Ladens" waiting in the wings to replace him. He said children are taught at an early age to aspire to be martyrs ("suicide bombers"), and promised special rewards in heaven. The response to all this is different between personal and national enemies. As individual Christians, we must pray for our leaders, and love *our* enemies, leaving vengeance to God with these. But where are we told to love *God's* enemies? In fact, the opposite may be sometimes sanctioned (2 Chr. 19:2, Psa. 139:21, e.g.). As a nation, our government is right (Rom. 13:1-4) to protect our citizens from terrorists (self-defense), and a duty to provide for the common defense of its freedom-loving people. Christians are not to fear any calamity the future holds, for we have a Blessed Hope of Christ's any-moment return. The Bible teaches that there will be an end time one-world church/government, but it will be headed by the Antichrist. Things may worsen to the point that world leaders, may soon be glad to turn the reins of government over to a world "super man" ruler, be it via the UN, New World Order, or other such. Luke 21:25 speaks of a time when nations will be "distressed, with perplexity..." (The Greek word is "aporia," for "no way out".) Even David Gergen in a 9/24 *USN&WR* editorial, said: "Instead of retreating from international leadership—as we have been doing—we must embrace it." Likewise a world church, composed of false religions (Catholicism, apostate Protestantism, pagans, cults, etc.) is in the making. God in His grace has given us another wake up call to witness to a lost world.

ECUMENICAL IDOLATRY—A diverse religious crowd of worshippers united in songs and prayers to various gods in remembrance of terrorist victims last month at a local Catholic church. They heard words of comfort from a Catholic priest, Protestant ministers, a Hindu, an Islamic imam, a Jewish rabbi, and a Baha'i lay leader (9/17 *Huntsville Times*). There is only one true God, the Triune God of the Bible. Other gods are idols and "an idol is nothing" (1Cor. 8:4), it doesn't exist (Isa. 43:10, 44:8). The Christian's God is a holy and jealous God (Ex.34:14, Josh. 24:19) and will not share his glory with the pagan and false gods of Muslims, Hindus, Baha'is, Judaism and Romanism.

CBF A MENAGERIE OF DISGRUNTLED BAPTISTS?—That is how the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship seems to see itself today, according to a 9/01 *Baptist Banner* writer. He writes, of the recent CBF Atlanta General Assembly: "In one room, you'll find radical feminists worshipping 'Mother God' and talking about how hard it is to call God 'Father' or 'Lord.' In another room, the dean of a CBF partner school joins with a Jewish rabbi to argue that Jews don't need faith in Christ to be saved. Walk to the next room and you'll find the head of another CBF partner school arguing that Baptists shouldn't try to 'convert' Jews, Muslims and Hindus since non-Christians can 'experience the divine' without Jesus. And, don't pray in 'Jesus name' in mixed company." The CBF is a breakaway, denomination-like group, the former SBC "moderates," but are increasingly being seen as liberals.

MCCARTNEY SAYS CATHOLICS 'LEGITIMATE'—Promise Keepers founder Bill McCartney considers the Roman Catholic Church "a legitimate Christian church." Following is an excerpt from a phone interview with Richard Scheinin of Knight Ridder News Service: Question by Scheinin: What parts of your Catholic upbringing do you hold onto? Answer by McCartney: I know many Catholics love God with all their heart. I have genuine respect for anyone who truly has given their life to Christ. We read about Mother Teresa and her heart and what a wonderful example she was. Q. Do you see yourself as having been "converted" from Catholicism? A. I had a born-again experience at age 33. And as a result...I found a church to fellowship in where I felt I was being fed properly. I don't say that as a reflection on Catholicism. But once I was born again, I got an evangelical spirit. Q. Do you consider the Catholic Church to be a legitimate Christian church? A. Of course. (9/15 *Daily Oklahoman*). David Cloud comments: "Thus it is obvious that McCartney does not believe Rome preaches a false gospel. He considers Mother Teresa a genuine Christian even though she was committed to Rome's sacramental faith-works gospel, she prayed to Mary, and worshipped the mass wafer. (See 'Was Mother Teresa a True Christian' in the Fundamental Bapt. CD-ROM Library.) McCartney's position is contradictory and untenable. He claims to have accepted an evangelical gospel even while continuing to hold to Rome's false gospel. This is impossible. You cannot believe in the truth and in lies, too. You cannot worship God and idols. You cannot believe in a true gospel and a false gospel. This demonstrates the incredible confusion that is created by the positive-only, judge-nothing ecumenical philosophy! In light of this confusion about the very gospel itself, it is sad that even many independent Baptist churches have affiliated with Promise Keepers. An example is Jerry Falwell, who joined the So. Baptist Convention a few years ago but also still claims an affiliation with the Baptist Bible Fellowship. Over 10,000 men congregated at his Liberty University for a Promise Keepers rally in March 1995." (For more on this see 'The Roman Catholic Promise Keepers Connection' in the Promise Keepers section of the End Times Apostasy Database at Way of Life web site: <http://www.wayoflife.org> Fund. Bapt. Infor. Service, P.O. Box 610368, Port Huron, MI 48061)

GARBC & PARTNERS NEWS—The General Association of Regular Baptists a year or two ago, switched from an "Approval" system for schools and agencies, to a "partnering" or network system. One such "partner" is Cedarville University which will host the 2002 GARBC Annual Meeting. CU is also co-sponsoring a "Youth ALIVE BLOWOUT" CCM/rock concert Nov. 3 featuring *Solomon's Wish* and *Watermark*. Meanwhile another GARBC partner, Baptist Bible College (Clark-Summit) at its Bible conference a year or so ago scheduled Drs. Wendell Kempton (ABWE), Bill Rudd (promoted a Promise Keepers conference), Don McCall, etc., as speakers. And a recent BBC Teen Leadership Conference where "rocky and repetitive...charismatic music" was used and Darrell Evans' (attended ORU and is part of the Vineyard movement) music was used and endorsed. Five new (and nine "mission status"—a first for listing this new category) churches joined the GARBC this year, but its *Baptist Bulletin* report omitted mention that many more than that were dropped or withdrew. The only resolutions we saw listed in the *BB* report under the "Resolutions passed" heading was one thanking children's workers and one on "Challenge for Partnering." The latter is a popular, "positive" GARBC emphasis, but where are the old passe "defending the faith" warnings? It is sad to see the inroads new evangelicalism is making.

LIBERATION THEOLOGY LEADER DIES—Robert McAfee Brown, a Presbyterian theologian who bridged tensions between Protestants and Catholics and became a best-known advocate of the [Marxist] liberation theology movement, died last month. He was a theological liberal who rejected historic Christianity. He protested the Vietnam War in the 1960s, and co-founded the leftist Clergy and Laity Concerned About Vietnam group.

ACCC MEETING SET FOR LANCASTER—The 60th Annual Meeting of the American Council of Christian Churches is scheduled for Oct. 23-25, at Lancaster, Pa. Host pastor is Rev. Jack Hilton. Conference theme is: "Contending for the Faith." Speakers include: Drs. Bob Jones III, John Stormal, George Youstra, John Ashbrook, Frank McClelland, Ron Cooke, Mark Franklin, Douglas Ardis, and Allen Griffith. The World Council of Biblical Churches Executive Committee will also meet in conjunction with this conference. Panel:

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ALFRED SMITH IN GLORY—Alfred Smith was called home August 8 at age 84. Often called the dean of Gospel music, he was an authority on it, as a soloist, song leader, recording artist, publisher and lecturer. A graduate of Moody and Wheaton, he was a classmate and gospel teammate with Billy Graham at the latter. In 1941 he published his first "Singspiration" chorus book. Songs he wrote include: "For God So Loved the World," "Surely Goodness and Mercy," "My Father Planned it All," and "His Banner Over Me is Love." He was concerned about the recent-years drift of God-honoring Christian music. Surviving him are his wife Nancy, 3 sons, and 3 daughters.

CHINESE FUNDAMENTALISTS MEET—The Int'l Conference of Chinese Fundamentalist Christians held their first meeting Sept. 5-7 at the Hamilton Square Baptist Church (Pastor, David Innes), San Francisco. This historic meeting was organized by Dr. Christian Wei and other leading Chinese fundamentalists over the world. Fourteen pastors and other Christian leaders addressed over 20 timely topics. The meeting's heartbeat was reaching the over one billion people of China with the gospel. Next year's conference will be at Singapore.

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MARRIAGE BENEFITS TO HOMOSEXUALS AND UNMARRIED COUPLES?—Most married workers receive health insurance that also covers wife and kids. The homosexual lobby said that's not fair to same-sex couples, so now homosexuals claim these and other family benefits. But it still isn't "fair." A new group says: "If homosexual couples can get benefits, why not us heterosexual couples who aren't married but are living together?" Milwaukee has joined other city governments in granting family benefits, at taxpayer expense, to couples living together, no matter their gender (Gene Veith, 8/18 *World*). What next?

MEGIDDO TO TAKE 'CHRISTIAN' FILMS INTO MAINSTREAM?—*Megiddo*, sequel to *The Omega Code*, was written by TBN's Paul Crouch and produced by his son Matt. Costing \$20 million, it opens in 450 theaters Sept. 21. Its makers hope to astonish Hollywood by drawing large numbers of Christians to the box office (9/01 *Charisma*). And, therein lies a subtle danger! Crouch says, "This is a ministry project," then later says, "It's a business [from Hollywood's perspective], and unless you operate in the influence of their system, they don't hear you.... Whether you like the picture or not, support it. It's biblically sound [?]. If we buy tickets, we get heard by Hollywood." A "Christian ministry" would not have impressing Hollywood (conform to the world) as a main goal. This "Christian film" is like Amy Grant's "Christian rock." And as *it* did, it will recruit customers for Satan's world system. Be warned, be wise, beware!

RUETHER CALLS DIVORCE 'DIVERSITY OF PARTNERING'—Rosemary Ruether is a radical left-wing, pro-marxist, apostate feminist theologian associated with the United Methodist Garrett School of Theology. She advocates different forms of "family" bonds, even pronouncing her blessing on the tragic trauma of divorce terming it "a diversity of partnering." (7-8/01 *Fund. Digest*) Ruether says we should seek "compassionate" ways of weeding out people (9/1/98 *CC*). This Catholic theologian is a universalist who rejects historic Christianity.

DECLINE IN BIBLICAL LITERACY—Pollster George Barna recently observed that Christianity is having a minimal influence on thoughts, words, and deeds of people under age 40. He said "Teens appreciate the value of faith, but cling to erroneous doctrines that lead to bad choices and spiritual confusion." Half of those surveyed couldn't name any of the four Gospels. Fewer than half knew who delivered the Sermon on the Mount. And

while 60 percent of Americans attended church last Easter, one-fourth could not say why we celebrate Easter (Sept.-Oct. *Moody*). We see a dramatic decline in biblical literacy.

DO YOU CONTROL TV OR DOES IT CONTROL YOU?—Your TV machine doesn't operate automatically. Its programs don't enter your home uninvited. To say that hours of daily television viewing "just happen" is like Aaron's excuse to Moses about the golden calf: "They gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!" (Ex. 32:34) *You* invite this guest into your home. *You* give it access to your and your family's minds 365 days a year (9-10/01 *Moody*). *You* make choices each day between TV and family time, quiet time, productive time, etc. Unless you control this intruder, you will condition yourself to allowing this time-thief to bring profanity, pornography, and harmful philosophies into your home that you would not otherwise allow from an outsider. Remember: You must control TV, or it will control you!

KING UNWORTHY OF CHRISTIAN HONOR—Martin Luther King is still being mythologized as a "committed Christian" and a "martyr for the faith." Even *World* magazine featured his picture on its 8/25 cover, and a writer called him "that great American patriot." But *Christian News* has had articles for over 35 years warning of his anti-Christian theology and lifestyle, and his association with prominent communists (see 12/15/89 *CC*). The 1/24/00 *CN* said: "King rejected historic Christianity ... He was a Marxist, plagiarizer, and unrepentant adulterer..." Ralph Abernathy, called by King his "dearest friend in the world," in his 1989 book (see 12/15/89 *CC*) said King spent parts of the night before he was killed with two women; then lost his temper and fought physically with a third woman, using God's name in cursing in the process. As with Presidents Kennedy and Clinton, he is hardly deserving of Christian honor. Patriotic blacks have said that the U.S. should have a Booker T. Washington Day rather than an MLK Day.

PORN A MAJOR THREAT—Pornography addiction is damaging the mental health of millions. It is an obvious factor in the spread of AIDS and other diseases (9/01 *NLJ*). Pornography is evil. It exploits women and children. Child molesters soften up their victims by showing them porn. Our nation is being engulfed in a tidal wave of hard-core pornography (*Light*). Some 25 million Americans visit online sex sites between one and ten hours a week. About 60 percent of all Web site visits are sexual in nature.

BOONE DOWNPLAYS DOCTRINE—Charismatics have long said "Doctrine divides, experience unites." In an Aug. 17 interview, Pat Boone said: "We don't all have our doctrine all completely correct but God doesn't judge us on our understanding of doctrine. He judges our heart, our intents...our love, and how we treat other people."

SHOULD ROMAN CATHOLICS BE EVANGELIZED?—This is the title of a good resolution of the recent 65th Synod of the Bible Presbyterian Church, from which we take the following adapted excerpt. There has been confusion and a growing indifference whether we should evangelize Roman Catholics. Prominent New Evangelical spokesmen like Charles Colson and J.I. Packer have said Protestants can find common ground with Roman Catholics in many areas of theology. These self-appointed representatives of ECT I and II have accommodated RC theology in the area of justification before God, while Roman Catholicism has NOT left its traditional teachings nor moved closer to the Reformation truths. Rather, the official position of Roman Catholicism as taught in its modern catechisms is still the counter-Reformation errors of the Council of Trent. The 16th century anathemas, that threatened souls with hellfire for believing the Bible, led to many Protestant leaders being consigned to the flames of the execution stake in RC countries. We affirm that Bible-believers must view Roman Catholics as lost sinners who need the saving message of God's grace. While there may be believers within the pale of Roman Catholicism, these need to be called out of this anti-Christian system.

BAILEY NEW PRESIDENT OF DALLAS SEMINARY—Dr. Mark L. Bailey is scheduled to be installed as the new president of Dallas Theological Seminary next month. DTS is the second largest trans-denominational seminary in the world and has over 10,000 alumni serving in all 50 states and in 98 nations (9-10/01 *Moody*).

Featured inaugural (ecumenical) speakers include DTS chancellor Dr. Charles Swindoll and Moody Bible Institute president Dr. Joseph Stowell (DTS alumnus). Steve Green is set to perform.

SCHULLER CUTS STAFF—Robert Schuller's Crystal Cathedral recently cut 6 percent of its staff, citing a drop in contributions. The "megachurch" has eliminated or frozen 37 positions after having a staff as high as 600. His "Hour of Power" television program reaches over one million viewers each week, and between 7,000 and 9,000 attend Sunday services weekly (8/6 *Christian News*). Schuller says "Sin is any act or thought that robs myself or another human being of his or her self-esteem."

FOUNDATION WARNS AGAINST HUNT, MORRIS 'COMPROMISE'—The July-August *Foundation* states: "It is disheartening to report that Henry Morris, founder of the Institute for Creation Research, and Dave Hunt, editor of the *Berean Call*, joined with Calvary Chapel founder Chuck Smith recently for a 'Wisdom of the Ages' Bible conference...." Noting the helpful warning ministries of Morris and Hunt for many years, the article said "this sad compromise lends credence to the Charismatic theology and ecumenical endeavors of the Calvary Chapel movement." *Foundation* said compromise occurred when these men joined in ministerial effort with Smith, "who espouses speaking in tongues and other revelatory gifts and feels comfortable in the Charismatic and New Evangelical camp." Hunt and Morris evince excellent discernment in most all other-than-separation areas.

IN MILITANCY AVOID MEANNESS—Fighting fundamentalists can be militant, maintain the proper stand and spirit without being mean. In vital battles, we must at times offend and alienate some brethren and friends we love, but may it ever be due to our courageous position and not to our cruel disposition [adapted from 7-8/01 *Fund. Digest*]. Dr. John Brock writes in the July-Aug. *Frontline*: "Most fundamental Baptist preachers and people are not unkind, unthinking, unloving, or legalists. It is the devil's lie that causes us to abandon Biblical teaching because a few who hold that position are intemperate or unkind...."

LCMS'S NEW PRESIDENT—The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod's president-elect is Dr. Gerald Kieschnick. In an 8/6 *Christian News* article (by L. Blecker) he is said to be, if nothing else, "a consummate politician, who knows that he may not deviate very far from the positions of his power base, if he wants to be more than a one-term president. [His] power base is the 'Moderate' Jesus First [see May 15 *CC*] and 'liberal' DayStar."

'MOTHER GOD' WORSHIPPED AT CBF MEETING—The 10th anniversary General Assembly of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (liberal/moderate split-off of SBC) plunged into a heated debate over homosexuality. With songs and prayers to "Mother God," a Baptist Women in Ministry (auxiliary CBF group) breakfast was rife with stridently feminist God language (see 8/1 *CC*). The CBF promotes BWIM as a partner in missions and ministry and will give it \$30,000 from its 2001-02 budget (8/01 *Bapt. Banner*). Division and apostasy are rampant in the CBF.

JABEZ CRITICS—*The Prayer of Jabez* book's related merchandise, from mugs to wall plaques, has turned it into a lucrative franchise for Multnomah, its publisher. But three new books, looking similar to *Jabez*, challenge what their authors say is the book's misguided notion of prayer: focusing on material rather than spiritual gain. The critics point to the "Lord's Prayer" as a better model (9/3 *USN&WR*). A *Moody* reviewer (9-10/01) of Wilkinson's newer *Secret of the Vine* book says: "Wilkinson persuasively argues that God wants all believers to become intimate friends of Jesus Christ. But he admits that he, too, even as the president of Walk Thru the Bible Ministries, remained a 'novice' at such intimacy throughout most of his life. I'm not sure how that admission relates to his [30-year] commitment to daily reciting the prayer of Jabez, because in the earlier book he writes that saying the prayer sets 'in motion a cycle of blessing that will keep multiplying what God is able to do in and through you.'" Good point. A seeming discrepancy.

PALAU SAYS FESTIVALS ARE MODEL TO REACH MASSES—Luis Palau's Aug. 10-11 festival in Boise, Ida. brought 100,000 people. This resulted from pastors and members of 375 churches of many denominations praying and working together for a year (8/24 *Religion Today*). Games, music and entertainment filled the days, Palau spoke each night. He said: "Festivals seem to be the highway to [youth's] hearts. It's this generation's model to reach the masses...." The "denominations" mentioned above typically are ecumenical and include Catholics.

FUNDAMENTALIST LEADERSHIP—Dr. Rolland McCune (Detroit Baptist Seminary) writes (1/1/91 *CC*): "With the passing of some of Fundamentalism's acknowledged leaders in the recent decade or two, by retirement or the grave, has come a general decline of comparable leadership to take their places. The more recent generation of Fundamentalists has experienced a sort of vacuum in this regard. Put another way, the later heirs of Fundamentalist leadership have tended to be less forceful and decisive, less militant, and less inclined to get very close to controversy. Some have begun to court the New Evangelicalism. Many are anxious to put some distance between themselves and their Fundamentalist predecessors. Others more quietly go off in another direction...still proclaiming that 'things haven't changed.'"

EDITOR NOTE—A big thank you for the outpouring of notes and e-mails with helpful advice, "cures," and expressions of concern regarding my recent diagnosis of early-stage Parkinson's. I answered most of them. I especially appreciate the many promises to pray for me!

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POTTER POPULARITY SOARS—The marketing of J. K. Rowling's Harry Potter will be seen this fall in books, a feature film, toys, and perhaps in schools. SBC's *Light*, in a two-page article, quotes an occult expert who says: "Whether Rowling realizes it or not, she is promoting witchcraft/occultism/Wicca in the form of ethical and moral subjectivism." A big problem is that Potter, the hero, is a morally inconsistent character and the story's "ethics are muddled." He adds: "In short, Rowling's moral universe is a topsy-turvy world with no firm rules of right and wrong. The Harry Potter books unquestionably present and glamorize real world occult practices and techniques." The books glorify behavior that is inconsistent with biblical morality and ethics, and contain child inappropriate humor, gratuitous violence and a few harmful stereotypes." Rowling is said to present a few good messages, but presents others like lying, disobeying, revenge, casting spells and using astrology and numerology.

'CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN' AN OXYMORON—Is a Roman Catholic truly a Christian or should the combination of the words "Roman Catholic Christian" be considered an oxymoron? Webster defines an oxymoron as "a combination of contradictory words." So if we define "Christian" as one who believes the Gospel and a "Roman Catholic" as one who believes the official teachings and traditions of Roman Catholicism, we must conclude that a "Roman Catholic Christian" is indeed an oxymoron. It is utterly impossible to believe two opposing views simultaneously. [From a tract by Mike Gendron who goes on to show that "Biblical Christianity and Roman Catholicism stand in opposition to one another as shown by the following contrasts...." Get this excellent tract, and use it to evangelize Catholics, from: P.O. Box 940871, Plano, TX 75094, or e-mail: ptg@pro-gospel.org]

THE AUDACITY OF MEXICO'S FOX—Mexican Pres. Vicente Fox spoke in Milwaukee July 17 to 2,300 people sponsored by a Hispanic-U.S. group. Attacking "current immigration policies," he demanded "an integrated Mexican-U.S. labor market." Fox demanded that U.S. laws be rewritten [for] open borders between the U.S. and Mexico, that we give illegal aliens U.S. driver's licenses (even though they can't read road signs and don't have insurance), and that we give Mexican illegals university education and other taxpayer-paid benefits. He demanded that we exempt Mexico from limits on immigration. He called for full legalization of illegal aliens. Fox also demanded that the U.S. increase foreign aid to Mexico. He didn't offer us anything in

return except poor, uneducated, unemployed workers who can't find jobs in Mexico's corrupt socialist economy. [8/15 Eagle Forum]

ABC TO DO PUFF SERIES ON HOMOSEXUALS?—Disney-owned ABC will run a full week of Nightline programs this fall focusing on homosexuals. *USA Today* reports Ted Koppel will start the series with a profile of the nation's only homosexual retirement community in Fla. The series will apparently try to portray homosexuals as living normal lives, attending church, bowling, and facing stress at work (*WITW*). This is part of the ongoing effort to cast sinful homosexuality in a favorable light.

RESPONSES TO SURVEY ON ALCOHOL—The Aug. 3 *Sword of the Lord* reported the responses to a survey on various issues including alcohol: "Tax on alcohol should go up to equal or exceed that on cigarettes." "No alcohol [should be] served in the White House." "Alcohol sold at gas stations is just stupid." "There should be a crackdown on alcohol—advertisement, sale and use!"....

THE RAPID DECAY IN SACRED MUSIC—Only a true believer who has repented of his sins and received the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior will be able to distinguish between music of the world and music that is worthy of worship. The unsaved person is not able to know right from wrong when it comes to spiritual matters because he does not have the dwelling of the Holy Spirit within. We cannot place blame upon the young or babes in Christ. The tragedy today is that churches throughout our nation have made it so easy for people to become members that memberships are loaded with unconverted people whose lives have never been changed. These people are often found on the church music committees and make decisions as to the choice in music. They are of the world and therefore cannot discern between spiritual light and darkness. Even if they should happen to be excellent musicians, they still cannot begin to comprehend what Bible separation is all about. Though they may be intelligent, highly educated people, they cannot understand why contemporary music (for the most part) is of the world and not of God. "*For the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned*" (1 Cor. 2:14). [The above is an excerpt from a new book by Dr. Gordon Sears & Sons. He wrote other books exposing the "evils" of CCM in churches (available from songfest@cbpu.com or P.O. Box 182, Coldwater, MI 49036). He went to be with the Lord July 31. We are told that Dr. Alfred Smith was called home in August. These two music greats will be missed.]

NOTE: A line in the 6/1 *CC* "Illegal Aliens" article should have read: "Most illegals are Catholic, and seem oriented toward and tend to become liberal Democrats."

ARCHBISHOP LEAVES WIFE FOR CATHOLICISM—A Zambian archbishop was married May 27 to a South Korean doctor in a mass ceremony by Sun Myung Moon. The Vatican has now released a letter which states that the archbishop renounces ties to Moon, his wife (now on a hunger strike), and recommits himself to the Catholic Church as the pope's "humble and obedient servant."

LEROY JENKINS, 'FAITH HEALER'—Flamboyant faith-healer evangelist Leroy Jenkins was convicted of arson conspiracy in 1979, but his Healing Waters Cathedral (Delaware, Ohio) is now an enterprise with nationwide TV broadcasts and sales of "healing water." The thrice-married evangelist is said to combine "a little bit of Jesus, and a little bit of Elvis." His Las Vegas controversial marriage last Jan. 12 (later annulled), 16 days after his 71-year-old bride's husband died, drew charges from her family that Jenkins wanted her fortune of about \$4 million (8/4 *Huntsville Times*). Aw, surely not!

ECKSTEIN BUILDS BRIDGES - CHRISTIANS, JEWS—Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein is president of the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews. He was recently invited to air a weekly half-hour worldwide broadcast on TBN (Paul/Jan Crouch's Trinity Broadcasting Network) – the first time in history that a Jew will have an ongoing slot on the charismatic station. His vision is that Christians and Jews can dialogue and

fellowship with each other on issues of common concern. But 1 John 1:7 & 2 Cor. 6:14 forbid such fellowship. A *Religion Today* article says "the identity of the Messiah remains the core dividing point." It was thus when Jesus was on earth. John 7:43 says "So there was a *division* among the people because of him." Eckstein says Jews have a special covenant with God that does not require the Christian concept of salvation (9/15/98 CC). He likes Jerry Falwell's position of not having a "special targeted ministry toward the Jewish people." But we must lovingly "target" *all* those outside Christ for the Gospel and not play word games with serious matters.

DIALOGUE FORGES AN UNBIBLICAL UNITY—Today we witness an unprecedented capitulation to Romanism by new evangelicals on a deceptive slippery slope fraught with danger. The May-June *Foundation* warned: "While both Roman Catholics and those with whom they dialogue tend to twist terms and definitions and play semantic word games in an attempt to forge unbiblical unity, faithful believers must refuse to dialogue or unite with those who preach a false gospel. All who embrace false doctrine possess the spirit of antichrist, and this spirit of ecumenicity is prevalent in the world today. God's Word clearly commands us to 'have no fellowship,' 'avoid' and 'withdraw' from those who teach false doctrine (Rom. 16-17, Eph. 5:11) and from those brethren who disobediently unite with such false teachers (2Thes. 3:6, 14-15). Dialogue, consensus or conciliatory diversity is not an option!" The false premise in dialogue is that we can scripturally work together in unity if we can overcome doctrinal differences.

FUNDAMENTALISTS ARE CULTS IN SOME PLACES—C.E.C. Pres. Bill Jackson wrote us in an 8/15 e-mail: "You and others have been remarking about the loss of freedom for Fundamentalists in France. Today I read the 8/19 *Our Sunday Visitor* (RC) and see a headline: 'Signs of renewed life in the Church in France? A century after the French kicked the Catholic religious orders out of the country, a rebirth is taking place.' Do you think there is a connection?" I don't know. It looks suspicious. There well could be. Russian Orthodox, Catholics, and others in many places in the world today consider fundamentalists, evangelicals, and Pentecostals as "sects," or "cults" and lump them all together with the *real* cults.

CASHING IN WITH JABEZ AND CHARISMATICS—Bruce Wilkinson is listed as a speaker at the next NRB meeting. His *Prayer of Jabez* has sold over 11 million copies and made him popular with charismatics (see 8/15 CC). A large ad in the *Houston Chronicle* has him speaking at the huge Lakewood Church (charismatic) there, charging \$15/individual, \$25/couple. The ad says "You will learn to release God's favor and power in your life."

PUBLIC ERROR MUST BE CORRECTED PUBLICLY—Dave Hunt answers a reader's question thusly (8/01 *The Berean Call*): "...It is not a matter of pointing out 'faults,' but of correcting unbiblical doctrine and behavior. Publicly taught doctrinal error must be corrected publicly for the benefit of those who have been misled thereby. In fact, correction should be a major goal of any teaching from God's Word. Paul tells Timothy that the purpose of Scripture is 'for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness' (2 Tim. 3:16). Indeed, the major part of the 22 epistles involves correction! It is impossible to teach sound doctrine and to instruct in righteousness *without* warning concerning what is false. Thus Paul declares that to 'preach the word' one must 'reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine' (2 Tim. 4:2). And reproof and correction are incomplete without specifically identifying the offenders. How many of today's popular Christian leaders are being true to God's Word in this regard? Could that be a major missing element in today's church, explaining at least in part why so many 'will not endure sound doctrine'?..."

CONGRATULATIONS, BWM!—Baptist World Mission marks its 40th anniversary, Sept. 15. The Fundamental Baptist Fellowship at its recent meeting, in a resolution, recalled the close fellowship the two organizations have enjoyed over the years. The FBF, at the urging of the CBA of Colorado, convened a meeting in 1961 at Marquette Manor Baptist Church, on Chicago's South Side, calling Drs. Ed Nelson, Wayne VanGelderens, Sr. of the CBA (Colo.), and Drs. Monroe Parker, Ernest Pickering, and Richard V. Clearwaters (Minn.). By early 1962, a constitution was drafted, a board elected, and George Mensik appointed as the first

missionary. There has been no organic relationship between the FBF and BWM, but they share the same roots and are blessed by a fraternal relationship. BWM Executive Director Dr. Fred J. Moritz is a member of both boards [and also a member of our Calvary Baptist Church!]. BWM (P.O. Box 2149, Decatur, Ala. 35602), now has over 300 missionaries in 49 countries, planting churches worldwide.

PERSONAL NOTE REGARDING CC EDITOR—I was diagnosed June 5 as having definite symptoms of early stage Parkinson's disease. In my case, these include: minor hand tremor and handwriting problem at times; a stooped, head-down, shoulders-drooped stance; slowed speech and thinking; rigidity; and slight occasional tremor in right leg. The neurologist said there are two schools of thought concerning when to start medication. I am opting for the time being to delay starting this, since there is a possibility of losing its effectiveness later when I might need it most. PD is not contagious, but there is no cure. Current plans are, with the Lord's enablement, to keep going with the CC at the regular pace of 24 issues a year. I am hopelessly behind on filing, however (files have become huge piles!), and on other things, and so I may combine the twice-monthly issues into one from time to time, but I hope to have at least 20 issues/year for the foreseeable future. I covet your prayers for all this. Our times are in His hands, Maranatha! [Billy Graham, the Pope, Janet Reno, Michael J. Fox, Mohammed Ali, Johnny Cash, Dr. Paul Tassell, and Dr. E. R. Jordan have PD.]

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PAIN OF DIVORCE REMAINS—Families torn apart by divorce are called “broken homes” for good reason. Nearly everything breaks—emotions, relationships, security, and possibly even a child's potential (*Family Voice*). Divorce has life-long repercussions for children. About half of all those born in the U.S. this year will see their parents divorce before they reach 18. Divorce, once a last resort, by the late 1900s became viewed as a liberating, even creative experience, a means of “finding oneself.” Women's standard of living after divorce drops 27 percent. Men's increases. Years ago it was exaggerated as 42 percent but a more realistic figure is 10 percent. Divorced men are three times more likely to commit suicide than married men. Divorce predisposes teens to earlier sexual activity and out-of-wedlock pregnancies.

COULD THE BIBLE BE HATE LITERATURE?—This question is asked by Pastor Perry Rockwood in a protest message against the recent ruling of the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission, regarding an advertisement quoting four Bible passages on what the Bible teaches about homosexuality. The ruling states: “These verses can objectively be seen as exposing homosexuals to hatred or ridicule.” Question: If Lev. 20:13 and Rom. 1:26-28 are hate literature, how much of the Bible, if any, remains legal to print? In a June ruling, the commission ordered both the newspaper and the Christian who had the ad to pay \$1,500 to three homosexual activists for publishing an advertisement with the references to the four biblical verses condemning homosexuality (7/23 *Christian News*).

VON BRAUN: CREATIONIST, OR EVOLUTIONIST?—Dr. Wernher von Braun, director of the Marshall Space Flight Center (Huntsville, Ala.) during the 1960s Apollo “man to the moon” program, is referred to as the father of the U.S. rocket and space program. He attended a local Lutheran church, and often affirmed his belief in God as the Creator. He said: “The Old Testament grippingly documents how Yahweh, the only and almighty God, was the beginning of everything. He was not only the creator of the world and of man, but also the sole maker of laws from the very beginning.” But, he also said: “I believe...religion, like science, is evolutionary, growing and changing in the light of further revelations from God.” We would conclude from this and other statements that he was a “progressive creationist” or “theistic evolutionist,” but if a scientific genius can believe a Creator exists, why can't an atheist? [Note: This editor worked for NASA and under (“way” under!) Dr. von Braun in the 1960s and has a copy of the manuscript of a speech he made at a Governor's Prayer Breakfast in

Denver, April 1, 1969, the source of the above quotes.]

FRANCE CONSIDERS EVANGELICAL CHURCHES CULTS—A French law that cracks down on religious groups considered sects or cults could set a dangerous precedent for government-targeted minority religions in other countries (8/2 *Ala. Baptist*). Any religious education (“mental manipulation”) or proselytization can be suspect under the vague crime of “abuse of a person's state of weakness.” The law not only can ban religious groups considered cults, but can also stop them from changing their name and reorganizing. French officials are actively promoting their law as a “model” for other countries. A Yugoslav police inspector says: “Baptists, Pentecostals and others are dangerous religious cults who can damage...your children (8/6 *Chr. Today*). The pastor of the largest charismatic church in France could be imprisoned if he loses a trial in French court (8/01 *Charisma*).

SAUDIS CRACK DOWN ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM—Two Christians were recently arrested for reasons related to their faith, in Islamic Saudi Arabia, America's strong Gulf War ally (8/6 *Religion Today*). Only Muslims are allowed to practice their faith. One-third of the population of Saudi Arabia is foreign workers, many of whom are Christians from the Philippines, India, North Korea, etc. They are not allowed to display any Christian symbols or Bibles, nor are they allowed to meet together publicly to worship or pray. There are no churches in Saudi Arabia.

CHARISMATICS USE JABEZ PRAYER FOR MONEY, SALVATION & HEALINGS—It had to happen. Wilkinson's *The Prayer of Jabez* book is tailor made for name-it-and-claim-it, health-and-wealth charismatic charlatans. The 7/14 *World* said this book “plays to the attraction of the 'prosperity gospel’—claiming that one need just pray this prayer and God will, in the words of Jabez, 'enlarge your territory.’” Charles and Frances Hunter, in their July newsletter, write: “Many of you have called, written or spoken to us about the dream we had after we prayed the Jabez Prayer for the first time. We are so excited about this because the more we think about the dream the more we think about the far outreach of it. This not only meant that we will have an abundance of finances and things in the monetary area, but it includes the salvation of your family. The abundance includes not only the salvation of your family, but also healings you or your family need.... Don't forget to pray for that \$1 million gift we need!”

GORDON SEARS WITH THE LORD—We are saddened to receive an e-mail from Dr. Gordon Sears' daughter informing us of his passing following a cardiac arrest. We had often promoted his “Song Fest” writings warning of the dangers of CCM, “religious rock,” etc. More later.

OUTGOING NAE CHIEF SAYS NCC POLICY CHANGE A FACTOR IN RESIGNATION—NAE president Kevin Mannoia resigned July 7 at the urging of NAE's executive committee (see 7/15 *CC*). Relocating from Carol Stream, IL to Azusa, CA and voting in March 2000 that NAE organizations may hold dual membership with the NCC were major causes of financial woes. His conciliatory stance toward the NCC has sparked a firestorm of controversy among supporters. Billy Melvin, NAE's president from 1966 to 1994, disapproves of the NCC's interaction with the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, an association of 300 churches supporting homosexual relationships (8/6 *CT*). The NAE executive committee plans to meet in October to reevaluate the issue of dual association with the NCC.

BREAKING DOWN THE WALLS...AND THE GOSPEL is the title of a new book by Quebec BWM missionary Raymond Teachout. The subtitle is: *The Subversive Work of “Evangelical Inclusivism.”* The book warns of an evangelical type of inclusivism that legitimizes what were once considered false gospels, and embraces as brethren those who were once considered apostate. A chapter is devoted to Billy Graham and his redefined, inclusive gospel palatable to Roman Catholics. Teachout discusses the ECT (Evangelicals & Catholics Together) document, Catholicism's false gospel, and the growing acceptance of Catholics as brothers in Christ. He delves into the dangers of dialoguing between those with diverging beliefs. He scolds evangelical

inclusivists for removing the essentials of the faith and breaking down the walls that distinguish true believers from false ones. He says: "They are working toward a unity with liberals, Catholics, and others of contrary beliefs. They are creating a melting pot of religious opinions devoid of any authoritative definitions of the gospel. It is time to reject the work of these 'insiders' and expose their evangelical inclusivism as the most subversive enemy of the gospel." This vital 174-page book is only \$8 postpaid, from Dr. Lance Ketchum, 5000 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, MN 55422, or from author at (e-mail): order@ebpa-publications.org

TEMPLETON DIES—Charles Templeton had a "conversion experience" in 1936, met up with Billy Graham in 1945 and for 20 years was a successful evangelist and preacher. He filled the Harrisburg, Pa. arena with over 40,000 people and many regarded him a better preacher than Graham (*Canadian Revivalist*). Then he went to apostate Princeton, lost his faith, became agnostic, left the ministry, divorced his wife. [Oh, that deceivers today would be honest and leave the ministry!] In 1946 he and Graham had made a preaching tour of Europe together. He died recently from what he feared most—Alzheimer's Disease.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO C.H. SPURGEON is the title of a new book subtitled *The Old Gospel for the New Millennium*. It is published by Pilgrim Publications (P.O. Box 66, Pasadena, TX 77501), and has 35 unabridged, original sermons on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Given the impact his writings and preaching has had in the Christian world, Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834-1892), the "Prince of Preachers," hardly needs an introduction. We attended a service at his Metropolitan Tabernacle when we were in London to attend the World Congress of Fundamentalists (1990), and heard a sermon by Dr. Peter Masters. We often quote CHS, e.g.: "Complicity with error will take from the best of men the power to enter any successful protest against it.", and "Fellowship with known and vital error is participation in sin." Contact Bob Ross at the address above, or e-mail him at: pilgrimpub@aol.com. The price of this 640-page book is \$15.00 + 8% shipping (min. \$3). Request free catalogue.

GRAHAM'S ROCK MUSIC FRIENDS SAY 'THANKS'—Pat Boone came up with the idea to honor Evangelist Billy Graham with a song, and co-wrote the song *Thank You Billy Graham* (8/4 *Huntsville Times*). A Web site tribute has been set up featuring secular and religious rock groups (e.g., Bono, dc Talk, Reba McEntire, and Take 6) some of which have performed at Graham crusades.

STANLEY SAYS GOD WON'T SEND PEOPLE TO HELL WHO HAVE NOT HEARD GOSPEL—On a recent radio broadcast, popular Southern Baptist pastor/author Charles Stanley said that God will not send people to hell if they have never heard the gospel. Following is an extract: "...[W]ould God send somebody to hell because they did not receive Jesus whom they never heard about, never had the privilege of knowing about? And my answer is: No, he would not" (Stanley, In Touch Ministries, "Reconciling God's Love with His Justice," July 31, 2001). This is a great error. In Ephesians 2, God describes the condition of those who are outside of Christ. They are dead in trespasses and sins (v. 1), by nature the children of wrath (v. 3), having no hope, and without God in the world (v. 12). This is the unsaved man's condition regardless of whether or not he has heard the gospel. He is condemned already, and that is why it is so imperative that Christ's commission be obeyed and the gospel be preached to the ends of the earth. (Church News Notes, 8/3/01, David Cloud, Fund. Baptist Infor. Service, P.O. Box 610368, Port Huron, MI 48061 fbns@wayoflife.org)

MAXWELL SPEAKS ANYWHERE, IT SEEMS—John Maxwell, founder of Injoy and currently living in Atlanta, conducts leadership conferences across America. In his book *Developing the Leaders Around You*, he frequently refers to management/advertising/marketing experts, but never mentions the Lord Jesus Christ nor quotes the Word of God. Only Moses and Jethro are referred to for their leadership influence (*BDM Letter*). He never alludes to the plan of salvation yet claims to have "the priority of personal commitment to evangelism," and pops up as a speaker on all sorts of ecumenical/evangelical platforms (e.g., Promise Keepers, Billy Graham Training Center, and SBC, to name a few). He is listed to speak at the ecumenical "Beyond All Limits" pastor's conference in Jan. along with Bill Bright, Jerry Falwell, Jack Hayford, Joe Stowell, etc. (See 7/15 CC). And he

is pictured as a speaker for Jubilation 2001 along with charismatics John Hagee, and John Kilpatrick, pastor of the Brownsville Assembly of God of “Pensacola Revival” notoriety.

CATHOLIC CRUCIFIX– A DEAD CHRIST—Christians rightly object to the Roman Catholic crucifix which bears the image of a dead and spiritless Christ, for Christianity is a religion of life and vibrant spiritual strength. Some Catholics, too, object to this “dead” image of Christ on a cross as the central symbol of Christianity and advocate its substitution at least by the image of a “triumphant,” “resurrected” Christ. The mournful, spiritless effects of Rome's teachings and practices result from this false representation of Christ as one whose redemptive work was not complete, and which needs to be patched up by depressing works of penance, self-mortification and church regimentation. This leads to the slavish subjection of its masses (Gal. 3:1, 4:9) to hierarchical authority and bondage. [Adapted, May-June Mission to Catholics *Challenger*]

GEISLER SAYS T.D. JAKES TEACHES HERESY—Renewed cult charges have been laid against T.D. Jakes, popular charismatic pastor of the 26,000-member Potter's House in Dallas (7/20 *Sword of the Lord*). Dr. Norman Geisler says he promotes the “old, old heresy” of modalism which denies the doctrine of the Trinity.

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CATHOLIC CHURCH & THE DEATH PENALTY—The Catholic Church, as a matter of official policy, has advocated and carried out the death penalty over the centuries against persons whose only crime ["heretics"] was not to be a Roman Catholic (7/01 *Ill./Ind. Missionary Baptist*). But the new position on the death penalty issue of "The Church That Never Changes" is one of "compassion" for the convicted murderers. The earlier victims of the death penalty were not mass murderers like Timothy McVeigh but were guilty only of holding to non-Catholic religious beliefs. Neither was theirs a painless death like McVeigh's but they were burned at the stake, often savagely tortured prior to execution.

MORMON CHOIR TOURS SOUTH—The 330-voice Mormon Tabernacle Choir and accompanists tour major cities in the South this summer "to establish in the minds of people that Jesus Christ...is central to our faith..." The 6/1 *Watchman Fellowship Update* states: "To make Christians believe the Mormon Church is Christian has long been the goal of modern Mormonism as to do so is to break down barriers that hinder their recruiting. However, the Jesus that is central to the Mormon faith is not the Jesus of the Bible that is central to the faith of Southern Christians. The Jesus of the Mormon Church is the brother of Lucifer, a worshiper of a god that was once a man on another planet, and the product of a union between god and one of his goddess wives in the pre-existence and between god and Mary on earth. Theirs is a Jesus that won redemption, not by shedding his blood on the cross for whosoever shall come to him, but while praying in the Garden of Gethsemane for everyone, whether they believe in him or not."

HARRY POTTER BOOKS are filled with witchery, wizardry, and the occult—subjects that should concern Christians, knowing that God condemns these things (Dt. 18:10-11). So says a July *Baptist Bulletin* article, and rightly so, we believe. Paul listed "sorcery," or witchcraft, among the works of the flesh in Gal. 5:20-21, along with idolatry, heresies, murder, drunkenness, and so on.

TRINITY WESTERN'S STANDARDS STAY—The Canadian Supreme Court ruled 8-1 in May that the College of Teachers erred in denying accreditation for Trinity Western University's teaching program because of the school's "alleged discriminatory practices." Faculty and students of this Evangelical Free Church school (in British Columbia) must sign a contract that binds them to uphold standards forbidding gay sex, fornication,

adultery, watching porn, drunkenness, swearing, abortion, lying, and involvement in the occult.

THE POWER OF MUSIC—The following is taken from a 7/16 *Christian News* review: Music can have a profound impact on one's belief system. Modern record producers and artists who, on the one hand, say their music cannot in anyway be responsible for someone's behavior, on the other contradict themselves by stating that their music can change the world. If music is used outside of God's intent, i.e., to promote sex, violence and the occult, it can tear down the very fabric of a society. Many of today's popular rock groups embrace/promote rebellion, nihilism, death and an occult worldview by their lyrics and lifestyles.

SUDAN DEATH TOLL—The militant Islamic regime in northern Sudan has waged a genocidal "holy war" against the mainly black Christians and animists of southern Sudan. Brutal terror tactics include slavery, rape, forced conversion to Islam, bombing, starvation and famine (7/16 *New Amer.*). Over 2 million are estimated to have died due to war and repression. Sudan's death toll is larger than the combined fatalities suffered in Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan, Chechnya, Somalia, and Algeria. Twice as many have perished in the past 18 years than all the war-related deaths suffered by Americans in the past 200 years.

BELIEVERS IN LAOS MUST RECANT OR FACE JAIL—In communist Laos, Christians in droves are forced to sign such a declaration as, "I unequivocally resign from this foreign religion [Christianity]," officially renouncing their faith (7/18 *Relig. Today*). The Bible League says those refusing to sign the document face indeterminate prison sentences under hard conditions. There are 30 to 60 known Christian prisoners in Laos now. Communist officials have declared Christianity the "No. 1 enemy of the state."

BIBLES BANNED IN TURKMENISTAN—Bibles are disappearing from bookstalls in former Soviet republic Turkmenistan after a government letter ordered vendors to remove the books from off shelves. The Koran is still widely available (7/14 *World*). Turkmenistan restricts all religious activity and allows only two religious groups, Russian Orthodoxy and Islam, to register legally.

THE DEATH OF EVANGELICAL PROTESTANTISM is title of a 26-page paper by George Gilbert. He discusses ECT (Evangelicals/Catholics Together) and refutes various Catholic doctrines and new teaching on Justification. Order from the author: 1668 George St., Val Caron, Ont., P3N 1H6. Cost (postpaid) is \$5.50 (US), \$8.50 (Can.).

SINGLES by 88 percent say there are too many divorces, but almost two-thirds endorse cohabitation before marriage as a way to avoid divorce. (July 7/14 *World*)

GRAHAM CENTER HOSTING MAJOR MISSIONS MEETING—The Billy Graham Center of Wheaton College is hosting a major gathering Sept. 20-23 near Orlando, Fla. "with one purpose in mind: collaborative unity." "GodsmissioncommUNITY" is the name of the gathering of some 1500 mission leaders from mission networks across North America who will attempt to bring the Great Commission community together. Major new-evangelical mission entities (e.g., EFMA, IFMA, World Vision, World Evangelical Alliance, Willow Creek) will participate. Speakers include: William Taylor, John Orme, Paul Kaughan, Michael Cassidy, Tom Houston, John DeHaan, Lonnie Allison, and Gary Schwammlein.

SINGLETON CALLED HOME—We were saddened to hear that Dr. James Singleton - pastor, educator, mission board founder, author, editor - succumbed to cancer July 13. He was an erudite Fundamentalist and a member of the FBF and ACCC executive boards. He also was a member of other organizations, e.g., the IBFNA. He pastored Tri-City Baptist Church, Tempe, AZ, for 30 years, but turned these duties over to Dr. Mike Sproul a couple of years ago. Mike's dad, Dr. Dave Sproul is the Gen. Director of the International Baptist Missions (co-founded in 1980 by Dr. Singleton) and Rev. Joel Tetreau is president of the International Baptist College, founded by Dr. Singleton. In recent years, Dr. Singleton edited and published *The Whetstone*. A

personal note: Brother Jim was this editor's friend. He publicly promoted the *CC* at FBF meetings, especially during the first decade of this ministry, and invited me to use his display booth table for subscriptions. For the past 17 years, he and I would meet privately for an hour or so at these meetings to discuss trends of concern within Fundamentalism, and to share perspectives on issues of occasional controversy or disagreement. Drs. Rod Bell, Bob Jones III, Ed Nelson, Phil Shuler, Kevin Schaal, Mike Sproul, and Joel Tetreau were the July 17 funeral speakers. Our sympathy and prayers go out to his dear wife Mary and family.

'LEFT BEHIND' UPDATE—George Zeller has updated and expanded his helpful analysis of the "*Left Behind*" movie, video, and book series (see 12/15 *CC*). It is now four pages. Zeller praises the strong points, but also reveals the absurdity, confusion, and doctrinal flaws. He writes: "In the book series, there is a Catholic pope who is taken in the rapture and other Catholics as well...People might wrongly think that the gospel preached by Catholics is the same Gospel found in the Bible, when they are actually diametrically opposed." A most serious tragedy is that the Gospel is "left out" of the "*Left Behind*" film. This film will lure more Christians to secular movie houses. For a free copy of the review, E-mail: GeorgeZeller@Juno.com or write him at: 349 East Street, Middletown, CT 06457. (A helpful paper, *Attending Places of Entertainment* by Charles H. Spurgeon is also available upon request.)

NTA RESOLUTION ON MODERN TRANSLATIONS—The New Testament Association of Independent Baptist Churches met June 5-7 at Woodcrest Baptist Church (Minn.), pastored by NTA president Dr. Clarke Poorman. Dr. Richard Paige is NTA's new National Rep, succeeding retiring Dr. Earle Matteson. Next year's NTA meeting is set for June 4-6 at East Park Baptist Church of Decatur, Illinois, Dennis Komis, pastor. One of six resolutions passed at the 2001 NTA meeting pertained to Modern Translations of the Bible: "Whereas, the use of translations is a divisive issue in Bible-believing churches, Be it Resolved, that our Association continue to use only the King James Version as our only translation in all NTAIBC meetings, but not to allow the controversy surrounding Bible translations to divide us as brethren."

WOMEN CELEBRATE 'MOTHER GOD' AT CBF MEETING—At the June 28-30 meeting in Atlanta of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, a CBF auxiliary group (Baptist Women in Ministry) opened its annual meeting "with songs and prayers to Mother God...." A litany read by BWIM members expressed their discomfort at calling God "Father," "Lord," and "King." (7/2 *Religion Today*). Participants chanted in unison that they "can say" the words Jesus Christ and Holy Spirit, "no problem," but "God the Father" is a different story. The BWIM treasurer said she believed more SBC women would be ordained to the pastorate "because I believe God is good, and She knows what She's doing." This 10th anniversary meeting reveals the CBF to be far worse than merely a moderate, disgruntled Southern Baptist group. We have long contended that it should be considered as very liberal.

FULLER SEMINARY TALKS WITH CATHOLICS—Fuller Theological Seminary and the Catholic archdiocese in L.A., have been sponsoring ecumenical talks since 1987 (*WITW*). This past Lent, the committee got two Pasadena congregations to join in the dialogue by sharing a common worship service. St. Andrew's church and First Church of the Nazarene sponsored the services.

DON'T EVANGELIZE CATHOLICS?—The most grievous aspect of the growing acceptance of Romanism is the effect it has on outreaches to Catholics (6/01 *Berean Call*). Missionaries returning from largely Catholic countries are sometimes cautioned by their support-church pastor to "go lightly" on negative experiences with the Catholic Church. This would seem to lead to a let-up in warnings against Romanist errors and false gospel.

BEN HADEN SUCCEEDED BY MICHAEL YOUSSEF—Dr. Ben Haden retired in May from his "Changed Lives" radio and TV programs. These programs will be replaced by *Leading The Way With Dr. Michael Youssef*. Youssef is the founding pastor of the 1,600-member Church of the Apostles in Atlanta. It is non-denominational and in the reformed, evangelical Anglican tradition. Haden was a board member of the new-

evangelical *Christianity Today* until last fall, and pastored the First Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Chattanooga, Tenn. from 1967-1999.

PRESBYTERIANS: 'GAY CLERGY WILL HURT CHURCH'—Rev. Bill Giles, director of a conservative Presbyterian organization, predicts that hundreds of congregations will leave the PCUSA if homosexuals are allowed in the ministry (7/18 *Religion Today*). He said there are conservative congregations in all 50 states that don't want non-celibate homosexuals in the ministry. "We believe homosexuality is chosen and the practice of [it] is a sin," said Giles. Supporters say allowing homosexual ordination would make the church more inclusive and that all "qualified" people should be allowed ordination.

FIGHT FOR TRUTH—"If we sacrifice truth today for short-term influence we cannot guarantee what our conduct will be tomorrow. When the day to fight is postponed the very will to fight may go from us." (Iain Murray from his 2000 book, *Evangelicalism Divided*)

GOD'S SHEEP HEAR HIS VOICE—Apostate ecumenists say: "Our problems will be solved if we can enlarge the sheepfold and invite both sheep and wolves to come in." Compromising evangelicals say: "Enlarge the sheepfold and don't pass judgment on whether or not its occupants are sheep or wolves. Just love them all." Anti-biblical charismatics say: "Don't worry about the sheepfold—simply make sure both sheep and goats have been 'baptized with the Holy Spirit'..."(Adapted, *Foundation*)

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'GAY CHURCH' MISINTERPRETS SCRIPTURES—A July 1 *Charisma* article said "openly gay-affirming churches...have redefined certain biblical passages to teach that homosexuality is acceptable to God." It said congregants at Joy Metropolitan Community Church (Orlando) were "for the most part, openly gay...and have reconciled their faith with their homosexuality." It added: "They insist that passages in the Bible condemning homosexual behavior either don't apply today or have been misinterpreted. They tell gay men and lesbians who visit their church that God doesn't have a problem with their sexual behavior." A 1997 Barna poll found that 46 percent of those who had an opinion on the subject said "Christian churches should accept gay people as church leaders."

JOHN JACOBS' POWER TEAM WEAKENS—John Jacobs began the Power Team over 20 years ago while a student at Oral Roberts U. They have since performed in charismatic and Southern Baptist churches (7/1/99 *CC*). Jacobs now faces an assault charge for attacking a Team member. Over a dozen Power Team members left his ministry after he divorced his wife of 16 years in May, 2000 (7/1 *Charisma*). He has since remarried. About 24 former colleagues have formed Team Impact. His total annual income is listed at \$500,000, but he says it is about \$331,000 including royalties and other income.

NEW RELIGIOUS PLURALISM—Harvard researcher Diane Eck says the U.S. has become the most religiously diverse nation in the world (6/18 *Chr. News*). Muslims here now number 6 million, outnumbering Presbyterians, Episcopalians, and possibly Jews. Only 25 percent of U.S. immigrants since 1965 have been Protestant. Forty-four percent are Catholic and 35 percent are Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist and of other non-Christian faiths. Most illegals are Catholic and tend to vote for liberal Democrats.

NCC, HABITAT FORM NEW PARTNERSHIP—The National Council of Churches and Habitat for Humanity formally launched a new partnership May 31 (6/18 *CM*). NCC's Bob Edgar and HFH's Millard Fuller hope to partner NCC's Church World Service with HFH. Edgar said HFH is about more than just building houses. He said Habitat also builds a "spirit of collaboration." We would add that Habitat is also very much about promoting an ecumenical movement (12/1/94 *CC*), a global religion, and about money (see 1/1/97 & 9/1/97 *CCs*).

QUOTE FROM SBC CHIEF—"One president commits sexual sin in the Oval Office and the Christian Right is told to shut up. Another president speaks openly of his faith in God and his trust in Christ and he is told to shut up."

INTERNET PORN A PROBLEM FOR LIBRARIES—Many once-peaceful libraries have now been turned into taxpayer-funded peep shows. Clientele changed as a steady stream of new patrons—mostly male adults but also teens and young children—use library computers to access hard-core sex sites (6/16 *World*). Library staffers were forced to take on new duties: closing out computer screens left open to scenes of orgies and child sex, calming porn-addicted patrons who raged when all the unfiltered computer terminals were in use, and fielding questions from children about how to view pornography in the library.

TEENS ARE LED TO SEX—Cal Thomas says: "Where teens are led, they will follow. The culture is leading them – through music, music videos, TV and films – toward sexual activity. It is always presented as fun but without consequences." (7/2 *Chr. News*) He says the sex industry makes money off young minds and bodies, and adds: "The industry would go broke if abstinence among youth were to become a trend." Thomas praises Best Friends which promotes sexual abstinence in the public schools.

HOMOSEXUAL SERIAL KILLERS—The June 25 *Christian News* had an article titled "Sodomite Terrorism" which quoted from an AP article which listed the leading serial killers in the U.S. It said that research on the five leading U.S. serial killers in the AP article indicates they are all homosexuals. The AP article listed the five with the number of murders each committed, using statistics from the *New York Times*. *Christian News* added: "This does not mean that all sodomites are serial killers. It does mean that the leading serial killers are sodomites."

IBFNA CONFERENCE—The 11th Annual Conference of the Independent Baptist Fellowship of No. America at Williamsburg, VA featured good preaching, and good music by Clearwater Christian College and others. Next year's meeting is scheduled for the Cleveland, Ohio area. IBFNA officers are: Dr. Clay Nuttall (Moderator), Dr. David Reinhardt (Secretary), Rev. Jeff Bailey (Treasurer), and Rev. Paul Gustine (Editor, *The Review*). The June *Review* had good articles by: Drs. Nuttall ("What's in a Name?"), Ralph Colas ("Common Ground for Evangelicals and Catholics"), L. Duane Brown ("China: A Land Without Churches"), and E. Wayne Thompson ("The Preacher's Fire That Produced Smoke"). *The Review* is available from: 754 Rockhill Rd., Sellersville, PA 18960, \$15/yr. E-mail: ibfna@bethelbc.org Web: www.ibfna.org

NOTE:—A reader questioned the listing of one or two of the nine "known sponsors of terrorism" in the 7/1 *CC* article. We amend it to say "most of these are known sponsors..."

NAE LEADER QUILTS—Kevin Mannoia, pro-charismatic president of the National Association of Evangelicals, resigned under pressure last month at an executive board meeting. Donations had dropped sharply, requiring staff layoffs. Other factors influencing his decision include: His welcoming overtures to charismatics and denominations within the liberal National Council of Churches, allowing NCC denominations to be members of both the NCC and NAE. He forged cooperative ties with the Catholic Bishops. And a major factor was the National Religious Broadcasters' recent decision to withdraw from the NAE, opposing the latter's new coziness with the NCC. Mannoia's predecessor, Don Argue, had tried to revitalize the NAE, calling it "too old, too white, and too male."

HOMOSEXUALITY MAY SPLIT DENOMINATIONS—The issue of homosexuality has dogged virtually every major liberal Protestant denomination, including the Presbyterian Church USA, the U. Methodist Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and especially the Episcopal Church (6/25 *H. Times*). In a defiant gesture rooted in the homosexuality battle, two "foreign" Anglican archbishops from overseas sent shock waves

last month to Anglicans worldwide by elevating four conservative American priests on U.S. soil as bishops. This was unprecedented and lays the groundwork for a schism.

T.L. OSBORN AT ASBURY—Charismatic faith-healer and World Missionary Evangelist T.L. Osborn was the guest lecturer at Asbury Theological Seminary May 11. He presented a collection of his works to Asbury's library. His wife Daisy, a woman preacher, has asked, "Is God in a woman to be subordinated to God in a man?" When questioned about male church leadership she responded: "I would never permit a few words by Paul, spoken to women of an archaic epoch to limit my obedience to my Lord in my generation." (See 9/15/96 CC & 11/15/94 CC.)

TIM LAHAYE 'MOST INFLUENTIAL LEADER'—A newsletter at Wheaton College picked Tim LaHaye as the most influential evangelical leader in the U.S. the last quarter century (6/11 *Chr. News*). In addition to co-authoring the "Left Behind" series, he pioneered and helped popularize creationism and wrote books that set the stage for the rise of the Moral Majority, etc.

'CHARISMATICS & EVANGELICALS TOGETHER'—The July 9 *Christianity Today* has a full-page ad for a "Beyond All Limits" pastor's conference, Orlando, Jan. 17-19, 2002. Speakers include: Bill McCartney, Adrian Rogers, Billy Graham, Anne Graham-Lotz, Tony Evans, Rick Warren, John Maxwell, Bill Bright, Jerry Falwell, Jack Hayford, Joseph Stowell III, and Charles Stanley.

SHOWERS WON'T TEACH AT FALWELL SCHOOL—Dr. Renald Showers said he has not been asked to teach in the new Tim LaHaye School of Prophecy at Liberty University even though Jerry Falwell's May *National Liberty Journal* erroneously included Showers in a list of "adjunct and guest faculty." (See 5/15 CC.) Showers says he has just completed editorial work on a 200-page book which is a critique of the Pre-Wrath Rapture View.

SYSTEMATIZED SEPARATION—Since the arrival of a new Evangelicalism which repudiated the Bible doctrine of ecclesiastical separation, lines have been blurred and waters muddied, and little has been done on systematized separation. Dr. Jim Singleton writes (6/01 *Whetstone*): "Each Fundamentalist has become a law to himself. We splinter and our splinters have splinters. At the same time, the strength of Fundamentalism is separation, and the weakness of Fundamentalism is separation...."

BAUDER SAYS IT'S A DEBATE, NOT DIALOGUE—We were surprised last month to see the slate of speakers listed in prominent ads in *Christianity Today* (June 11), *World* (June 16) and *Charisma* (July) for an Oct. 2-3 conference at Samford University's Beeson Divinity School Chapel. The ad said the conference "will bring together representatives of four pivotal intersections, sectors of historic tension and controversy where conversation is helping to define evangelical identity and enrich mutual understanding." Speakers include: Joel Carpenter (Calvin College), Richard John Neuhaus (Roman Catholic priest), Richard Mouw (Pres., Fuller Seminary), Tom Oden (U. Methodist), Gabriel Fackre (Prof., Andover Newton), Timothy George (Exec. Editor, *Chr. Today* and Dean of Beeson), Cheryl B. Johns (Assoc. Prof., Church of God), George McKinney (COGIC bishop), Diane Knippers (IRD), Kevin Bauder (Prof., Central Baptist Seminary), John Armstrong (Reform. & Revival), and Patricia Outlaw (Assoc. Prof. of Divinity, Beeson). When I first saw the ad, I contacted Dr. Bauder expressing surprise at his inclusion as a speaker. He said he too was surprised at the ad, and went to great lengths to assure me that this was to be a defense not a dialogue, that Dr. George who contacted him had emphasized that this was not a dialogue, but a confrontation. Bauder has asked George to clarify this in future ads, and he will try. Unless this happens, even though it is not a dialogue, it will be perceived as such and confuse many. It is to be a face-to-face confrontation between Fuller Pres. Mouw and Bauder. Mouw will be given 30 minutes to summarize arguments from his book *The Smell of Sawdust: What Evangelicals Can Learn from Their Fundamentalist Heritage*, Bauder has 30 minutes to respond, then the audience will cross-examine them. Beeson is a member of the NAE and is linked to Samford University (SBC). Even though Bauder

laudably invites counsel for future "debates" such as this, cites a few "precedents" for defending Fundamentalism in such a venue (and is well up to the task), is there not cause for caution? We would like to see this entire question openly "debated" in panel discussions and publications by Fundamentalist leaders.

THE MAYFLOWER PILGRIMS: Roots of Puritan, Presbyterian, Congregationalist, and Baptist Heritage is the title and subtitle of a new book by Dr. David Beale, Prof. of History, Bob Jones University. It explains all the strands of history that brought the Pilgrims to Plymouth Rock, and traces links from the Pilgrims to the Baptists, Presbyterians, etc.—plus much more! Dr. Beale is well-qualified to write such a volume. He regularly conducts "Mayflower Tours" to the British Isles and Holland, tracing the Old World footsteps of the Pilgrims. He has authored several books, including *In Pursuit of Purity: American Fundamentalism since 1850*. This new book is well-researched, has helpful footnotes, index, appendices, and pictures of religious and historic sites. To order this 296-page book, call Ambassador-Emerald, 1-800/209-8570.

FALWELL'S MENTORS & MILLIONS—The following are excerpts from Dr. Jerry Falwell's message at SBC Pastor's conference last month (7/01 *NLJ*): "I have been blessed to have three very special mentors over these many years: Drs. Francis Schaeffer, B.R. Lakin, and John W. Rawlings....Thomas Road Baptist Church [has] 22,000 members now in a city of 65,000 population with another 100,000-plus in the surrounding counties....As I now speak, a 500,000-square-foot academic nerve center, the Arthur S. DeMoss Learning Center is under construction on the Liberty University campus...." He said this \$25 million edifice is being built without debt. He said Dr. Tim and Bev LaHaye gave Liberty \$4.5 million, matched by another gift, toward a \$9 million student center.

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GERM WARFARE BY TERRORISTS—China, India, Pakistan, N. Korea, Iraq, Iran, Israel, Yugoslavia, and Cuba are among countries that want to acquire, or may already have secret stocks of smallpox virus specimens. These known sponsors of terrorism want to build a biological weapons program (*6/2 World*). The potency of the smallpox virus (can infect victims 30 feet away) makes it an instant and widespread killer. A suicide germ-warfare terrorist could carry the disease onto a plane or into a sports arena and infect thousands within a day.

HYPNOSIS: MEDICAL, SCIENTIFIC, OR OCCULTIST?—This is the title of a new book by Martin & Deidre Bobgan. They say hypnotism is potentially dangerous at its best and demonic at its worst. And: “At its worst, it opens an individual to psychic experiences and satanic possession. When mediums go into hypnotic trances and contact the ‘dead,’ when clairvoyants reveal information which they could not possibly know, when fortunetellers through self-hypnosis reveal the future, Satan is at work. Hypnosis is an altered state of consciousness and the shamanic state of consciousness. Satan transforms himself into an angel of light whenever necessary to accomplish his schemes. If he can make an occult practice (hypnotism) look beneficial through a false facade (medicine or science), he will. It is obvious that hypnosis is lethal if used for evil purposes [and] is potentially lethal for whatever purposes it is used. The moment one surrenders himself to the doorway of the occult, even in the halls of science and medicine, he is vulnerable to the powers of darkness.” This 144-page book is available at the special price of \$9.00 from PsychoHeresy Awareness Ministries, 4137 Primavera Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93110 (800/216-4696).

EVANGELICALS’ EXCUSE FOR NOT OPPOSING ERROR—“The explanation often given by evangelicals for the lack of confrontation with error is that a harsh militancy has done more harm than good. As Christians, it is said, we do not want to be party to the kind of strident controversy which has too often marred the faith. Dr. Billy Graham has often blamed ‘fundamentalists’ for this fault. But the fact that what the New Testament says on love has been ignored is no reason why its injunctions against error should not be obeyed. That some have followed these injunctions in a contentious spirit is no excuse for others not to follow them at all. A biblical contending against error is fully consistent with love, indeed it is love for the souls of men which requires it. The command to contend for the faith is not abrogated because some have failed to speak the truth in love.” [*Evangelicals Divided*, Iain Murray. Dr. Fred Moritz has a review of this book. E-mail him at:

FredJMoritz@cs.com]

BUDDHIST OCCULTISM—After Billy Graham and the Pope, the Dalai Lama is probably the world's most recognized religious figure. He is called the "god-king" of Tibet and is Buddhism's guru. Buddhism says there is no God or Supreme Creator. Tibetans emphasize contact with spirit mediums (6/11 *CT*). The Dalai Lama regularly consults with the Nechung Oracle, said to be a spirit deity who takes over the body of a chosen Tibetan Buddhist.

IS HOLLAND WHERE WE'RE HEADED?—Full nudity is common on Dutch television after 9 p.m. Pornographic movies are found on television during weekends. Hard drugs are consumed openly in so-called "coffee houses." Homosexual marriage is legal in Holland. Euthanasia was recently made legal. Abortion is yawning at (6/01 *Focus on the Family*). Divorce is accepted as normal by 60 percent of Dutch. Supermarket racks feature magazine covers with photos of nude women—in open view. Shocking also is the high incidence of incest. At the root of all this moral decay is a declining belief in God.

POPE ENTRUSTS 'WHOLE CHURCH' TO MARY—On June 3, Pope John Paul II entrusted "the whole Church" to the intercession of Mary and "placed in her hands the expectations of peace and justice of the world." He called her the "queen of heaven." The pope commended the Mariolatry of the late Pope John XXIII, observing that Mary took that pope "by the hand and accompanied him" on his earthly journey. Pope John Paul II concluded with these words: "...let us deepen our relation with the Mother of Christ and Tabernacle of the Holy Spirit and, inspired by new fervor, let us invoke her with confidence." This is the same pope who has been praised by evangelical leaders such as Billy Graham, Jack Van Impe, Bill Bright, and Chuck Colson. [Friday Church News Notes, June 15, 2001 (David W. Cloud, Fundamental Baptist Information Service, P.O. Box 610368, Port Huron, MI 48061, fbns@wayoflife.org)]

ELCA PUBLISHES BOOK BY DOROTHEE SOELLE—The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America's Fortress Press recently published *The Silent Cry – Mysticism and Resistance* by Dorothee Soelle. *Christian News* has quoted her from an earlier book at considerable length to show that she repudiates historic Christianity and is a theological atheist (6/4 *CN*). Soelle also defends Marxism.

OPPOSE HUMAN CLONING—A half dozen companies are now cloning various animals. The science of cloning human embryos is now relatively straightforward (6/16 *World*). Science is in a realm of danger in this. Human cloning is not just "playing God" but trying to *be Him*.

F. GRAHAM SPEAKS AT LIBERTY GRADUATION—Dr. Franklin Graham, CEO of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and president of Samaritan's Purse, was the commencement speaker for Liberty University's 1,507 graduates. He awarded degrees to his son and daughter-in-law (6/01 *Nat'l Lib. Journal*). LU chancellor Jerry Falwell and president John Borek led the processional. Billy Graham was LU's 1997 speaker.

LAHAYES GIVE \$4.5 MILLION TO LIBERTY U.—Popular author and pastor-theologian Tim LaHaye and his wife Beverly, founder of Concerned Women for America and a member of the Liberty University Board of Trustees, made a dramatic \$4.5 million donation to Jerry Falwell's Liberty University. Dr. Tim LaHaye was the Baccalaureate speaker May 11. The funds will match an earlier \$4.5 million commitment for constructing a \$9 million Tim & Beverly LaHaye Student Center on the LU campus (6/01 *Nat'l Lib. Journal*). LaHaye no doubt came into big bucks from being co-author of *Left Behind*. A new Tim LaHaye School of Prophecy is set to open Jan. 1, 2002 at Liberty with LaHaye serving as president.

SBC CHURCH PLANS JOINT WORSHIP WITH JEWISH SYNAGOGUE—Over the Memorial Day weekend Southside Baptist Church (So. Baptist) in Birmingham opened its doors to members of the oldest Jewish congregation in the city, Temple Emanu-El. Rabbi Jonathan Miller's congregation will use Southside's

facilities and sanctuary during the 14-month remodeling of their synagogue (6/7 *Ala. Baptist*). Southside pastor Steven Jones said Jesus commanded us to “love our neighbor.” Miller said: “We plan to work together for social action and social justice ... and hold joint adult education programs to teach and broaden our perspectives on faith and religious life.” Jones said future joint worship services are planned. He said: “Through this time of sharing we expect to get better acquainted with our respective faith traditions but more than that we hope to tear down some of the walls that exists between Christians and Jews and to dispel some of the fears.” But we are not to “tear down the walls” separating Christians and Christ rejecters. But Jesus has already “broken down the middle wall of partition” between those Jews and Gentiles who accept his sacrifice on the Cross (Eph. 2:14).

BOOKSTORES PULL *THE GOD CHASERS*—Some Southern Baptist and Assemblies of God stores have yanked Tommy Tenney’s popular *The God Chasers* off their shelves because of doctrinal disputes (6/01 *Charisma*). Tenney says the decision stemmed from his unwillingness to forsake his United Pentecostal Church [“Oneness”] roots. One LifeWay (SBC) manager listed some problems: 1) Tenney’s description of the Bible as “old letters.” 2) A statement in the book that “a man with an experience is never at the mercy of a man with an argument....” 3) Tenney’s belief in “presence evangelism.”

BE HOLY WHILE WE PRACTICE SEPARATION—Careful biblical interpretation puts man-centered reason to flight. The Scriptures clearly teach that we are to shun evil in our personal lives. Ecclesiastical separation in the Bible teaches that we are to keep a spiritual distance from apostates, infidels, modernists and liberals. It also teaches holiness, purity and separation from disobedient brethren. Those, who have chosen compromise, despise the holiness of God at this point. They desire to limit God’s holiness to separation from apostates, leaving fellowship with disobedient brethren as their own prerogative. For this prerogative they have a man-made defense that includes unbiblical terms, such as secondary separation. [IBFNA Moderator, Dr. Clay Nuttall, 5/01 *The Review*]

FBF RESOLUTION CONCERNING AWANA—“Having passed resolutions in the past regarding our concern for the direction of AWANA and having appealed for relief from the compromised position of having to join an association with disobedient brethren in order to use the AWANA materials, the FBF recognizes [AWANA’s] effort to resolve this problem by ending the requirement for membership and charter fees to purchase materials. We are concerned, however, that although under the new arrangement, local churches will be able to purchase the materials without placing their ministries under the aegis of the AWANA organization, this accommodation of independent local churches will likely increase the misuse of orthodox materials by those who misrepresent their ministries as agreeing with the doctrinal position represented in AWANA publications. While there is increased recognition from AWANA of the autonomy of the local church, there is now decreased accountability from AWANA to local churches in maintaining doctrinal purity. We call on AWANA to guard against any deviation from orthodoxy and accommodation to the charismatic movement, and National Council of Churches in particular. We further call on fundamental churches to separate themselves from any AWANA related camps, youth activities, Bible quizzing, and ‘Olympics’ that put them into direct religious union with neo-evangelicals and other forms of compromise.”

BIG SEVERANCE PACKAGE TO NCC’S FORMER LEADER—Drowning in red ink, the National Council of Churches gave a cushy “severance” package of \$95,000 to former leader Joan Brown Campbell who retired in 1999 and had a hand in the NCC’s financial decline. She is blamed for much of the disarray. NCC sources say the full amount of her generous “severance” package was \$200,000, including \$15,000 for moving (6/15 *World*). Bob Edgar, the now NCC general secretary (president is Andy Young), blames income shortfalls on: (1) Failure of member denominations to support the NCC adequately. (2) Withdrawal of U.S. government funding of an NCC recruiting program for AmeriCorps. (3) Reluctance of foundations to entrust grants to the NCC, given its fiscal track record. NCC leaders hope for a more broadly redefined future and to interest Catholic bishops, the Salvation Army, and some NAE member denominations in pursuing ecumenical talks and projects. But for now, further belt-tightening and staffing cuts are underway.

PRESBYTERIANS RECOMMEND LIFTING BAN ON HOMOSEXUAL CLERGY—The main policy-making body of the Presbyterian Church (USA) voted June 15 to recommend lifting a ban on ordaining homosexual clergy (6/16 *H. Times*). It still must be ratified by a majority of presbyteries over the next year. The PCUSA elected liberal former Fuller Seminary professor Jack Rogers as moderator (6/12 *Atl. Jrnl-Cons.*). He rejects the historicity of the Genesis account of creation and defends, or at least leaves room for, modalism (6/10/85 *Christian News*).

SBC SPEAKERS & RESOLUTIONS—Dr. Jerry Falwell spoke in the opening session of this year's SBC Pastors' Conference in New Orleans. The SBC main meeting closed June 13 with a speech by Dr. James Dobson. Southern Baptists issued declarations against: Euthanasia, divorce, human cloning, Internet pornography, "gay rights," and genocide in Sudan. They voted to support a federal lawsuit accusing the Navy of discriminating against chaplains of evangelical faiths, and asked members to give more to fight world hunger. They called for rejection of any form of campaign finance reform that would include restrictions on political speech, and expressed support for "covenant marriages." Attendance was said to be near 10,000.

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RATHER: 'YOU CAN LIE AND STILL BE HONEST'—CBS News anchor Dan Rather in a Fox News interview last month said he thinks Bill Clinton is an honest man, even though he lied under oath and to Jim Lehrer about the Lewinsky affair. Rather said: "I think you can be an honest person and lie about any number of things." (5/28 USN&WR) Evidence abounds that the mainline media are governed by this postmodern definition of honesty.

HARRY POTTER BATTLE—The Harry Potter tales of magical powers are recruiting tools for the occult. Complaints tripled last year. "The books depict witchcraft and are antifamily," "Harry Potter teaches you it's OK to get back at people," e.g. (5/21 USN&WR). Several schools, mostly elementary (in Pa., Kan., Ill., and Wyo.), have banned them. It is dangerous to dabble in the occult and to naïvely assume witchcraft is merely harmless fantasy.

POPE AT ODDS WITH BIBLE ON DEATH PENALTY—The 5/7 Christian News says: "The Pope has again meddled into the business of the U.S. He's asking the U.S. not to execute Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh. The Pope does not accept what God says in His Word about capital punishment [Gen. 9:6, Lev. 24:17, Ex. 21:12, Num. 35:21, Dt.19:12, Acts 25:11, Rom. 13:4]".

ABORTIONISTS ASHAMED OF THAT LABEL—If an abortion is really no more morally wrong than the removal of a pimple, why is the "abortionist" label more offensive to liberals than the label "dermatologist"? Why must reporters call an abortionist an "abortion provider" but not call an anesthesiologist an "anesthetics provider"? If abortion is truly a "right" for women, why wouldn't a doctor be proud to be an "abortionist"? (5/26 World) Just maybe, deep down, abortionists know that abortion is evil/murder and they don't wish to be known as "dirty little mean abortionists" and reminded of that fact.

CATHOLICS MAKE EVANGELICALS LEAVE TOWN IN MEXICO—Catholic leaders in San Nicolas, Mexico, a town of some 4,000 people, are telling 36 evangelical families they must leave town within 90 days "or be kicked out." (5/24 Ala. Baptist). Their water and sewer services were cut off Mar. 28. A San Nicolas spokesperson said, "What the town wants is for the evangelicals to stop spreading their religion to more people

and to stop having their meetings....” Another example of Romanist intolerance!

CATHOLICS UP WORLDWIDE—The Vatican said its latest statistics (1999) showed that the number of RC’s worldwide rose by 1.6 percent in 1999 to a total of 1.038 billion, making up 17.4 percent of the world’s population.

N. KOREA: MASSIVE MILITARY, STARVING PEOPLE—With land mass less than Mississippi’s, and a population less than a tenth of the U.S., North Korea fields the fifth largest army in the world. It finances its war machine by selling missile technology to Iran, Syria, and other potential rogues (5/26 World). Famine has devastated much of the population. Since 1995, at least 2 million NKs are believed to have died of starvation. The UN spends over 30 percent of its food budget on NK. The U.S. is the largest donor of food and is sending 500,000 metric tons of grain annually. Mennonites and other church groups send massive aid much of which is used by communist NK to feed its army, buy new military equipment from Russia, etc., while its population starves.

SWEDISH GAY-RIGHTS BILL POSES A THREAT—A proposed law could make it illegal to publicly express the biblical position against homosexual behavior in Sweden (6/01 Charisma). The bill’s passage might criminalize the “reading of certain Bible verses in public” and undermine free speech. Sweden’s three largest denoms—Lutheran, Catholic, and Congregationalist, and “Christian gay” pressure groups—favor the bill. Defamatory statements about homosexuals are prosecutable in Sweden under existing law. The new bill defines homosexuals as a group in need of special legal protection against discrimination.

MINISTRIES FOCUSED ON MONEY, EGO—Charisma Editor Lee Grady, returning home from China, said “the ‘gospel’ we [charismatics] preach here is nauseating at times.” He said: “Recently I learned that a prominent evangelist routinely double-books speaking engagements and then determines which church plans to pay a bigger honorarium. Then he cancels the church that is offering the smaller amount. At many charismatic conferences, celebrity speakers demand luxury accommodations and five-figure speaking fees. Then when they ‘minister’ on the platform, they fake the anointing by pushing people to the ground after praying for them. So much of what is preached on the charismatic conference circuit is self-centered drivel. It’s all about using God to get ‘my breakthrough,’ ‘my blessing’ or...‘my anointing.’” This is shameful, just the tip of an iceberg, but in lesser degrees, is not limited to charismatics. Grady’s candor is refreshing.

TALIBAN MAKES HINDUS WEAR LABELS—All Hindus in Afghanistan will now be required to wear yellow patches to distinguish them from Muslims, per a new decree by the ruling Taliban militia (6/4 USN&WR). It recently ordered the destruction of all the country’s statues. The Taliban bars women from education and from most jobs, and has always applied its radical version of Islam.

TWO SBC PROFS REFUSE TO SIGN BF&M—Two professors at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary will leave their jobs rather than sign the Baptist Faith & Message as revised by the Southern Baptist Convention last year (5/10 Ala. Baptist). The two men disagree with the statement’s new prohibition on women pastors, and were told they must leave within a year. All faculty are required to sign the new BF&M.

NEWLY MERGED CHURCH SEVERES LINK TO GARBC—The First Baptist Church of Parma, Ohio recently merged with the Southwest Community Bible Church of North Royalton, OH. Senior Pastor Rev. Todd Nye states: “When the two churches were prayerfully considering the merger and trying to determine if [they] were philosophically and doctrinally compatible, we had to answer a number of critical questions. One of those...involved the affiliation of the new church with the GARBC [General Association of Regular Baptist Churches]. Due to well-documented trends in the GARBC in the areas of the use of contemporary Christian music and compromise in the area of ecclesiastical separation, the two churches voted to sever any official affiliation with the GARBC as a part of our agreement to merge.” He adds: “As you can imagine, this was not an

easy decision. FBCP began as a church within the GARBC and had remained in that fellowship for nearly fifty years....Our decision not to affiliate with the GARBC is in no way a blanket generalization of all GARBC churches...." We commend Pastor Nye and the new church for courageously acting on their convictions.

CHARISMATICS GROW WILDER & WEIRDER, BUT WHO CARES?—When charismatics now report that the Holy Spirit is filling teeth with gold it again shows the silly, ridiculous and phony nature of much of the charismatic movement. This August, Che Ahn (6/15/99 CC), one of the healing charismatics who claims that the Holy Spirit is filling the teeth of hundreds of charismatics with gold, will be the keynote speaker at the annual Lutheran Renewal Conference on the Holy Spirit. Apathy prevails in many denominations today. Surveys show that the majority of the members of most churches really do not care much about doctrine. The majority believes that a person must work at least in part his own way to heaven and that Muslims, Jews, Buddhists, Christians, etc., all worship the same God. [Adapted, 5/7 Christian News] Some charismatics in the phony "Holy Laughter" movement bark like dogs, bray like donkeys, and other weird things.

AFFILIATED GROUPS GATHER AT SBC MEETING—Evang. Alberto Mottesesi is scheduled to speak at the National Fellowship of Hispanic Southern Baptist Churches' annual meeting June 9-11 at New Orleans, in conjunction with the SBC meeting (5/10 Ala. Baptist). Mottesesi "ministers in both charismatic and non-charismatic churches." (1/93 Charisma) His Board of Reference has included Drs. Bill Bright and Peter Wagner. Kay Arthur is the featured speaker at the Ministers Wives Conference of the Southern Baptist Convention. Billy Kim and Denton Lotz are speakers for the Baptist World Alliance Breakfast in conjunction with the SBC.

METHODIST BISHOP DOWNPLAYS CONVERSION—The chief ecumenical officer of the United Methodist Church says Christian missionaries should stop putting so much emphasis on converting people to Christ and instead focus on what it means to live with others in peace (5/1 Agape Press). Bishop Melvin Talbert said when Jesus prayed that all might be one, there was no Christian church. He said Jesus was appealing to the people of the earth to be one. The Bible tells us to preach the gospel.

MORE COMMENTS ON 'JABEZ'—The Prayer of Jabez (see 5/15 CC) has sold over 4 million copies. There is nothing wrong in praying this lovely prayer, but it is not the only prayer we should pray, and there is no biblical evidence that it is an especially efficacious prayer. For example, the prayer of Jehoshaphat (2Chr. 20:12), one of the Apostle Paul's beautiful prayers, or another good Bible prayer, might better apply to a given day's problems. And might not the Holy Spirit prompt the exact prayer we need for our daily problems and praise? The 5/19 World said saying the prayer is a good thing, but warned that "some individuals read this book and come away thinking that prayer is a series of inputs and outputs." The book lists four points at the top of page 48 as true, but they are not necessarily true. Some quotes elsewhere in the book are not necessarily Scriptural: "He [God] becomes great through you.", "Without a temptation we wouldn't sin.", "When you take little steps, you don't need God.", "He [God] will never send someone to you whom you cannot help.", etc. "Miracles" are mentioned in at least six pages. It is this editor's opinion that this is a dangerously subtle book that uses much of the language of word-faith and other charismatics. A 5/21 Christian News article lists some flaws and warns that Wilkinson's book is a "particularly dangerous work from a Christian theological perspective."

WHAT IS THE WCC?—The World Council of Churches is a fellowship of 342 churches, in over 100 countries in all continents from virtually all "Christian" traditions. The Roman Catholic Church is not a member but works cooperatively with the WCC. The highest governing body is the Assembly which meets about every seven years. The WCC was formally inaugurated in Amsterdam in 1948. It is headed by general secretary Konrad Raiser, Germany. These data are from a 5/18 WCC Press Release with a Pentecost 2001 message from the WCC presidents. An excerpt: "We rejoice in the knowledge that the ecumenical dialogue is alive among the broad families of churches.... Churches, in spite of their differences, are called to be passionate in their search for unity...." WCC presidents are: Dr. Agnes Abuom (Kenya), Rev. Kathryn Bannister (USA), Bishop Jabez

Bryce (Fiji), Dr. Chrysostomos (Turkey), H.H. Ignatius Zakka I Iwas (Syria), Dr. Kang Moon-Kyu (Korea), Bishop Federico Pagura (Argentina), and Bishop Eberhardt Renz (Germany). [Note: ACCC exec. secretary Dr. Ralph Colas has reports critiquing WCC meetings he has attended in the past couple of years, available at: P.O. Box 5455, Bethlehem, PA 18015]

BUSH KEEPS COURTING CATHOLICS—When Pres. Bush travels, he often meets privately with senior members of the Catholic clergy, such as bishops and cardinals (5/28 USN&WR). In March, he attended the dedication of the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington, D.C., and hosted 60 cardinals, bishops, and other Catholic leaders at the White House. He gave the commencement address last month at the University of Notre Dame, and plans to visit the pope in Italy in July.

WEF IS NOW WEA—The World Evangelical Fellowship, comprised of over 100 national alliances including the NAE, recently met in Malaysia. It denounced the abuse of women, supported cancellation of third world debt, and changed its name to World Evangelical Alliance.

NRB MOURNS GUSTAVSON—National Religious Broadcasters president E. Brandt Gustavson died May 14 with terminal cancer of the liver and pancreas. Prior to serving in high positions with the NRB, he had served in high positions with other evangelical organizations— e.g., Trans World Radio and Moody Bible Institute.

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COLSON AT ECUMENICAL DAY OF PRAYER—For the May 3 National Day of Prayer, Chairman Shirley Dobson encouraged all people of faith to “set aside their differences....” Billy Graham served as honorary chairman and wrote a special prayer for the occasion. Speakers included Michael Smith and Dean Jones. Chuck Colson was the keynote speaker, and said: “At the end of our lives, we too must kneel before the cross and ask Jesus, 'Did I live a life worthy of the sacrifice you made for me?’” (5/4 *Religion Today*) No one is ever, nor could be, worthy of the sacrifice Christ made for sinners.

PURGATORY REJECTS CHRIST'S CROSS WORK—Purgatory is said to be under the jurisdiction of the pope, who has the power and authority to transfer merit from an invisible treasury to those who are being purged in purgatory (*Proclaiming the Gospel*). This transfer of merit is done by indulgences and is said to shorten the time of suffering. The Catholic Church defines an indulgence as the means of remitting the temporal punishment for sin. But God's word clearly refutes this (Psalm 49:7-8).

FAITH-BASED CHARITABLE CHOICE—John DiIulio heads the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. A Roman Catholic, he praises Catholic Charities which receives about 2/3 of its funding from government and has become “just another government contractor.” (3/31 *World*) But the NAE and other new-evangelicals have endorsed the “charitable choice” faith-based program. But recipients will not be allowed to discriminate in hiring. So influence and pressure follows the funds. Could a church refuse to hire a homosexual drug counselor? Weird religious groups could qualify in some cases.

ILLEGAL ALIENS BAD FOR OUR COUNTRY—With one million crossings a day, the U.S.-Mexico border is the world's busiest. An estimated six million illegals are today costing U.S. taxpayers billions of dollars per year for education, health care, food stamps and public housing (2/22 *Wisc. Report*). Most of today's immigrants are poor and unskilled. The 12/12/94 *U.S. News* said we should replace our present policy which discriminates against Europeans, and admit more people with high skills and education (1/1/95 *CC*). Roman Catholic prelates have often called for a Catholic majority in the U.S. and boasted that one day they would accomplish this “by the stork and immigration” (1/1/86 *CC*). Most illegals, by far, are Catholic and tend to vote for liberal Democrats. The Pope has called for more [RC] babies and for capitalist “have” nations to feed RC

socialist "have not" countries. It seems Catholicism and socialism often cause poverty, while Christianity and freedom produce prosperity.

HOMOSEXUALS CAN CHANGE IF THEY WANT TO—An explosive new study led by Columbia University psychiatry professor Dr. Robert L. Spitzer said some homosexuals can turn straight if they really want to. Mental health groups dispute this. Homosexual-rights activists insist they are born with a "gay gene" or some uncontrollable element that leads to homosexuality. But homosexuality (and adultery) is a sinful behavioral choice. Homosexuals and adulterers can be saved and delivered just like other sinners. Dr. Spitzer said: "Like most psychiatrists I thought that homosexual behavior could only be resisted and that no one could really change their sexual orientation." He added: "I now believe that to be false. Some people can and do change."

SELF-ESTEEM, NEA, SCHOOL VIOLENCE—Years ago, in an international study of 13-year-olds all taking the same math test, Koreans came in first, Americans last. A question asked was, "Are you good in math?" Only 23 percent of Koreans said "yes," while 68 percent of Americans said "yes." Aren't we proud of our proud kids! Much of the blame for our public schools lies with the National Education Association. It supports abortion on demand, school health clinics, and the aggressive agenda of the "gay-rights" movement (5/5 *World* letter). Americans have raised their kids in a culture of death and told them it's OK to kill their unwanted babies. Why the shock when they kill each other? (4/21 *World* letter)

JUBILEE CAMPAIGN TO CANCEL POOR DEBT—The total foreign debt of the 41 poorest nations is over \$207 billion. This does not include the over \$3.25 trillion debt of middle-income countries such as Mexico and Brazil (5/21 *Chr. Today*). The Jubilee 2000 movement has convinced the "rich" nations of the world to write down the debt of impoverished nations. The World Council of Churches, Catholics, and other liberals have pressured the G-7 nations to forgive much of the debt. Some aid in the past has gone to third world dictators who rob their people blind and have borrowed heavily to finance Marxist revolutions (3/1/00 *CC*). The U.S. is the largest contributing member of the IMF at 60 percent of funds.

AFRICA RICH BUT POOR—Even with 30 percent of the world's minerals, Africa is considered the poorest of all the continents (Jan-Mar *Baptist World*). Africa staggers under a debt burden of over \$200 billion. Jubilee 2000 (supported by the Baptist World Alliance), without economic reform, help in replacing corrupt leaders, and evangelization of this spiritually "dark continent," seems rather futile. AIDS has reached epidemic proportions in Africa, leaving death and orphaned children in its wake.

FALWELL'S CHURCH A MEMBER OF SBC FOR 'SEVERAL YEARS'—Dr. Jerry Falwell is slated to speak June 10 at the Southern Baptist Pastors Conference in New Orleans, in conjunction with the SBC's annual meeting. In promoting the SBC, he writes (5/01 *NLJ*): "Several years ago, my Thomas Road Baptist Church joined the Southern Baptist Convention. Liberty University became an officially-approved SBC university two years ago.... [I]t is a great delight to fellowship with America's largest Protestant denomination.... The SBC is presently engaged in the most formidable global evangelistic effort in the New Testament era." An official press release from Falwell's office (10/24/96) was carefully worded but clearly implied they were not joining the SBC (8/7/98 *Sword of the Lord*). Yet at the June 1998 SBC meeting, he and ten messengers from his church were there and voted. It is misleading for Falwell to say that "All six SBC seminaries are now led and taught by biblical inerrantists" when dozens of SBC schools are still led by liberals (see 5/1 *CC* book review). And he apparently can overlook the SBC's membership in, and major support of, the apostate Baptist World Alliance which held its General Council meeting in Cuba last year (see 9/15/00 *CC*), and seemed to have been used by Castro for propaganda purposes.

NAE GIVES UP THE FIGHT AGAINST LIBERAL NCC—The National Association of Evangelicals, formed largely in response to the liberal National Council of Churches, was in reality at its inception, a

neutralist body. In a recent capitulation it altered its policy and allows a denomination to be a member of both the NAE and the NCC. NAE president Kevin Mannoia says a new day has now arrived, and calls for defining itself in terms of what we are “for.” (5/21 *Chr. Today*) He says: “To continue defining ourselves in opposition to the liberal groups not only validates their importance but ties our identity to a dying cause.” And, “Now is not the time to fight secondary battles with a diminishing adversary [e.g., NCC].” If fighting liberals is only a “secondary” battle, what is a primary one? Or, “Is there no longer a cause?”

LIBERAL LUTHERAN A FORMER V-P OF FULLER?—Dr. David Luecke was a supporter of the liberal professors at Concordia Seminary years ago who were found guilty of false doctrine. He is now a member of the “Jesus First” (see 5/15 *CC*) steering committee. He was a former V-P of Fuller Seminary, a seminary which ordains women, supports the charismatic movement and no longer affirms the inerrancy of the Bible (4/30 *C. News*). Fuller is modernistic, ecumenical and charismatic (11/15/99 *CC*).

IBFNA CONFERENCE—The 11th Annual Conference of the Independent Baptist Fellowship of No. America is set for Williamsburg (VA) Hospitality House, June 19-21. Speakers include: Pastor Laurence Brown (NH), PARBC State Rep. Paul Connor, Pastor Dan Davey (Va. Beach), Dr. Duane Brown (Fla.), Dr. Kevin Bauder (MN), Dr. Robert Delnay (Fla.), Rev. Jack Keep (Va.), Pastor Bob Payne (MI), and Pastor David Reinhardt (CT). Dr. Clay Nuttall is Moderator. For information call: 215/536-9200.

FBF CONFERENCE—The 81st National Meeting of the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship is set for First Baptist Church of Troy, MI. Speakers include: Drs. Les Ollila (Pres. Northland), David Doran (Pres. Detroit Bapt. Sem.), Wayne VanGelder (Pres. Baptist College of Ministry), Chuck Phelps (NH pastor), Rolland McCune (Prof. DBTS), Mike Harding (Host pastor), John Vaughn (Exec. V-P of FBF), Jim VanGelder (Minutemen Min. evangelist), Mark Minnick (SC pastor), and Rod Bell (Pres. FBF). Workshop speakers include Dr. William Combs and Tim Fisher. For more info call 864/322-0700.

POPE URGES NEW EFFORT AGAINST 'SECTS' [CHARISMATICS] IN LATIN AMERICA—Pope John Paul II, alluding to Pentecostalism and other groups, called religious sects a serious problem in predominantly RC Latin America and urged bishops there to re-evangelize their flocks (5/21 *CT*). Pentecostals have been attracting large numbers of Catholic converts in recent years and the 289 million Catholics in Latin America make up almost a third of the 1 billion Catholics worldwide. The number of “evangelicals” in Latin America has grown from 50,000 in 1900 to about 64 million in 1997—about three-fourths of whom are Pentecostal or charismatic.

GRAHAM'S AFFINITY WITH CATHOLICISM—Dr. Billy Graham wrote the foreword in the book, *John Paul II, A Tribute*, and has often praised the Pope. Dave Hunt comments (5/01 *Berean Call*): “Anyone, Catholic or Protestant, recognizes that by commending the Pope and Roman Catholicism as the true faith... Billy Graham has implicitly renounced the Protestant Reformation. His embrace of Catholicism implies that the Catholic bishops were actually in biblical agreement with their victims and preached the same gospel as evangelicals preach today. Yet they anathematized and burned Protestants and Rome honors them for having done so.... If Graham is right that the Roman Catholic Church preaches the true gospel that saves souls, all the Reformers were wrong.... Take your pick: either Graham is right or the Reformers were, but not both of them. Furthermore, if Catholicism is the true gospel, then what must be said of the hundreds of millions of Roman Catholics who have been convinced over the last 500 years that Rome's gospel is false, who have believed the true gospel and left the Roman Catholic Church? If Graham is right, they are absolute fools. They should have stayed in the Catholic Church—which is exactly where Graham sends all Roman Catholics who come forward at his crusades....”

THE OPENNESS DEBATE AGAIN—*Christianity Today* for 5/21 carried a 7-page dialogue between John Sanders and Christopher Hall on Openness Theology. (See 9/1 & 3/15 *CCs*) This view holds that God's

knowledge of future events is not exhaustive, and He is often surprised at our “free-will” actions. Sanders says God has “flexible strategies” and has “chosen not to control every detail” of our lives. But the Bible teaches that God's knowledge is incomparable and he knows the end from the beginning (Isa. 46:9-10). “[God's] certain knowledge of our choices did not cause them to be made; rather our making those choices caused God to possess that prior knowledge.” (Dr. Myron Houghton, 5/01 *Baptist Bulletin*)

SPURGEON ON SEPARATION—Complicity with error will take from the best of men the power to enter any successful protest against it. ** It is our solemn conviction that where there can be no real spiritual communion there should be no pretense of fellowship. Fellowship with known and vital error is participation in sin. ** As soon as I saw, or thought I saw, that error had become firmly established, I did not deliberate, but quitted the body at once. Since then my counsel has been “Come out from among them.” I have felt that no protest could be equal to that of distinct separation from known evil. ** That I might not stultify my testimony I have cut myself clear of those who err from the faith, and even from those who associate with them. ** Cost what it may to separate ourselves from those who separate themselves from the truth of God is not alone our liberty but our duty.

NEXT CC MAY BE LATE due mostly to trips to Pa., Miss., Ark., Mich., and Va. in June and late May. Please pray for safety in travel—whether flying or driving.

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WHY AREN'T ASTROLOGERS RICH?—Something's wrong. If astrologers, palm readers, and fortune tellers could foretell the future they could make a killing in the stock market, winning the lottery, etc. But instead, most of them live in rundown shanties, trailer courts, etc. (4/01 *VITW*). Their fakery is revealed. They're not millionaires for a similar reason that the many "faith healers" can't go to hospitals and send all the patients home healed.

COLORADO GOV. SIGNS FAITH HEALING BILL—Colorado Gov. Bill Owens April 16 signed into law a bill which makes faith healing a crime, under the state's child abuse law, when used in place of medicine for a child in danger of dying (4/23 *Religion Today*). The law was prompted by the illness of Amanda Bates, 13, who died Feb. 5 of complications from untreated diabetes. Her parents, members of General Assembly Church of the First Born, did not believe in medical treatment for their daughter. Since 1974, 13 children of parents in religious sects have died in Colorado from lack of medical care.

NEW AGE, HINDUISM, & YOGA—The 3/23 *Vanguard* states: "So-called New Age thought is for the most part a recycling of Hinduism [basically pantheistic] plus magic and occult ideas and practices in a way acceptable in the West. The use of drugs, especially the so-called harmless drugs like marijuana, is a way in to the altered state of consciousness, which opens the mind up to the Hindu way of looking at life. Yoga and Hindu meditation have now become mainstream, often offered in church halls, with no understanding that 'there is no yoga without Hinduism and no Hinduism without yoga' (a Hindu saying)...."

HATE CRIME LAWS VIOLATE FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND BELIEF—From a religious standpoint, it is frightful to think of the government's penalizing certain beliefs. Such a practice can potentially criminalize any religious teaching that is not politically correct. For example, the freedom to so much as quote Bible passages that call homosexual behavior an abomination to God cannot stand long in a society laced with hate crime laws protecting homosexual behavior. (4/01 *Baptist Bulletin*)

NAVY BIASED AGAINST CHARISMATICS?—When charismatics join the U.S. Navy, there is no way for them to register their religious preference. That and numerous other complaints have sparked four lawsuits

charging the Navy with religious discrimination (5/01 *Charisma*). Thirteen charismatics and Pentecostals are among the 27 plaintiffs in the suits. Also at issue is the Navy's chaplaincy system, which plaintiffs say is unfairly tilted toward Catholics and members of mainline denominations.

ALCOHOL: THE 'MOST DAMAGING SUBSTANCE IN SOCIETY'—The director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism calls alcohol “the most widespread and damaging substance we have in society.” The May 7 *U.S. News* has an 8-page article showing, among other things, how alcohol alters brain chemistry. New science uses new imaging techniques and shows how alcohol can rewire the circuitry of the brain, eroding its ability to feel pleasure and act wisely, and replacing it with a locus for intense craving and destructive behavior. The article terms alcoholism a disease [the Bible calls it sin, drunkenness] that interferes with home life, work, interpersonal relationships, and eventually with health.” It says “excessive drinking can ruin lives through betrayal, broken promises, lost jobs, car accidents, and a host of other personal tragedies.” Bingers can suffer impaired concentration, slowed reflexes, disrupted sleep and high blood pressure. “For active alcoholics, drinking trumps reason. It distorts judgment. It severs the connection between behavior and consequence. It lays waste to marriages, friendships, and careers. It leaves children stranded.” Some 14 million people in the U.S. are alcoholics or abuse alcohol. Moderate drinking is not an option for a true alcoholic. Be warned, be wise, beware!

CCM GROWING IN POPULARITY—John Styll, president of Nashville-based CCM Communications and chairman-elect of the Gospel Music Association notes that contemporary Christian music is having a huge impact on the church and is the only category in the Grammy nomination process defined by lyrical content (4/26/01 *Ala. Baptist*). While there are many styles of CCM, contemporary/pop is the most popular, but the “praise and worship” category is quickly growing. Styll says CCM has made the worship experience more relevant... to a new generation but “the danger is, contemporary music is very performance-oriented. The line between worship and entertainment can very easily get blurred.”

NEW AIDS CZAR IS OPEN HOMOSEXUAL—Scott Evertz has been appointed to head the president's Office on National AIDS Policy. He is “the first ever openly gay GOP appointee, and the first homosexual AIDS czar...” (4/21 *World*) This has drawn fire from conservatives. Dr. James Dobson says: “This appointment sends a disturbing message that the problem of AIDS can be resolved without dealing with the (rampant) promiscuity of many in the homosexuality life...” (5/01 *NLJ*) Evertz has called the Boy Scout policy of banning openly homosexual leaders “absurd.” He has urged black ministers to stop describing homosexuality as a sin. How long will our president try to please both “gay” activists and pro-family conservatives?

CONFESSIONS OF A CHARISMATIC—Lee Grady is the editor of *Charisma*, the main charismatic magazine. He had this to say in the May issue: “We charismatics have been blessed with a season of spiritual refreshing during the last seven years....We soaked in the anointing. We saturated ourselves in the glory. We saw heavenly gold dust on the pews, felt oil running from our hands or smelled the fragrance of the Lord. We fell to the floor, overcome by His power. We trembled, shook, shouted and danced as we celebrated our own personal Pentecost....” He could have said “we have brayed like donkeys, barked like dogs,” etc. (see 6/15/97 *CC*). He continued: “Many of us are addicted to the charismatic euphoria of yesterday, not realizing that God has moved on....It's time to get off the floor. How many more doses of the anointing do we need before we will go out into the harvest where the Lord is waiting to demonstrate His power?” That last question (change “anointing” to “sermons”) should challenge fundamental Christians to see that it is “high time to awake out of sleep” (Rom. 13:11) and get busy about the task of world evangelism and world missions.

KUNG WANTS TERM LIMITS FOR POPE—Hans Kung, a prominent theologian and a frequent critic of the Vatican, has proposed term limits or a mandatory retirement age for popes (*C.E.C. Journal News*, 4/24/01). He said it was “unbearable” that the church is currently headed by someone “not fully present from a psychic or physical point of view.” Pope John Paul II, 80, suffers from Parkinson's disease and has undergone several

operations that have reduced his mobility. The Vatican has acknowledged he has been slowed physically but deny it has affected his mind. Most popes have served until their death. Kung, a modernist globalist whose mandate to teach as a Catholic theologian was withdrawn by the Vatican years ago, thinks the next pope will be Italian.

AWANA IS CHANGING AGAIN—Awana recently sent a letter from its president to churches who currently use Awana. The biggest changes are in the doctrinal statement where it has reverted back to its weaker original statement and dropped the stronger recent one. It claims it is going back to its roots, but this is really a step toward further compromise. A Kansas pastor wrote the following, in a recent long discourse with an Awana official: "...I will not argue with you about Awana's glorious history and how God has used it....My problem is with the deceit of chartering American Baptist Churches [member of apostate NCC/WCC] despite the clear statements prohibiting it, and now the removing of key parts of the doctrinal statement that clearly speak against false doctrine and trends such as the charismatic movement, and the policy change. Its statement formerly said churches who used Awana were not to be 'affiliated with' the NCC/WCC at all. Then they weakened it to 'not be supportive of.'" Now this more recent change is to drop the policy on this completely, and opens the door for charismatic/Pentecostal and liberal churches. The Awana official, in an e-mail to the Kansas pastor, noted specifically that the Assemblies of God and all American Baptist Churches now would be free to use Awana. The Kansas pastor adds: "In this latest change, Awana has dropped its policy of selecting churches completely. All you have to do now is say you agree to teach the materials as they are given." He said Awana's philosophy, and that of many other organizations and churches that formerly stood for the truth, is to downplay doctrine so that more people can be reached for the gospel. The Bible clearly condemns that philosophy ["end justifies the means"]. In recent years both the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship and the American Council of Christian Churches have had strong resolutions warning of Awana's compromise.

MORMONS MAKE CONVERTS FROM BAPTISTS—Mormons claim that they have more converts from Baptists than from anybody else (4/16 *Christian News*). SBC's Paige Patterson says it could be partially true because "we have not taught our people the truths of the Word of God. If we had, they wouldn't be sitting ducks out there on the pond for every 'ism' that comes along."

MORE EVIDENCE OF NEW TRIBES COMPROMISE?—We reported in the 5/15/98 *CC* that three couples with New Tribes Mission (Panama) were Southern Baptists. We now read in the Mar.-Apr. *Fundamentalist Digest* that missionaries associated with NTM were guest speakers March 5 at the United Methodist Church in Wolfsville, MD. The *FD* editor said NTM has "departed from its Fundamentalist moorings and is New Evangelical in orientation and practice." We have long warned of this (e.g., 10/15/96 *CC*). Many supporting fundamental churches apparently still trust NTM's statement on separation.

FALWELL ANNOUNCES 'TIM LAHAYE SCHOOL OF PROPHECY'—In the May *National Liberty Journal*, Dr. Jerry Falwell wrote: "Dr. John Borek, president of Liberty University, and I are pleased to announce the formation of the Tim LaHaye School of Prophecy...to be unveiled in January." Dr. LaHaye, co-author of the popular *Left Behind* series of novels, will be president and Dr. Ed Hindson will serve as dean. Adjunct and guest faculty includes Drs. John Walvoord, Dwight Pentecost, Thomas Ice, Robert Gromacki, Renald Showers, Earl Radmacher, and John Ankerberg. Falwell is to speak June 10 at the SBC Pastors Conference. He says: "I firmly believe that the New Testament church is poised—with the SBC in the vanguard—for spiritual awakening across America and unprecedented world evangelization."

ECUMENICALS CELEBRATE ARMENIA—Leaders from America's Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox communities will gather at Washington's National Catholic Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, May 30, for an ecumenical prayer service marking the 1700th anniversary of Armenia's becoming the world's first Christian nation in 301 (NCC 4/24 e-mail). Main speakers are National Council of Churches Pres. Andrew Young, and Cardinal William H. Keeler.

'JESUS FIRST' WANTS WOMEN PASTORS IN LCMS—A *Christian News* (4/23) headline reads: “Jesus First: An Umbrella Group Open for LCMS [Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod] Liberals, Uninformed Conservatives, Supporters of the Ordination of Women Pastors, Evolutionists, Charismatics, Church Growthers—Supporting Kieschnick for President—Diekelmann for First Vice-Pres.” The drive for women pastors is said to be gaining momentum in the LCMS, as its July convention in St. Louis nears. The names of 661 LCMS members who support Jesus First are listed in the 4/23 *CN*.

SOME EVANGELICALS WEAK ON HOMOSEXUALITY—Ralph Blair in the Spring 2001 issue of the pro-homosexual Evangelicals Concerned *Review*, had these questions for the authors of a new IVP book: “Is that why an Old Testament scholar and president of The Evangelical Theological Society conceded that there is nothing in the Old Testament that corresponds to homosexuality as we understand it today? Is that why a leading evangelical theologian conceded that, for purely historical reasons, we can't turn to the New Testament for specific data on homosexuality today?...” We might dismiss this as pro-homosexual propaganda except for the evident compromise of ETS on this subject in recent years past. (For more on this, see 1/1/96 & 1/15/99 CCs).

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ABORTION: DESTROYING UNWANTED CHILDREN—When abortion was declared legal in the U.S., one of its staunchest supporters said it would "usher in an era when every child will be wanted, loved and properly cared for; when the incidence of infanticides and battered children would be sharply reduced." (2/24 *World*) On the contrary, in the years following 1973, abuse, neglect, abandonment, and even infanticide skyrocketed. Since then, our media and social elites, to justify abortion, seem to presume that unwanted children would be better off dead. And they say destroying "unwanted" children right up until a moment before birth, is enshrined as a sacred constitutional right.

TV'S ADDICTIVE POWER—Is there any greater time thief in the world than television? Its dramatic offerings are increasingly unsavory. Its news coverage is blatantly biased yet numbers of Christian women succumb to its addictive powers. TV's influence is progressive. The more you watch, the more you want to watch. The more you want to watch, the more you tolerate. The more you tolerate, the more you imitate. Ultimately, TV takes much more than time. (Beneth Jones, *Canadian Revivalist*)

GATES GIVES MILLIONS TO PLANNED PARENTHOOD—The International Planned Parenthood Federation says it has received, spread over five years, an \$8.8 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (3/30 *Sword of the Lord*). These funds will help the British-based IPPF promote abortion and "family planning."

HOMOSEXUALITY TAUGHT IN SCHOOLS—Dr. James Dobson in his March 20 Focus on the Family radio broadcast, warned that a "national homosexualization of schools" is coming (4/2 *Chr. News*). He called on parents to take action against a "recent push to integrate pro-gay curriculum in schools." He believes it's a "nationwide effort that will soon put almost every child at risk."

FIRST DUTCH HOMOSEXUAL 'MARRIAGE'—Two homosexuals are the first to be wed under a Netherlands' new same-sex marriage law (4/14 *World*). This new law is just one more sign of Dutch depravity. This is the country that has legalized drugs, prostitution, and euthanasia. So no shock that same-sex 'marriage' now joins the list.

MORE MUSLIM VIOLENCE, INDONESIA—Christian families in Indonesia's Maluku islands are forced at gunpoint to convert to Islam in rituals that include genital mutilation for females and dull-bladed circumcision for males (4/23 *CT*). Those refusing to convert are killed by jihad warriors who later display the severed heads of some as a warning to others. Indonesia is 83 percent Muslim.

GUNS ALSO SAVE LIVES—When have you heard a story on the national evening news about a citizen *saving* a life with a gun? A Yale Law scholar and gun control researcher complains that the mainline media consistently ignore the facts about gun use. Civilians' firearms stop about 2 million crimes per year (4/14 *World*). That's five times more often than they are used to commit crimes. In 98 percent of the cases, just brandishing a gun is enough to stop a crime. Other research shows that only one out of 1,000 defensive gun uses results in the attacker's death.

TED TURNER 'CAN'T TAKE MORE BAD NEWS'—Media mogul Ted Turner says he found himself friendless, alone and stripped of his enormous power after being eased out of his top role at AOL Time Warner (4/16 *HT*). He said, "I felt like Job...I mean, I can't take any more bad news." He continued, "I've lost my job and my wife this year." He said he felt suicidal after the breakup of his marriage to Jane Fonda partly because of her "becoming a practicing Christian." But for Turner, bad news will get worse if he continues to reject the Good News.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATICS & SPIRITUALISM—Brazil is the largest Roman Catholicism country in the world, but is really a Spiritualist country (see 12/15 *CC*). It could well be the number one Spiritualist country in the world with an estimated two hundred million Catholics. It is estimated that two-thirds of these Brazilians are Spiritualists or something close (4/2 *Chr. News*). They are generally religious charismatics with organized sect meetings about spirit life and spirit worship.

PORN WENT MAINSTREAM UNDER CLINTON—The Clinton administration virtually stopped prosecuting obscenity cases, allowing pornography to become mainstream. The Justice Department prosecuted the worst offenders during the Reagan-Bush years, but under Clinton the floodgates were opened. Larry Flynt is quoted: "We've had eight years of lack of prosecution of a sex industry." So the film industry has gone from 1,000 porno films eight years ago to 10,000 last year....plus all the Internet stuff! The Internet is now the sexual medium of choice, offering pictures, videos, and web cams for every perversion (Gene Veith, 4/7 *World*). Porn now takes in more money than rock and country music combined. It is a type of adultery, in that imaginations (lusts) are the moral and spiritual equivalent of actions.

RAVING ABOUT ECSTASY—Huntsville teens call Ecstasy, the drug of choice at all-night raves, "fabulous." "It's like your sense of feeling is magnified 10 times." "Your whole body just tingles." (See 2/1 *CC*)

FIRST BAPTIST-HAMMOND, CALLS NEW PASTOR—Dr. Walter Beebe reports in the Jan. - Mar. *Church Bus News* that the First Baptist Church of Hammond, Ind. by a 96 percent vote March 7 has called Dr. Jack Schaap as their new pastor. He is the son-in-law of Dr. Jack Hyles who pastored the church 41 years until his recent death.

AILING BILL BRIGHT BUSY, RECEIVES AWARDS—Campus Crusade for Christ Pres. Bill Bright is planning how to expand his already wide-ranging ministry, despite his struggle with serious illnesses—pulmonary fibrosis and prostate cancer. The co-founder of the 50-year-old ministry is editing books, preparing video presentations and making plans to foster the training of future Christian leaders through a university housed at New York's Empire State building...."His attitude is so consistent and refreshing that it's hard to be sad around him," said Crawford Loritts, associate director of Campus Crusade USA (4/10 *Religion Today*). Bright, 79, the 1996 winner of the notorious Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion, is being honored

by fellow evangelicals. The Evangelical Christian Publishers Association plans to give him its Gold Medallion Lifetime Achievement Award in July. The NAE chose him for its first-ever Lifetime Ministry Award March 7. Sadly, CCC has become more pro-charismatic/Catholic and ecumenical in recent decades.

WHICH CHURCHES ARE GROWING—A new study by Hartford Seminary reveals that churches that have "explicit, specific definitions and goals for their members and high standards for personal morality and communal justice" report greater vitality and growth in participation (4/23 *Chr. Today*). Evangelicals founded 58 percent of all new churches between 1990 and 2000, of which the Assemblies of God mounted the largest effort. Mormons and Muslims have started more congregations than liberal and moderate Protestants and Roman Catholics combined. Liberal and moderate Protestant churches are adapting contemporary worship styles. "A rule of thumb is that the Episcopal churches using drums are growing."

WILKINSON'S PRAYER OF JABEZ—Bruce Wilkinson, founder/pres. of Walk Thru the Bible Ministries, is a popular speaker at ecumenical forums such as Promise Keepers, Campus Crusade, Navigators, and Focus on the Family. His best-selling pocket-size book *The Prayer of Jabez* examines a very simple prayer in 1Chr. 4:10. Wilkinson says, "People are...excited about what happens to them when they pray Jabez. They get a whole new vision of what can happen to them. God can bless them a whole lot, but they must ask for it..." But a Texas pastor, says, "What I stress is for people not to think of it as a magic potion. It doesn't work that way...Faith has to be in God, not in the prayer." Wilkinson adds, "We think that a thing outside of us is what blesses us. But, in reality, blessing occurs in your heart." (4/13 *Religion Today*). He says if we'll just pray the prayer of Jabez, word-for-word for a month, we'll see God's power released in our lives. He is selling Jabez's prayer as a Scripturally sanctioned incantation. Perhaps thousands who have prayed this prayer attribute their prosperity to the mindless repetition of the prayer. Jesus counseled against the selfish use of vain repetition. An extensive discussion of this book is available at this Web address: <http://www.rapidnet.com/~jbeard/bdm/> or for \$1 from Biblical Discernment Min., PO Box 679, Bedford, IN 47421.

LCMS PRESIDENT PASSES—Dr. A. L. Barry, president of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, died March 23. He is said to have done his best, in his eight years at the helm of the 2.6 million-member LCMS, to set it on an orthodox Lutheran course and return it to pure doctrine.

CT PRAISED C.S. LEWIS—The 4/23 *Christianity Today*, the main New Evangelical magazine, praised C.S. Lewis in an article entitled "Myth Matters." It said he bequeathed us a method and a language for sharing the gospel with the modern and postmodern world. It called Lewis "the 20th century's greatest Christian apologist" and praised his mythical works. His *Chronicles of Narnia* incorporates stories from both Christian and pagan traditions and mixes metaphors and symbols (e.g., Aslan is "a symbol of Christ," but also a real lion). *CT* said: "In Aslan, Christ is made tangible, knowable, real." The *CT* article said "Lewis was adept at delving into the roots of paganism and properly assessing where those roots are compatible with those of Christianity...." Such are some confusing musings of New Evangelicalism and one of its patron saints! Lewis rejected inerrancy, accepted evolution and purgatory, and termed himself "very Catholic." His closest friends were Catholics and he is well received by Mormons (9/15/98 *CC*). Martyn Lloyd-Jones doubted whether Lewis was even a Christian.

BATTLE FOR THE BIBLE IN THE 21st CENTURY is the title of a recent book by Dr. R.L. Hymers, Jr. Conservative Southern Baptist leaders claim the battle for control of the SBC is over and that they have won. But is it, and have they? Dr. Hymers writes (p35): "I don't think so. This book has been written to show that the battle to save the [SBC] is far from over. To be sure, there has been a radical move toward a conservative position on the Bible in the leadership of the Convention and in the six Southern Baptist seminaries, but this does not mean that the tide has been turned in a way that affects the churches and the corporate future of the SBC. It should be remembered that there are 54 liberal schools and only six conservative schools, with a student body of only 12,748. The liberals are training 113,581 at the same time. Thus, ninety percent of SBC students are being trained by liberal institutions." You might quibble with the precise interpretation of the numbers, but

be sure you don't miss the very important point being made. The book lists the 60 schools by name and number of students. Hymer documents the extreme liberalism of some SBC college/university presidents, such as Mercer University President R. Kirby Godsey. He points out that Paige Patterson and Judge Paul Pressler led the early struggle for inerrancy. But he took the latter to task for his recent book's omitting any mention of Harold Lindsell's vital contribution to the battle, and for criticizing the major work of Bill Powell. The last almost half of Hymer's 144-page book is mostly appendices, personal anecdotes, and a resumption of "decisionism" warnings partly covered in his previous book. Dr. David Beale says this book is "the most up-to-date account of core problems within the SBC in particular, and the broader evangelical movement as a whole." It's available from Dr. Hymer: 818/352-0452.

LAHAYE SUES LEFT BEHIND PRODUCERS—Author Tim LaHaye filed suit against Namesake Entertainment and Cloud Ten Pictures (Peter and Paul LaLonde, Toronto) in July claiming these producers broke their promise to provide a \$40 million production movie (4/23 CT). At stake also are the film rights to "Left Behind, The Kids" and LaHaye's desire for a strong Christian message.

WCC WANTS GLOBAL 'CHRISTIAN' UNITY—In a conclave held recently at Fuller Seminary, the "World Council of Churches proposed a new worldwide Christian forum that would unite all... denominations from around the world"; that this proposed "forum" would include not only the present WCC denominations, but also groups that are not currently "part of the WCC such as Roman Catholics, Pentecostals and Evangelicals." (Fund. Digest)

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MOON'S 'TRUTH' IS FALSE—Unification Church founder Sun Myung Moon says America has been in decline since the end of World War II “because they didn't recognize the truth that was brought to them by Rev. Moon.” He claims to share “the ultimate truth, directly from God.” (3/19 *C. News*). He calls his 46-state speaking tour his gift to America. He calls himself a third Adam sent to complete the task of restoring God's kingdom on Earth that Jesus failed in due to his crucifixion.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD HEALTH PLAN ACCUSED—The Christian Brotherhood Newsletter, billed as a “proven and biblical method for Christians to share one another's medical bills without using insurance of any kind,” is being sued by Ohio for fraud and conversion of ministry funds and property to private use (4/2 *Chr. Today*). It now operates in all 50 states.

TURNER CALLS CNN CATHOLICS 'JESUS FREAKS'—Billionaire media mogul, founder of CNN, Ted Turner last month called Catholic staffers marked with Ash Wednesday ashes on their foreheads “Jesus freaks.” (3/19 *USN&WR*). A globalist United Nations supporter, Turner has also called Christianity “a religion for losers.”

NEW EXCELLENT BOOK ON ALPHA—We have had several articles warning of the dangerous Alpha Course which is sweeping the globe. It has seen explosive growth. Those who have attended the Course are said to number in the millions. Liberal and charismatic churches in our city have featured it. Alpha's home church, Holy Trinity Brompton, is in England. Its leader is Nicky Gumbel. Elizabeth McDonald has a new book, *Alpha, the Unofficial Guide, Overview*, which offers the best and most extensive coverage we have seen. This book shows the extent to which Alpha supports Rome and her dogmas, the influence Word-Faith doctrines (by Hagin, Copeland, and Hinn) and the Toronto Blessing (laughing revival) has on Alpha. It shows that Alpha, Toronto, and Pensacola manifestations are the same as those seen in the Eastern mystic practice of Kundalini yoga and the New Age movement. The Roman Catholic Church enjoys unqualified support throughout the Alpha Course. It is referred to more frequently and more positively (in “many glowing references”) than any other institution. Rome officially endorses Alpha and uses it to recruit. Alpha is correct in its claim to be “a bridge” between the church and the world. This 140-page book can be ordered from: St. Matthew Publishing, 24 Geldart St.,

Cambridge, CB1 2LX, UK. The price is \$9 postpaid (air mail). E-mail address is: PF.SMP@dial.pipex.com

CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN MUSIC UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT—Author David W. Cloud comments: “To our knowledge, this 450-page book is the most extensive examination of Contemporary Christian Music in print. It features: A definition of Contemporary Christian Music. The spiteful anti-fundamentalist attitude which permeates CCM. The intimate connection between end-time apostasy and CCM. Southern gospel yesterday and today. The love affair between CCM musicians and secular rock music. The ecumenism of CCM. The close association of CCM with Roman Catholicism. The intimate connection between CCM and the Charismatic Movement. An encyclopedia of 200 CCM musicians [with] profiles of their lives and ministries, church affiliations, philosophies, ecumenical associations, music, etc. Documentation proving that CCM is owned largely by secular corporations. Lyrics to CCM songs illustrating the vagueness and heresy of their message. Twenty-three key CCM arguments answered (we must use rock music to win young people, music is neutral, people are getting saved, God doesn't look on the outward appearance, Luther used tavern music, God created all music, Christians are not to judge, etc.). Careful documentation of every fact presented. How to keep CCM out of churches. Where Christians should draw the line with music. The book has a list of Suggested Resources on Music, listing sources for sound Christian music, hymnals, resources for song leading, and materials for further reading on the topic of CCM. There is also an extensive bibliography on the subject of Christian music. 450 7X8 pages...\$19.95 + \$10% S/H.” Way of Life Literature, P.O. Box 610368, Port Huron, MI 48061, 866/295-4143 (toll free), E-mail: fbns@wayoflife.org Web site: <http://wayoflife.org/~dcloud>

FALWELL MAKES MUSLIMS MAD—A Muslim group is demanding an apology from Jerry Falwell for remarks he made to a religious Web site where he said “the Muslim faith teaches hate” and Muslims should be ineligible to receive government funds for social programs. He said Islam is intolerant of other religions and Muslims “should be out the door before they knock” and ask for federal funds (3/19 *Chr. News*). He added, “the Islam religion, wherever it has majority control...doesn't even allow people of other faiths to express themselves or evangelize or to exist in their presence.” That is right, Dr. Falwell.

HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVIST IS PRES. OF CALIF. COUNCIL OF CHURCHES—Gwynne Guibord, ecumenical officer of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (a homosexual denom), has been elected president of the California Council of Churches.

SBC ENDS TALKS WITH ROME FOR NOW—The Southern Baptist Convention is halting 30 years of doctrinal talks with U.S. Roman Catholics. Though the 1994 SBC meeting endorsed talks with the Catholics, Rev. Philip Roberts, president of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary says “many Southern Baptists became suspicious of these discussions.” Dr. Timothy George, dean of Beeson Divinity School, and like Roberts a participant in the talks on the Baptist side, noted that a small faction of Baptists had “a strong and somewhat strident reaction against this.” George said, “Ecumenism is not a high priority for most Southern Baptists.” In the letter terminating discussions with the Catholics, Southern Baptists said they would “not rule out the possibility of future meetings.” This is not expected to affect local ecumenical relations (3/31 *HT*). Huntsville's First Baptist Church (and others) has been involved in several projects with local Roman Catholic churches.

LARNELLE HARRIS' MUSIC—An e-mail writer has somewhat distorted the *CC* editor's reference to Larnelle Harris as a “funky gospel/CCM/rock' singer” in the 4/1 GARBC article. This brief reference to Harris' music was tangential to the thrust of the article so I lumped, in a single quote, the 4-word characterization which *others* (not Fundamentalists, but rather New Evangelicals) had made regarding him. A 12/88 *Moody Monthly* review said one of Harris' songs had an “unexpected funky gospel sound.” A 5/88 *Eternity* review termed one of his songs as “foot-stomping rock.” Another reviewer (5/14/93 *HT*) said: “The arrangements Harris used for his songs run the gamut: funky gospel....” These were not my words, and others have classified his music as “inspirational,” “easy listening,” etc. But some might say there is some of *all* the above in his music over the years, taken as a whole, and might classify some of it in the broad genre of “soft rock.” Slashes are commonly

used to denote “and/or.” The slashes I used in the article in the above 4-word quote were used this way. It would be reckless and wrong to pounce on a single *one* of those terms and to say it represented *my* view. Not being familiar enough with Harris' music to give it my own categorization, I used a varied spectrum of friendly-to-him sources.

ROME'S NEW ECUMENICAL OFFICER—Pope John Paul II has appointed Cardinal Walter Kasper to head the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, replacing Cardinal Edward Cassidy (*Foundation*). As a progressive in the Catholic hierarchy, he has served as an assistant to controversial theologian Hans Kung, and later sat on the World Council of Churches' Faith and Order Commission. He is praised by WCC head Konrad Raiser and Lutheran World Federation chief Ishmael Noko.

SEXUAL ABUSE OF NUNS BY PRIESTS—The Vatican has confirmed it is acting on allegations that some priests, mainly Africans afraid of contracting AIDS from prostitutes, have regularly forced nuns to have sex with them (3/26 *Chr. News*). In some instances, priests are said to have impregnated nuns and then forced them to have abortions. A nun charged that when a mother superior complained to the local bishop that 29 of her nuns were pregnant, the bishop replaced her instead of acting on the problem. Rome's unscriptural “forbidding to marry” (see I Tim. 4:3) teaching invites such sexual abuse.

POPE'S NEW CULTURAL CENTER—A new \$65 million Pope John Paul II Cultural Center opened last month in Washington (3/24 *Houston Chron.*). The 100,000-sq.-ft. facility has a museum and a Gallery of Mary which unites images of Mary from different cultures. The pope's veneration of the Virgin Mary is echoed throughout the center.

NRB WITHDRAWS FROM NAE, ACCEPTS ADVENTISTS; NAE ACCEPTS DUAL CHURCH TIES WITH LIBERAL NCC—What goes here? Last year, under its new pro-charismatic president (Kevin Mannoia), the NAE decided to allow NCC denominations to hold dual membership in the NAE. Then the NRB board this year voted to split from the NAE, citing the NAE's new coziness with the NCC. It said the NAE and NRB are headed in different directions. So which is becoming broader, compromising more? NAE, maybe? But wait. In an ironic twist, NRB board member Dave Clark says: “Our membership is becoming broader than the NAE's. We now admit Seventh-day Adventists...” (3/10 *World*) SDA is a cult (see 2/15/98 *CC*). We defend Dr. Laura against intolerant homosexuals, but she—who is a scheduled guest speaker at the 4/15 NRB Media Breakfast—converted to Orthodox Judaism. So she does not accept our Lord Jesus Christ as God, and thus cannot honor God the Father (Jn. 5:23). Yet the NRB presented her with its Chairman's Award last year.

JOYNER A FALSE PROPHET—Rick Joyner is said by many charismatics to be a New Testament prophet who claims to receive regular messages from God. Critics question the validity of his mystical experiences, say his writings border on gnosticism, and are troubled by his association with the Knights of Malta (4/01 *Charisma*). When someone makes a prediction in the name of the Lord and it doesn't happen, he is revealed as a false prophet (Deut. 18:22). Joyner and a ministry colleague predicted on New Year's Eve 1997 that disasters would strike Southern California within nine months. Several warnings were given, with allusions to terrorist attacks and a huge earthquake. Fear swept through charismatic churches in So. California. But nothing happened. Extra-biblical revelation leaves charismatics open for deception.

SHERMAN LIBERALISM—The 8/5/83 *Christianity Today* quoted Dr. Cecil Sherman, then a So. Baptist pastor, later the first national Coordinator of the moderate-liberal Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and currently teaching at the liberal Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond, Va., said: “A teacher who might also be led by Scripture not to believe in the Virgin Birth should not be fired....It [the Virgin Birth] is in two Gospels, but not in two others....Did Mark and John make a mistake by forgetting to list it? If the Virgin Birth is desperately important, [Mark and John] must have erred.” (3/01 *Baptist Banner*)

CHURCHES ARE LEAVING UCC—Many churches are leaving the United Church of Christ and other liberal denominations. From 1996-1999, 131 churches left the UCC—and a third since the 1960s (3/12 CC). Reasons? The UCC officially supports abortion, allows practicing homosexuals to serve as pastors, attacks the authority and inerrancy of the Bible and promotes theological liberalism.

CAN YOU GO TO JESUS THROUGH MARY is the title of a new 24-page booklet by Evang. Paul Freeman. It is a critique of the book “The Glories of Mary” by Bishop Alphonsus de Liguori of Rome. It answers Rome's false claims about Mary with Scripture. Get it from the author at: 1920 Verbena St., Pekin, IL 61554, \$1.50 postpaid.

THE CHANGING FACE OF CHRISTIANITY is the title of a new 11-page booklet by Dr. Jim Fields. The subtitle is “The Flight From Doctrine.” He gives a brief summary of today's theologies and methodologies, anchored in 17th and 18th centuries' man-centered philosophies, and shows how churches today have developed a pragmatic spirit. Get this book from publisher, American Council of Christian Churches, P.O. Box 5455, Bethlehem, PA 18015. Offering appreciated, for printing and postage.

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LESS LIKELY TO BE MURDERED IN BUSH COUNTY—Last election results showed profound differences and deep divisions in the U.S. electorate. Gore scored in the Northeast, West coast and Midwest urban areas (*Light*). The Mountain West, Southwest, South and Midwest went heavily for Bush. Gun ownership was not controversial in counties won by Bush, yet individuals are six times less likely to be murdered in a county carried by Bush.

DON'T CALL THEM 'MORMONS'—Mormons let it be known last month they no longer wanted to be referred to as “the Mormon Church,” “the Latter-day Saints Church,” or by “LDS Church.” If the name must be shortened, “the Church of Jesus Christ,” or “the Church” is acceptable, they said (3/19 *USN&WR*). But “Mormons,” or “Smithites,” would be more accurate titles than either of the latter two. Some see the name change as but one of a series of recent steps by the Mormonism cult to deceptively pass itself off as a Christian church.

CAN'T PROTEST BLASPHEMY OF JESUS—Temple Univ. (Phila.) officials committed honor student Michael Marcavage to a psychiatric ward for protesting a play depicting Christ as a homosexual. He had posted flyers complaining about plans to produce “Corpus Christi,” a vile play that debuted on Broadway in 1998 (*WITW*). Jesus can be blasphemed and depicted as a nude female, but such is not tolerated against other religion leaders.

NEW AGE: “An alternative religious paradigm...rooted in Eastern mysticism, eclectic in its practices and beliefs, tolerant (or undiscerning, depending upon one's perspective) of nontraditional practices and beliefs, and optimistic about humanity's capacity to bring about a great evolutionary leap in consciousness.” [Per Dole & Langone, *Media Spotlight*] If New Age teachings are so beneficial to humanity, why haven't they improved life in countries where they originated (e.g., India)? The New Age movement has subtle and occultic implications. Its meditation differs from Christian meditation. In the former, you *empty* your mind (leaving it open for demonic control); in the latter you *fill* it with God's Word.

WORLD CRIMINAL COURT ON THE WAY?—Pres. George Bush announced that he will not send a

treaty signed by Bill Clinton just prior to leaving office, that creates the world's first global criminal court, to the Senate for ratification. But he needs to officially “unsign” it (3/01 *NLJ*). So far, 27 countries have ratified this dangerous International Criminal Court treaty. It needs only 33 more. The ICC would give the UN the mechanism it needs to enforce global “laws” against U.S. citizens.

DANGERS OF HATE-CRIME LAWS—A hate-crimes bill has been reintroduced in Congress. A big danger for Christians is that this will be used to stifle religious dissent in calling homosexuality a sin or choice (3/01 *NLJ*). Already, laws prohibiting discrimination against homosexuals have been used to bar religious leaders from quoting scripture as a basis for calling homosexuality a sin.

PRESBYTERIANS KILL BAN ON SAME-SEX RITUALS—In a victory for Presbyterian Church (USA) liberals, a proposal to ban blessing rituals for same-sex couples was defeated last month, leaving clergy free to conduct such ceremonies so long as they are not confused with marriages.

WHY SCHOOL VIOLENCE?—At Pottsgrove (Pa.) High School, kids can't drive to school for fear that bombs might be hidden inside their cars. The school got 19 bomb threats last year and 10 so far this year. The recent school shooting in Santee, CA has again raised the “why” question. Guns are not the problem and gun control is not the solution. California has some of the nation's toughest gun control laws. More parental involvement, and less broken homes, would help. Allowing teachers to discipline would help. Rock music, raunchy movies, video games, and the Internet are major negative factors. If TV, MTV, and movies do not influence behavior, why would advertisers waste their money on commercials? Kids' attitudes are affected by a public school system that has gone awry, and education policies that forbid teaching about God. Kids are taught to create their own morality with no consideration of God or right and wrong.

PAX CHRISTI CATHOLIC ANTI-WAR MOVEMENT—Pax Christi is the international Catholic peace movement, headquartered in Belgium. It has been linked with the Catholic “liberation theology,” “Christian Marxism” movement in Central America, etc. A Jesuit liberation theologian, and William Sloane Coffin, addressed the 1989 meeting of Pax Christi USA (9/11/89 *Chr. News*). Coffin, a radical left-winger, was president of SANE-Freeze (nuclear disarmament) and pastored the notorious Riverside Church in NYC. Now we see in the local 3/17 *Huntsville Times* a large promo article with the *HT* editorial page editor's wife listed as the contact for more information regarding Pax Christi's local area chapter which meets monthly at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Some might relate this to the editorial page's liberal bias!

ANGLICAN WINS \$1 MILLION TEMPLETON PRIZE—Arthur Peacocke, a biochemist and Anglican priest won the \$1 million Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion March 8. Colson, Bright, and Graham were past winners.

WOMEN OF FAITH NEW STUDY BIBLE—Zondervan (“world's largest publisher of Bibles”) is publishing a new Women of Faith (“America's largest women's conference”) Study Bible in the NIV (“most widely read translation in the world”). This is from a promo “Fact Sheet” from Zondervan. Jean Syswerda is the general editor, with input from the Women of Faith team (Patsy Clairmont, Barbara Johnson, Marilyn Meberg, Luci Swindoll, Sheila Walsh, Thelma Wells) and other women leaders. It has almost 1700 study notes, and character sketches of 80 women of the Bible. WoF, “the most popular speaking team in America,” have performed in charismatic and Southern Baptist churches (see 1/15/96 & 3/15/97 *CCs*), but now require large arenas, etc. Women of Faith founder (1996) and CEO is Stephen Arterburn, co-founder of New Life Clinics which absorbed Minirth-Meier in 1984. [Note: New Life is said to be the “largest Christian provider of psychiatric and psychological services” and Arterburn's pastor is Rick Warren! -- 2/9/98 *CT*] WoF is often compared to the all-male Promise Keepers. But “rather than atonement or admonishments, it uses an entertaining and feel-good approach to promote joy and self-affirmation.” (1/22/99 *USA Today*). Women of Faith has a global outreach through the new-evangelical World Vision. We do not recommend the WoF ministry nor the Study Bible.

STANLEY'S HANDBOOK FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING—Charles Stanley's *Handbook for Christian Living* was released by Thomas Nelson Publishers at the Feb. NRB convention. The 515-page book was originally published in 1996, with the title, *The Glorious Journey*. The cover has a large picture of Stanley who pastors a megachurch in Atlanta. He is a former president of the SBC, and a speaker on the popular "In Touch" radio ministry. At Stanley's recent divorce, Charles Colson, who himself has been divorced and remarried, said Stanley should be removed from the ministry (*RPDigest* via *3/5 Chr. News*). Stanley had promised to resign if a divorce became final.

LESLIE WEATHERHEAD, METHODIST MODERNIST—Leslie Weatherhead, author and past president of the Methodist Church in England, toward the end of his life wrote a final book expressing the view that Jesus was perhaps a spirit reincarnated many times. A *3/5 Christian News* article stated: "These views reflected his disastrous drift into the occult. Epworth refused to publish it..." Weatherhead in a sermon entitled "Is Christianity the Only Way to God?" said: "To my mind Christianity is certainly not the only way to God." This contradicts John 14:6. He was "agnostic" toward other vital doctrines. Yet Billy Graham permitted this apostate to participate in his London Crusade forty years or so ago.

COLAS REPORTS—American Council of Christian Churches Executive Secretary Dr. Ralph G. Colas has attended with press credentials the following major conferences over the past year. Current incisive reports on these are available from the ACCC, P.O. Box 5455, Bethlehem, PA 18015. Conferences include: World Council of Churches (Geneva & Germany), Urbana 2000, NRB, and NAE. It is vital that Fundamentalists stay abreast of trends and decisions arising from these key organizations. The reports are made available on a freewill offering basis, but please be aware that the travel, printing, and postage costs are enormous! The *CC* editor knows of no other source, however, for first-hand, on-the-scene, in-depth reports on all of the above. With the deepening apostasy, insidious new-evangelical compromises, and creeping apathy, it is imperative that discerning Fundamentalists stay warned and informed concerning the men and movements of our day.

GARBC LINKED WITH NEW EVANGELICALS—The General Association of Regular Baptist Churches is once again linked with new evangelicals, in teen leadership and Bible conferences. Its 3/01 *Baptist Bulletin* reported on the Dec. 27-29 24th Annual Northwest Teen Leadership Conference at the Young Life Camp of Wildhorse Canyon in central Oregon. It stated: "Young Life Camp was originally the location of a 1980s cult known as the Rajneeshees. But God had greater plans; today the camp represents our Lord Jesus Christ! The 64,000-acre facility has the barren yet beautiful and familiar look of the land walked by our Lord Jesus." This goes beyond the mere use of a facility, to promotion of a new-evangelical ministry! The listed speaker was John Ruhlman, Jr., "who serves as pastor of High School Ministries at Shadow Mountain Community Church in El Cajon, CA." This is David Jeremiah's church (see 2/1/99 *CC* for his n-e associations). Although Cornerstone University opted not to join the GARBC's Partnering network, the GARBC's Michigan State Youth Teen Bible Conference meets on Cornerstone's campus (3/29-31) and features Larnelle Harris. The latter "funky gospel/CCM/rock" singer has performed for PTL, 700 Club, Billy Graham, NRB '96, Promise Keepers, SBC churches, and a benefit concert for a Seventh-day Adventist college radio station. It is sad to see the GARBC capitulating to new evangelicalism while seemingly unaware it is happening.

YOUNG LIFE was founded about 1940 by Jim Rayburn. It is comprised of non-denominational Christian clubs within schools that meet for discussion and socializing. It has worked closely with liberal denomination leaders and, e.g., Catholic Youth Services. Its theological approach is "friendship evangelism," working outside the church "because it reaches teens who [mostly] do not attend services or do so only because of parental insistence." Liberal Fuller Seminary professor Paul King Jewett listed himself as the Dean of the Young Life Institute (Lindsell's *Battle for the Bible*, p121). Colorado Springs-based Young Life draws over 30,000 teens each summer to its 19 national camps. It was recently donated a huge ranch in Oregon now valued at \$20 million (11/15/99 *CT*) formerly owned by the late Indian guru Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh.

DALLAS SEMINARY HAS NEW PRESIDENT—For only the fourth time in 76 years, the helm of Dallas Seminary—second largest inter-denominational seminary in the world—changes hands in May. Chuck Swindoll steps up to chancellor and former provost and v-p for academic affairs, Mark L. Bailey assumes the presidency.

BIGNESS IS NO SIGN OF BLESSING—One of the basic unwritten premises of new evangelicalism is that bigness is a sign of blessing and compromise is a growth strategy. But the strategy of sacrificing principle on the altar of growth is not a divine directive but a Satanic strategy. It is folly to try to use compromise as a growth strategy. The differential advantage of fundamentalism is in being different from the crowd. [John E. Ashbrook]

WCC DILEMMA: PROSELYTIZE, OR DIALOGUE?—Taking up the topic of proselytism when he met with the faculty of the Roman Catholic National Seminary, and with Protestant students in Sri Lanka, World Council of Churches gen. secretary Konrad Raiser said: "We must admit that Christianity historically has been a proselytizing faith, trying to make converts of 'heathens.' We now have a deeper understanding of other religions, but we have an inner ambiguity: on the one hand proclaiming the uniqueness of Christ and, on the other, wishing for a true dialogue." (3/19 WCC e-mail) The Christian's duty and privilege is to proclaim the gospel, not to dialogue.

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DEATH PENALTY TO CONVERT A MUSLIM—The supreme leader of Afghanistan's ruling Taliban militia warns that his regime will enforce the death penalty on any Muslim who converts to another faith, and said "any non-Muslim found trying to win converts will also be killed." (3/5 *Chr. Today*) He has ordered all statues to be destroyed. A 5-year jail sentence is decreed for anyone caught selling or distributing anti-Islamic literature.

HOLY LAND THEME PARK WORRIES SOME JEWS—Marvin Rosenthal gained notoriety with his 1990 "Pre-Wrath Rapture" book. Now, his new \$16 million Holy Land theme park in Orlando is drawing protests from Jews who think it's an attempt to gain Christian converts. Rosenthal wants to use the park to reach out to people of all faiths but promises no overt proselytizing. Born Jewish, some call him a Messianic Jew but he calls himself a Hebrew Christian. Christians have a great commission to give the Gospel (not apologies) to a lost world. Indeed, Jewish leaders today, as in Jesus' day, impede efforts to gain Christian converts and thus fear this theme park.

TANGLED IN THE PORN WEB—Pornography sales now exceed \$10 billion annually in the U.S. and \$56 billion over the world. Porn use—specifically Internet porn—is on the rise and is claiming a high price: lost jobs, failed marriages, and destroyed families. Pastors and other Christian leaders are no less vulnerable to this addiction (3/5 *C. Today*). In August 1999, 11 percent of the calls received on Focus on the Family's Pastoral Care Line were about pastors and online porn. In August 2000, online porn worries prompted 20 percent of the calls. Almost 10 percent of calls are from women. Many female sex addicts get hooked through X-rated chatrooms. Pornography has become one of the most profitable ventures on the Internet with obscene profits soaring.

AT&T TRAFFICKS IN HARDCORE SMUT—AT&T known for many years as Ma Bell has become Madam Bell by offering the Hot Network—which prides itself on being more explicit than the Playboy Channel—as a pay-per-view option on its cable operations (3/5 *Chr. Today*). A coalition of religious investors has filed a resolution that would require AT&T to report to all its shareholders justification for peddling porn to its cable customers. It cites reports of connections between graphic (sexual and violent) media content and

aggressive behavior, and says: "Manufacturers and distributors of products with perceived harmful impact on society (tobacco companies, handgun manufacturers, and alcohol advertisers and retailers) are increasingly being held liable...." The corrosive effects of hardcore pornography should be of great concern to all.

PSYCHIATRISTS SAY HOMOSEXUALITY IS EITHER MENTAL ILLNESS OR SEXUAL DEVIATION

—A 1992 survey by the American Psychiatric Association's Office of International Affairs in conjunction with the APA Committee of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Psychiatrists surveyed 125 psychiatric associations around the world, family groups report. The survey found that all but three associations consider homosexuality mental illness or a sexual deviation, they said (2/26 *Chr. News*). Yet, many today demand that Boy Scouts accept "gays" as leaders.

HARRY POTTER & THE BIBLE—Richard Abanes, "a well-published evangelical expert on cults and the occult," in a new book by the above name, proves that the Potter books are steeped in a thinly disguised occultism (*Moody*, 4/01). They "exalt morally flawed, egocentric characters who often lie, use profanity, and refuse to repent...."

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IS RIGHT—A Mar.-Apr. *Moody* editorial gives some excuses for opposing the death penalty, but also lists reasons to support it. It says: "But if we impose the death penalty out of a conviction that life is not only precious but also God-given, justice requires those who wantonly take the lives of others to pay with their own." Some crimes are so heinous, death is the only appropriate penalty. Does it deter? Yes, it is the *ultimate* deterrent, when applied swiftly and surely (Eccl. 8:11).

WHY MUST TAXPAYERS FUND BLASPHEMOUS ART?—Jesus is shown as a nude female at the same art museum where an elephant-dung-decorated painting of the Virgin Mary was displayed in 1999. Liberals call it censorship when decent taxpayers protest being forced to pay for such anti-religious obscenity. But withholding NEA grants from filth-peddlers is not restricting **free** speech but **funded** speech. No artist has a "right" to practice his "art" at taxpayers' expense. Why should we be forced to underwrite the undermining of our values through tax-dollar "grants for garbage" to fringe freaks?

CHINA STEALS, SELLS HUMAN BODY PARTS—Red China lacks effective laws governing organ donation and transplantation. So doctors take organs and tissue from bodies without permission, peasants hawk their own kidneys for quick cash, and authorities sell organs taken from executed prisoners (2/5 *USN&WR*). A bitter harvest!

DEEPAK CHOPRA, A NEW AGER—Deepak Chopra has been described as a "spiritual guide, New Age guru and poet prophet of alternative medicine." His Hindu-based teaching is that we create reality from universal energy. [See 12/15/97 *CC*, and *Watchman Fellowship*]

THE OPENNESS DEBATE—Open theism is the idea that God does not fully know the future because humans have not yet made the choices that will affect it (2/19 *Chr. Today*, 9/1 *CC*). Bethel College (Minn.) teacher Gregory Boyd, pastor of a large Baptist General Conference church in St. Paul, is the leading proponent of open theism in the BGC. In a 1994 book Boyd claimed: "God can't foreknow the good or bad decisions of the people he creates until he creates these people, and they, in turn, create their decisions." This borders on blasphemy, but the BGC leadership said Boyd's position was within the bounds of evangelicalism so he retained his faculty post. A group led largely by John Piper believes Boyd and his views should be purged from the BGC. The BGC (& the SBC) is a member of the apostate Baptist World Alliance. Bethel's president is George Brushaber (6/15/97 *CC*), senior adviser for *Christianity Today*. A Conservative Baptist (CBA) sponsored "Seminary of the East" has merged with and is officially an extension of Bethel Seminary (1-2/01 *Fund. Digest*). Both CBA and BGC are members of the NAE.

PATILLO CHOSEN FOR NCC STAFF—The National Council of Churches has elected a veteran Southern Baptist communicator from Birmingham, Ala. to its senior staff in NYC. Wesley M. "Pat" Pattillo, currently North American rep for Hong Kong Baptist University, previously served the SBC's flagship institution, So. Baptist Theological Seminary (Louisville) for 14 years and Samford University for eight years. Pattillo will become NCC Assoc. Gen. Sec'y for Communications Apr. 16. He will oversee NCC's communications program and its global ministry, Church World Service. The NCC, founded 1950, is the main ecumenical entity in the U.S., comprising 50 million members in 140,000 congregations. Its 36 member denominations include U. Methodist, Presbyterian USA, Evang. Lutheran, Disciples, American Baptist, Episcopal, UCC and most black Baptist and Methodist groups, and major Orthodox groups. Since 1996, Pattillo has been the NA rep for HKBU, the sole surviving Christian university in Red China. Of his new job, he said, "It will be a privilege to join with this unique cooperative organization as it pursues a broad range of Christian ministries, rooted in Biblical faith and focused on the most challenging of human needs. The NCC's pioneering work in Christian education, relief and refugee resettlement, Bible translation, and issues of moral and spiritual witness emerges from a passionate commitment to be faithful to the Spirit of Christ in our time." NCC Gen. Sec'y Bob Edgar said, "We welcome Pat and the experience and expertise he brings to the important task of 'getting the word out' on the work of the NCC and its global service and witness ministry, CWS. We look forward to Pat's contributions...in communications, especially as the Council embarks upon its mobilization against poverty and its exploration of a broader ecumenical vision." Pattillo's wife is an ordained So. Baptist minister and a board-certified chaplain. She coordinates spiritual care for Unity Hospice, a joint program of Baptist and Catholic health systems (B'ham area). They are members of Baptist Church of the Covenant, a So. Baptist congregation affiliated with the NCC-related Alliance of Baptists. Pattillo's election came by unanimous action of the NCC's Exec. Board, meeting in NYC in Feb. [NCC 2/28 e-mail]. How can a So. Baptist leader praise and link up with the liberal NCC? Actually, all SBs are linked with the apostate Baptist World Alliance!

S. COVE SPEAKERS—Sandy Cove 2001 speakers include (also see 1/1/98 CC): Michael Horton, Woodrow Kroll, John Ankerberg, Tony Evans, Ken Gangel, Gary Oliver, Ron Cline, and Ken Ham. It is also a meeting site for Seventh-day Adventists, Campus Crusade, Young Life, etc.

WCC CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING—The World Council of Churches' 158-member Central Committee opened its 8-day meeting in Potsdam, Germany, Jan. 28, with an ecumenical worship service. An early-on problem for this governing body of the WCC, in its search for full communion/unity, was that both the Roman Catholic Church and the Russian Orthodox Church consider themselves to be the official, one, holy, apostolic church established by the Lord. Neither one can recognize the other as that one true church. Relations are also strained between Orthodox and Protestant members of the WCC. Other agenda topics included globalization, syncretism, violence, justice, armed intervention, peace, racism, genocide, "unjust" debts to rich nations, and eliminating poverty. New members joined, bringing the WCC total membership to 342 churches and 60 associate councils. The WCC claims to represent over 400 million Christians worldwide. The apostate WCC is a prime builder of the ecumenical world church of the Antichrist. [Note: ACCC Exec. Sec'y Dr. Ralph Colas attended this meeting as a press member, and will have a report available soon.]

SPURGEON—"That I might not stultify my testimony I have cut myself clear of those who err from the faith, and even from those who associate with them." We must separate from apostasy **and** from brethren who promote it.

SBC MISSION BOARD, CHARISMATIC CHAPLAINS—The Southern Baptist North American Mission Board has expanded its prohibitions regarding the endorsement of chaplains to include those who participate in any kind of "charismatic manifestations." (2/19 *Chr. News*). The new rules against tongues-speaking and other charismatic manifestations will apply to newly endorsed chaplains and counselors and those seeking periodic renewal of endorsement. This is mostly good, but the SBC is by no means rid of charismatics in other areas. (See 3/1/99 CC)

EVANGELICALS PROMOTE CATHOLICISM MORE THAN CATHOLICS?—A Catholic journalist (12/00 *First Things*) says Charles Colson and Billy Graham pay more attention to the writings of [Pope John Paul II] and take them to heart more readily than do some dissenting Catholic priests and theologians. He says "Pat Robertson for a time was sending copies of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* as a gift to friends, while some Catholics view the *Catechism* as oppressive and authoritarian. It could even be argued that Campus Crusade and Prison Fellowship have done more to advance the Church of Mary than entire theology departments of some Catholic universities." (Jan-Feb *Foundation*) Many other notable new-evangelical leaders praise the Pope and Catholicism.

DEATHS:—**Richard Wurmbbrand**, founder of Voice of the Martyrs, died Feb. 17 at 91. A Lutheran minister of Romanian Jewish background, he was an "underground" missionary to Romanian and Eastern European Jews under communism, was arrested several times, and spent 14 years in prison (3/3 *World*). We have warned of his sometimes strange theology and lack of discernment (see 2/1/99 *CC*), but would salute him for providing Bibles and literature for decades to persecuted peoples over the world. **Rousas Rushdoony**, father of Christian Reconstructionism (strongly post-millennial), died at 84. Early on, he was an Orthodox Presbyterian pastor and missionary (3/3 *World*). He popularized the apologetics of C. Van Til, and was a pioneer and champion of homeschooling. He said Christian statecraft must be based on the Ten Commandments. He founded Chalcedon. Gary North was his son-in-law. **Dale Evans Rogers** died (Feb.) at 88. She and husband Roy made scores of western movies, and appeared at Oral Roberts, TBN, Billy Graham and Campus Crusade events.

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THE UN IS A PROBLEM—The United Nations seeks to reduce the population of our planet. It has pushed for abortion (as a universal human right) and contraceptives over basic health services. Instead of promoting freedom, it undermines (forbidden by its Charter) family values, and national sovereignty. It has pushed for authority to arrest and try any person in the world before its criminal court. It wants to abolish the right to keep and bear arms, and advocates the creation of a world central bank which can impose global taxes. It exhorts us all to respect nature, and to abide by "precepts of sustainable development." (2/17 *World*) The latter is shorthand for centralized control of economic activity and restrictions on childbearing—both motivated by a fear of overpopulation. Global governance (one-world government) is at our doorstep.

DIVORCE NUMBERS SOAR—Between 1960 and 1981, divorces skyrocketed from 393,000 to 1,213,000 and, by 1998, there were 19.4 million divorced people in the U.S. Along the way a myth took shape that divorce was a sensible way to effect a cease-fire in the million or so marriages per year that ended in fiery ground wars. But recent studies show that less than a third of divorces result from marriages where abuse, neglect, or even high-octane fighting is the norm. Instead, over 60 percent of marriages break because of creeping loneliness and boredom—or tiny unvoiced resentments that coalesce into volcanoes. Most such symptoms could be repaired with the right kind of help (2/10 *World*). Sin (pride/selfishness/ adultery, e.g.) is at the root of most marriage breakups.

EDUCATIONAL DISARMAMENT—Young people are practically clueless when it comes to history, civics, culture, and the arts...but their lack of interest in science and math has made America's technical sector dependent on foreign workers from countries with better schools (Gene Veith, 2/17 *World*). Some blame goes to parents, teachers, TV, and our decadent culture. Outcome-Based Education and teachers' unions are part of the problem. William Spady (father of OBE), predicts textbooks will be obsolete in the classrooms of tomorrow and says students should be taught about alternative lifestyles, birth control, and to be open with their sexuality (Eagle Forum).

30 MILLION HINDUS BATHE IN GANGES IN INDIA—Over 30 million Hindus jumped into the Ganges River Jan. 24 at the high point of the world's largest religious gathering—to "wash away their sins" and to

"assure" Nirvana (2/5 *Chr. News*). A Catholic bishop praised their faith. Of course, no such ritual can cleanse from sin, only the blood of Christ can do this. Hinduism, with 811 million followers worldwide, is the third largest religion.

ALABAMA'S NEW SCIENCE CURRICULUM CALLS EVOLUTION A THEORY—The Alabama State Board of Education approved a new science curriculum last month that includes a controversial preface calling evolution "a controversial theory...because it states that natural selection provides the basis for the modern scientific explanation for the diversity of living things." (2/9 *H. T.*) [Kansas voted last month to overturn its 1999 ban on teaching evolution in its public schools. Three board members who voted in 1999 to drop evolution were voted off the board and the ban has now been overturned.]

CREATION VS EVOLUTION VIDEO SERIES—*Earth: Young or Old* is the title of a debate between Kent Hovind and Hugh Ross, in a 5-part video series with Biblical commentary by James Sundquist and astronomer Danny Faulkner. It answers the most-asked questions about the origin of the universe and us. We have not seen it, but you may do your own checking, toll-free at 1/877-479-3466. We would disagree with Ross' position, but Hovind is a very popular creationist. We do however, disagree (see 3/1/99 *CC* for reasons) with the latter's ecumenical itinerary, unless he has recently changed his policy and philosophy. You may order from: Last Generation Artists, 551 Valley Rd., PMB #123, Montclair, NJ 07043.

TV IS GETTING RAUNCHIER—Sexual content on the tube has risen sharply since 1997, showing up in two of every three programs last season (2/17 *World*). A new study puts the number at 68 percent for the 1999-2000 shows studied, compared with 56 percent in 1997-1998.

SUPPORT FOR ABORTION DECLINING—Former Planned Parenthood head Faye Wattleton was crushed to learn that women's attitudes on abortion are not what she supposed. A poll from her new group showed that 53 percent of U.S. women think abortion should be allowed only after rape or incest, to save a woman's life, or not at all (2/22/99 *H. Times*). A nurse friend shared a letter with us that she received from Gloria Feldt, the current PP president, who writes: "We desperately need your financial support...to fight back against...extremists...."

NewsNotes—The U.S. has 62.4 million Roman Catholics, the third largest Catholic population in the world. Rhode Island is the only state with a Catholic majority (64.3 %). *** Federal marshals, for the first time ever, seized a church last month (the Indianapolis Baptist Temple) to "satisfy a \$6 million tax debt," wheeling out its former pastor (Greg Dixon) as he protested (2/13 *HT*, 5/1 *CC*). Dixon said there are hundreds of similar churches, and churches are disenfranchising themselves from the government.

GEORGIA BAPTISTS PULL FUNDS FROM ATLANTA ASSOCIATION—The Georgia Baptist Convention and the North American Mission Board plan to withdraw funding from the Atlanta Baptist Association after the latter decided to remain in fellowship with two homosexual-affirming churches (2/15 *Ala. Bap.*). Both churches deny homosexuality is a sin, allow practicing homosexuals to hold positions of church leadership, and affirm same-sex blessings.

NRB CUTS TIES WITH NAE—The board of the National Religious Broadcasters voted unanimously Feb. 9 to formally end its relationship with the National Association of Evangelicals, which recently began a dialogue with the National Council of Churches. Board members voted 81-0 to cut all ties, communications director Karl Stoll said. The NRB since 1944 was affiliated with the NAE but is now concerned about the NAE's recent interest in becoming involved with the National Council of Churches. Stoll said the broadcasters and the NAE "were going two different directions." Last spring, So. Baptist Seminary President R. Albert Mohler Jr. raised concerns about the NAE's decision to drop its bylaw prohibiting member denominations from joint membership in the NCC. He said "The NAE motto has been 'cooperation without compromise,' [but] if admitting NCC

members to the NAE is not compromise, what is?" The NRB annual convention ended Feb. 13 with record attendance of 5,550. Kevin Mannoia, president of the National Association of Evangelicals, called the NRB board vote "a backward step." He said NRB Pres. Brandt Gustavson had expressed concern about the NAE dialogue with the NCC. "We are unequivocally committed to the evangelical message," Mannoia said, [and] "have no intention of merging with the NCC or altering our statement of faith or identity as evangelicals." The National Council of Churches is a liberal consortium of 36 Protestant and Orthodox denominations that coordinates disaster relief, refugee aid and other social and justice programs. The NAE was founded in 1942 as conservative Protestants sought to coalesce around a basic evangelical program and establish an alternative to the liberal Federal Council of Churches, the precursor to the NCC. Last year, the evangelical association joined other groups – including, originally, the National Council of Churches – in adopting a Christian Declaration of Marriage. However, the NCC removed its support for the declaration, which affirmed marriage as a lifelong commitment between a man and a woman and opposed same-sex unions. Mannoia said "We will not compromise our evangelical beliefs for the sake of unity." (*BP*, 2/16/01) Incredible! Mannoia, a Free Methodist charismatic, succeeded Don Argue at the NAE helm in 1999. Argue, with a Muslim leader, addressed the liberal NCC's general assembly (5/15/99 *CC*). NCC's president is Andrew Young and Robert Edgar is its general secretary. We applaud NRB's action but it still has links to ecumenicals.

PENSACOLA'S BROWNSVILLE ASSEMBLY SPLITS—The abrupt firing of Michael Brown, a Messianic Jew, as president of the Pensacola Outpouring's Brownsville School of Ministry has caused a serious rift in the Brownsville Assembly of God. He denies trying to take the school in a different direction. He has formed his own new school, Fellowship of International Revival and Evangelism (FIRE) School of Ministry, and new church in Pensacola. About 500 attended the first service (3/01 *Charisma*). Brown's dismissal has caused bitterness and angry accusations among the board, pastors, parents, and students. Steve Hill relocated his evangelistic ministry to Dallas March 2000, leaving on good terms. Attendance at the charismatic "laughing revival" has waned.

NAE FEATURES CHO AS SPEAKER—*Christian News* Editor Herman Otten called South Korean pastor of the "world's largest church" David Yonggi Cho "a charismatic and occultist who rejects historic Christianity." Two-thirds of his 600 associate pastors are women (8/15 *CC*). Yet he is the keynote speaker at the National Association of Evangelicals 2001 Convention in Dallas, Mar. 5-7. The National Religious Broadcasters' board last month voted to disaffiliate the NRB from the NAE due in large part to the NAE's cozying with the apostate National Council of Churches, dropping its by-law prohibiting member denominations from joint membership in the NCC. Other speakers at the NAE this year include: Bill Bright, Jill Briscoe, Roy Peterson (WBT pres.), Clive Calver (World Relief pres.), and Crawford Loritts (Campus Crusade). A special afternoon session on "Equipping the Church to Engage Culture" features John Dilulio (recently named to head Pres. Bush's new Faith-Based Initiatives office), Marvin Olasky (*World* magazine editor), and Bob Woodson.

JACK HYLES SUCCUMBS TO HEART ATTACK—Dr. Jack Hyles, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hammond, Ind. since 1959, died Feb. 6 at 74. He was founder and chancellor of Hyles-Anderson College, and the author of 49 books and pamphlets. He hosted 37 annual Pastors' Schools, and the church was acclaimed, though disputed by some, to have the "World's Largest Sunday School." Funeral and/or Memorial service speakers included: Dr. Wendell Evans (H-AC Pres.), Beverly (Mrs. Jack) Hyles, Drs. David Hyles (son), Ray Young, Jeff Owens, Eddie Lapina, and Jack Schaap. Hyles was a very popular speaker at the Sword of the Lord and Southwide Baptist Fellowship conferences we attended in the 70s and most of the 80s—a very dynamic, motivational speaker. Yet, he was dogged in the late 1980s by persistent charges related to morality. He was heard no more at Sword and SBF conferences since about the last decade. Many fellow preachers charged him with various "false doctrine" and "heresy" teachings. Dr. Jack Hyles will be remembered as a one-of-a-kind, ever controversial leader whose ministry touched the lives of multitudes.

BACK TO BIBLE 'BORDERS' ON FUNDAMENTALISM—Dr. Woodrow Kroll succeeded Dr. Warren Wiersbe as third president and senior Bible teacher at Back to the Bible Broadcast in 1990. Kroll speaks at the

Billy Graham Training Center (*The Cove*) each year and has had promo ads for BTTB in the new-evangelical *Christianity Today* and in *Charisma* (5/15/99 *CC*). The 2/19 *CT* had this statement concerning BTTB's stance: "Theologically, Back to the Bible hews closely to a conservative evangelicalism, bordering on classical fundamentalism."

BBFI MEETING HOST CHURCH HAS WEAK LINKS—Central Baptist Church of Tyler, Tex. is the host church for the national Baptist Bible Fellowship's Winter Meeting, Feb. 18-21. A peek at CBC's Web site revealed "links" to various new-evangelical-related ministries. Links included: Billy Graham, Focus on the Family, Awana, and Women of Faith. A preacher studying for the pastorate put us on to this, and commented: "I cannot believe the shift that is taking place in the 'fellowship.'" Dr. Jerry Falwell is a member of both the SBC and BBFI.

BILL WORRILOW WITH THE LORD—Funeral for our friend and longtime ACCC treasurer Bill WorriLOW, 80, was conducted Feb. 15 by Drs. Bob Mayer, Ralph Colas, and Rev. Craig Griffith. Hundreds gathered for the memorial service at Church of the Open Door, Lebanon, Pa.

DR. HOFFMAN PASSES—We saw in the *OBF Visitor* that Dr. Wm. Hoffman of Mt. Pleasant, Pa. recently died.

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CLINTON CASE FOUNDED ON LIES—Former Pres. Clinton was able to ride out his impeachment because he and his partisans managed to convince the nation that the issue was not truth but power. Most all his arguments were founded upon lies. It was a lie that he did not perjure himself. It was a lie that he did not conceal evidence. It was a lie that he did not conspire to intimidate witnesses. It was a lie that all these things were [mere] personal mistakes. It was a lie that the assemblage of raw FBI files on 900 Republicans was not for the purposes of blackmail. It was a lie that these files came to the White House by mistake....It was a lie that the president did not receive millions of campaign dollars from China. It was a lie that he did not purposely intervene to aid the transfer to [Communist] China of military technology that China intends for potential use against the U.S. It was a lie that these two actions were unconnected. It was a lie that the grounds of impeachment were not mystifyingly narrow....There were so many lies that they were like sand in a sandstorm... (Mark Helprin, Jan. *Imprimis*).

TRUTH VS. LYING—It is of great importance to set a resolution...never to tell an untruth. There is no vice so mean, so pitiful, so contemptible and he who permits himself to tell a lie once, finds it much easier to do it a second and a third time, till at length it becomes habitual. He tells lies without attending to it, and truths without the world's believing him. This falsehood of the tongue leads to that of the heart, and in time deprives all its good dispositions. (Thomas Jefferson, 1785, 1/01 *Bapt. Banner*)

PRISON RAPE EPIDEMIC—Savage prison gang rapes turn many run-of-the-mill prisoners into felons-in-waiting. Some 600,000 men and boys, and 12,000 women and girls, are sexually assaulted every year in America's jails and prisons, with many raped multiple times (2/3 *World*). For the most part, the U.S. government ignores these victims. Prison rape is often a black-on-white phenomenon. AIDS is now five times more prevalent inside prison than out. In NY state, HIV has reached epidemic proportions with over 10 percent of inmates testing positive for the virus.

THEOPHOSTIC COUNSELING—Ed Smith claims his Theophostic counseling system is a divine revelation from God, but critics fault its approach to the demonic. Smith teaches that demons, sometimes numbering in the hundreds, may inhabit and influence even a Christian's mind (2/5 *Chr. Today*). Few fundamentalist theologians

would agree that demons can inhabit a believer. Martin and Deidre Bobgan have a book (see 1/1/00 CC) critiquing Theophostic, revealing it to include elements from inner healing, "recovered memories," and Freudian systems.

BUSH'S 'FAITH-BASED' WELFARE PLAN—Pres. Bush has established a new Office of Faith-Based & Community Initiatives. We don't question the sincere intentions of this and other "compassionate conservatism" actions, but are concerned that "Washington runs what it funds." The new office is headed by a Democrat who "favors recasting the welfare state in accordance with a principle of Catholic social teaching." (George Will, 2/4 HT) Apart from the church-state question and our belief that this should be done at the local level, early indications are that these grants would be available mostly to Catholics, liberals, and some New Evangelicals. Already we have seen articles that disqualify "right-wingers" such as Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson, Bob Jones University, etc., so it would mainly be a windfall for the left. Catholic Charities USA already receives 65 percent of its \$2.3 billion budget from government. Pro-abortion Planned Parenthood received in 1999 \$176 million—27 percent of its revenues—in government grants. For Christian groups to qualify for such grants would subject them to incessant pressure to dilute their message and liberalize their policies.

CHILDREN'S SERIES ATTACKS CHRISTIANITY—A fantasy trilogy, *His Dark Majesty*, marketed chiefly to teens and said to be worse than Harry Potter, is a direct attack on Christianity, the church, and God Himself (1/27 World). Satan, with his principle of cosmic rebellion, is the hero. Philip Pullman is the author of the series, and *The Amber Spyglass* is the concluding volume.

RESTRICTIONS ON CHURCHES IN CHINA—Since the Three-Self Patriotic Movement and China Christian Council must approve pastors for registered churches, they can take over independent congregations at any time. Although the Chinese government has eased open religious activity since 1980, it is not ready to loosen all controls. Restrictions vary from province to province. In addition to registering with the government, only approved pastors and teachers can lead church activities. Evangelism outside the registered setting is forbidden. Registered churches are prohibited from evangelizing anyone under 18, and they must use state-approved texts (1/27 World). The government and its church hierarchy remain more interested in controlling the content of theology and evangelism than in protecting religious freedom.

TWO SAME-SEX COUPLES LEGALLY TIE KNOT—Last month, two same-sex couples legally tied the knot in a joint service before 1,000 people at Toronto's "gay-positive" Metropolitan Community Church (1/15 Toronto Sun). It was said to be the first time anywhere in the world that a legal same-sex "marriage" has been performed.

BONNKE'S CHARISMATIC CRUSADE IN NIGERIA—German evangelist Reinhard Bonnke's mass "healings" and evangelistic crusades are setting records in Nigeria. His Christ For All Nations ministry said total attendance for his recent six-day crusade reached nearly 6 million and drew a record-breaking crowd of 1.6 million in a single night. He shouted, "All of Nigeria is going to heaven!" and promised "all of Nigeria will be healed." He said the blind would see, and paralyzed would walk. (2/5 Chr. Today) He told the crowd to begin shouting "Alleluia!" until the Holy Spirit entered their bodies. "You are going to speak in new tongues—a language you have never learned." A theologian who works with the International Bible Society in Nigeria said of Bonnke's instructing a massive crowd to speak all at once without an interpreter, "How am I sure that what people are saying is actually coming from God and not another spirit?" "In our traditional religions, people [also] speak in tongues."

BILLY GRAHAM TRAINING CENTER SPEAKERS—The usual lineup of ecumenical and/or new-evangelical speakers is listed in a new brochure from the Billy Graham Training Center at the Cove near Asheville, NC for this year. Included are: Henry Blackaby, Joseph Stowell, Bruce Wilkinson, Anne Graham Lotz, Elisabeth Elliot, Franklin Graham, Jay Kesler, Warren Wiersbe, John Piper, Howard Hendricks, Stephen

Olford, Steve Brown, Woodrow Kroll, Tony Evans, Larry Crabb, Jill Briscoe, Walter Kaiser, David Wyrzten, John Mathison (United Methodist senior minister), Gary Chapman, Jim Henry, and Richard Bewes (All Souls Church, London).

THE CBF & SBC—The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is the more liberal wing of the Southern Baptist Convention. The CBF's top executive Dan Vestal says the CBF is not a convention, but believes a "network model" is better suited for the 21st century. He says it's fair to say the CBF has broken away from the SBC, but more accurate to say "the CBF exists because churches have broken away from the SBC either partially or completely." (1/01 *Baptist Banner*) The CBF Coordinating Council has adopted a "welcoming but not affirming" of gays stance. Vestal and other CBF leaders were saying CBF is a "denomination-like" group, but in recent weeks there seems to be a growing alliance between CBF and the liberal American Baptist Churches. In noting that the ABC does not tend to show evangelistic fervor, Vestal also noted about the CBF, "We're not really passionate about the gospel changing people's lives. We're... more oriented to political correctness and relevancy."

CURRENT SBC MISSIONARIES NOT REQUIRED TO SIGN NEW FAITH STATEMENT—Nearly 5,000 Southern Baptist missionaries won't be forced to sign the new Baptist Faith and Message doctrinal statement, but must commit to working "in accordance with and not contrary to" its teachings. Under the new policy new appointees and SBC staff employees, however, will be asked to sign.

WINGFIELD CRUSADE AT FALWELL SITE—Jerry Falwell announced to Thomas Road Baptist Church recently that Steve Wingfield's tent would be pitched on the site of the new Thomas Road Baptist church across from Liberty University next fall (2/01 *Nat'l Lib. Jrnl.*). Wingfield is a former Liberty University student. He is an ordained "Wesleyan Methodist minister who attends a Mennonite church." (see 11/1/91 *CC*) Regarding a 1991 crusade at Lansdale, PA, Wingfield said, in ecumenical fashion: "I'm committed to laying aside the things that divide us." Close to 75 churches from various denominations were involved in that evangelism crusade which featured a rap group and a religious rock group.

CLINTON AT HYBELS' CHURCH—Last August Pres. Bill Clinton was interviewed by Bill Hybels, pastor of the Willow Creek Community Church near Chicago. Clinton supposedly "bared his soul" for almost 90 minutes at this leadership conference, though he offered "little mention of God and no mention of sin." He left with a standing ovation of 4,500 Christian leaders. A 1/22 *Christian News* article had this comment: "Even if one accepted the president's apology, it is fair to ask why Christian leaders would give a standing ovation to a president who at every opportunity has waged war on unborn children." Congress twice passed bills banning gruesome partial-birth abortion ("infanticide") and twice Clinton vetoed them.

HYBELS FEATURED AT SCHULLER MEETING—Mega-church guru Bill Hybels was again listed as a speaker, along with liberal Tony Campolo, at "possibility thinking" guru Robert Schuller's Institute for Successful Church Leadership, Jan 29-Feb 1. Schuller, a disciple of Norman Vincent Peale, recently had "atheist" Gorbachev at his Crystal Cathedral (see 11/15/00 *CC*). Crystal Cathedral is not a church. It is a tourist attraction and a religious institution (1/22 *Chr. News*). Schuller is a "heretic" and his theology is not that of the Bible.

SBC LEADERS UNAWARE EVENT SPONSORED BY MOON—Some evangelical leaders including Southern Baptists were unaware the inaugural Prayer Luncheon for Unity and Renewal Jan. 19 was sponsored by Sun Myung Moon, founder of the *Washington Times* and the Unification Church (1/29 *Chr. News*). A delegation of SBC leaders including SBC President James Merritt were there and "shocked" that the luncheon was sponsored by Moon's church and included an address and books by him.

FUNDAMENTALISM & NEO-EVANGELICALISM—The following was excerpted from two papers sent

to us by Baptist World Mission missionary (on deputation) Rocco Piserchia: "Contemporary Fundamentalism is defined by the doctrine and practice of Biblical separation. To a large degree the difference between Conservative Evangelicalism and Fundamentalism is a matter of separation. Contemporary Fundamentalism maintains stricter views of moral and ecclesiastical (or doctrinal) separation than Evangelicalism. While many spiritual leaders in conservative evangelical circles would practice separation from apostates and Roman Catholics, virtually none would practice separation from fellow believers who persist in sinful doctrine or sinful practice. In many cases while certain conservative evangelical leaders would oppose false doctrine by actively teaching against it, few would actively separate from fellow believers who persist in false doctrine. History has vindicated the Fundamentalist view of separation; that is, no doctrinal position can be maintained over time apart from the practice of separation....Neo-Evangelicalism, which began around 1950, was a theological movement that attempted to combine the social conscience and social actions of Theological Liberalism with the conservative theology of Fundamentalism. Neo-Evangelicalism was critically flawed in that its intellectual architects failed to realize that the social actions of Liberalism were the direct result of its liberal theology. The phrase "the social gospel" revealed that this gospel was different from the Gospel of the New Testament. Neo-Evangelicalism strongly rejected separation from Protestant Apostates. Contemporary Evangelicals by and large reject the doctrine and practice of ecclesiastical separation because their movement was shaped by Neo-Evangelicalism. The rejection of Biblical separation, both for the first generation Neo-Evangelical as well as the contemporary Evangelical, is based on pragmatism, not Scripture. ..."

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STILL THINK HARRY POTTER IS HARMLESS?—Some evangelicals have commended Harry Potter, who “fights evil with spells and flying brooms,” as harmless fantasy. But in Britain, The Pagan Society claims it gets over 100 calls a month from children wanting to become witches (12/00 *CEFTF*). Dt. 18:9-13 forbids as “detestable to the Lord” any involvement in witchcraft, sorcery, omens, spells, spiritism, and calling up the dead. The Harry Potter series is but the next step to desensitize and manipulate kids to accept the occult as harmless ecstasy.

THE JESSE JACKSON SCANDAL—The “Rev.” Jesse Jackson joins the list of sex scandals spanning both sides of the political aisle—and Pres. Clinton. He was forced to admit he fathered a child with an aide who wrote a 1997 book, *Beyond the Boundaries: Reverend Jesse Jackson and International Affairs*. Jackson has repudiated historic Christianity, and his Christ is not the Christ of the Bible (see 10/1/85 & 3/1/95 *CCs*). Yet he spoke at a worship service in Jerry Falwell's Thomas Road Baptist Church, Sept. 1, 1985. He has a long record of extortion, racism, and collaboration with terrorists and communists.

DERSHOWITZ CANCELS FROM NRB DEBATE—We reported (12/15 *CC*) that Alan Dershowitz was to be a speaker at the Feb. 10-13 National Religious Broadcasters convention in Dallas. We later received a FAX from the NRB stating that Lanny Davis (former special counsel to Pres. Clinton) would be in that slot in a public policy debate on: “Has religious speech been targeted for discrimination?” In response to our query, NRB said: “Dershowitz was invited, but unable to come. So, yes, Davis will be in that slot.” We had hoped that the NRB had canceled Harvard Prof. Dershowitz because of his disgraceful statements aired on C-Span Dec. 22 from a 9/27 debate with Alan Keyes. Rev. Eddie Carnes in the 1/15 *Christian News* termed his remarks as “the most vicious attack on Christians and their faith.” Dershowitz said: “I will continue to be a skeptic all the rest of my life,” and that he doesn't think homosexuality is wrong.

LETTY RUSSELL & FEMINIST THEOLOGY—Yale Divinity School's pioneer feminist theologian Letty Russell is retiring, and the radical feminist movement is charting new courses. She said “My theology is liberation theology [Marxist!] with a feminist perspective.” A *Christian News* editorial observed: “In other words, an anti-Christian 'social gospel' is at the center of 'feminist theology,' NOT Jesus Christ.” Over the past

25 years, feminist theology had wider mainstream acceptance and a broader impact. Today, at Yale Divinity School women make up 48 percent of the students and 30 percent of the faculty.

POPE AWARDED CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL—House Speaker Dennis Hastert presented Pope John Paul II with the Congressional Gold Medal last month, and praised the Catholic pontiff for delivering “a message of love and truth” to the world (1/15 *Chr. News*). Hastert led a delegation of about a dozen members of the Senate and House to award the Pope. Last year Congress gave the Medal to Cardinal John O'Connor. Catholics have been the largest religious bloc in Congress since 1964.

GUN LAWS ARE NO PROTECTION—The statistics are in and gun control doesn't work. Gun laws have never been an effective way to reduce violence (2/01 *National Liberty Journal*). The reverse may be true. Mass shootings, rapes and assaults are less likely in states that have issued a large number of concealed weapon permits.

GOD, YES – JESUS, NO!—On television, you don't use the name “Jesus.” “God” you can use. On *Touched by an Angel*, they never refer to Jesus, only God....It's sad that you can talk about Satan, you can talk about Hitler, but when you start talking about our Lord and Savior, it's taboo (2/01 *Frontline*). Various religions accept “God,” but reject “Jesus.” Some cults accept Jesus as “a son of God” but not God the Son, as the Bible presents Him. Jesus said (Jn. 5:23), “He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father who hath sent him.” Alcoholics Anonymous teaches belief in a generic god (“as I understand him”) while prohibiting discussion of Jesus Christ.

RAVES & ECSTASY—Raves, large all-night dance parties, are fueled by music and dancing but also are associated with dangerous drugs. Ecstasy is the staple at raves and produces a trance-like euphoric state that all but defines rave culture. It has scary, extremely dangerous, and sometimes fatal side-effects. A drug- and alcohol-free group in Toronto (Willowdale Baptist Church, e.g.) is seeking to use raves for evangelism and to take dance music back and “use it for Jesus.”

FAMILY RADIO, HAROLD CAMPING, BAPTISM—The Family Radio Network (Oakland, CA) has been offering a book, *Baptism: The Washing Away of Our Sins*, by Harold Camping who achieved notoriety in 1994 with his false prophecy books. He writes in *Baptism*.... “There appears to be plenty of evidence that water baptism must be experienced as part of the salvation process.” He states, regarding immersion: “When we search the Bible carefully, we find nothing that speaks of immersion. Nor do we find any examples of believers being immersed (10/00 *Bapt. Bulletin*). Camping goes on to say sprinkling is the New Testament mode of water baptism.

CEDARVILLE FEATURED BEGG, CYMBALA—The Cedarville University Web site listed Alistair Begg and Jim Cymbala as January speakers. Begg has spoken there before, and also in conferences featuring ecumenicals such as Franklin Graham, Anne Graham Lotz, Tony Evans, Kay Arthur, and Greg Laurie (6/15/99 CC). He has been scheduled for Gordon-Conwell Seminary and the Billy Graham Training Center (9/15/99, 3/15/00 CCs). Jim Cymbala is pastor of the Brooklyn Tabernacle whose huge choir is led by his wife. Despite the fact that he is identified as a charismatic, he was featured by Jerry Falwell and last year at Moody Bible Institute (9/15/99 CC). His new book is favorably reviewed in the Feb. *Charisma*. Cedarville was an “approved agency” of the GARBC until last June when the GARBC changed its “Approval” system to a “Partnering network” of which Cedarville became a “partner.” Cedarville sadly seems much like its GARBC cousin “partner,” ABWE, in that its new-evangelical associations and practices are at odds with its fundamentalist statement of faith.

JOHN HAGEE LINKED WITH HINN, ROBERTS, CHARISMATICs—Popular author and speaker John Hagee is pastor of the large charismatic Cornerstone Church in San Antonio. He has an honorary degree from

Oral Roberts University and is on the Executive Committee for ORU's International Charismatic Bible Ministries Conference, June 19-21, which features Benny Hinn, Kenneth Copeland, and other charismatics as speakers (2/01 *Charisma*). He was an NRB '98 speaker, and has spoken at Hinn and Roberts meetings (see 8/15/00 *CC*). He preaches against the moral sins of our day, but is solidly linked to the charismatic movement.

LCMS PRES. SAYS ELCA NO LONGER LUTHERAN—Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod President Dr. A.L. Barry writes thusly concerning the liberal Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (1/15 *Christian News*): “Since ELCA today has now given up what the Bible teaches about Holy Communion, supports abortion and homosexuality, has more than a thousand women pastors, and is taking no action against those in ELCA who deny the virgin birth, deity and resurrection of Jesus Christ, it can no longer be considered a Lutheran Church in any confessional and true sense of the term.”

MORE CHARISMATIC GOLD DUST—A charismatic sculptor who created an acclaimed statue of Christ washing Peter's feet has been embroiled in controversy over the appearance of gold dust during his latest project, *The Coming King*, a 9-foot statue of Jesus on a white horse. While sculpting the horse's hoof in wax (10/99) sculptor Max Greiner said it turned to gold in his hands, and that golden particles also covered his skin and his clothing (2/01 *Charisma*). Texas A&M University tests showed it wasn't gold, but was unusual. Be alert that signs and lying wonders will increase near the end of the age.

SEPARATION NOT GRACIOUS BUT MAY BE RIGHT—A pastor friend sent us this note from W. F. Adeny's commentary on Neh. 13:25: “When he heard the hated sounds, Nehemiah simply lost his temper. With a curse on his lips he rushed at the fathers, striking them and tearing their hair. It was the rage of bitter disappointment, but behind it lay the grim set purpose in holding to which with dogged tenacity Ezra and Nehemiah saved Judaism from extinction. Separation is never gracious; yet it may be right. The reformer is not generally of a mild temperament. We may regret his harshness, but we should remember that the world has only seen one perfect meek... 'Lamb of God' who could be also named 'the Lion of the tribe of Judah.’”

'NO AUTHORITY TO REMOVE LIBERALS' FROM LCMS CLERGY ROSTER?—The 1/8 *Christian News* had these words: “The 2001 Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's clergy roster shows that almost all the theological liberals, religious unionists, evolutionists, pro-abortionists, charismatics and pastors with unscriptural divorces who were on the LCMS clergy roster when [Dr. Ralph] Bohlmann was first elected in 1981 are still on the 1999 clergy roster of the LCMS....Conservatives have said that, while top officials often talk and write like confessional Lutherans, they refuse to practice orthodoxy when they allow liberals to remain on the LCMS clergy roster. Officials say they have no authority to remove liberals.” Baptists and others have the similar problem of ignored orthodox doctrinal statements and unorthodox practices.

ANOTHER NEW 'CHRISTIAN' UNITY GROUP—Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox leaders met Jan. 5 at Princeton University to form a new “Christian” unity group. They plan a two-week conference in 2004. The group calls itself the Foundation for a Conference on Faith and Order in No. America. It is unusual because it includes Catholics, evangelicals, mainline Protestants, Pentecostals, and Orthodox Christians (1/10 *RT*). Among the board's 16 members are Catholic archbishop William Keeler, Greek Orthodox archbishop Dimitrios, Fuller Seminary president Richard Mouw, Church of God Seminary prof. Cheryl Johns, and Princeton Seminary president Thomas Gillespie. A Canadian nun is treasurer.

NEW EVANGELICISM: THE GREAT POLLUTER—Paul warned in Acts 20 of an attack on believers from outside their ranks, but in verse 30 pointed to a more insidious danger from within: “Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.” Rev. John Ashbrook (11-12/00 *OBV Visitor*) writes: “The great polluting force attacking fundamentalism today is new evangelicalism—an attack from the inside....There is ecumenical evangelism uniting believer and unbeliever. There is the blending of charismatic and non-charismatic. There is the proposed union of Protestant with Roman

Catholic. There is the mega-church and seeker sensitive movement. There is the psychological approach to the Gospel. There is the contemporary Christian music movement. There is the attack on the literalness of heaven and hell. There is the open view of God. This whole sad scene came from the rising of men within fundamentalism speaking perverse things and drawing away disciples. ...We make a fatal mistake when we think we can be friends with new evangelicalism, read its books, attend its conferences, listen to its speakers, and not be drawn into its perversity....”

READERS COMMENT ON 'LEFT BEHIND' VIDEO—“The foundational premise of the *Left Behind* series is unscriptural. Believers who were 'left behind,' supposedly had heard the gospel before the Rapture and then got saved after all the chaos....But the Apostle Paul said (II Thes. 2) that won't happen. He said God would send a strong delusion '...that they all might be damned who believed not the truth...' So, those 'left behind' won't be given a second chance to hear the gospel.” (Rich Woods). “My own belief is that the Rapture will be explained as a UFO kidnap, since it will correspond with an open manifestation of demonic power...” (Gary Turnbull). Other developments: The 1/13 *World* said co-author Tim LaHaye is disappointed with the movie. It lacks the big screen impact he envisioned, and was a year late. He has sued claiming breach of contract. His spokesman said the issue is not money but communication of a strong Christian message. The book publisher is slowing the pace. The next in the series won't be released until Oct. 30.

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PROMISE KEEPERS SWERVES LEFTWARD?—Promise Keepers has scheduled 16 men's conferences from June to early Nov. Its theme is "Living an Extreme Faith." Santa Clara University Prof. Larry Iannaccone says critics who say PK was about social and family dominance by white males are missing the point—it is not about gender but revival (1/11 *Ala. Bapt.*). PK was also about to a large degree promoting ecumenism, charismatic rock music, and racial reconciliation. Iannaccone notes that PK demonstrated far more racial diversity than NOW, its primary critic. He said far from emphasizing male dominance, PK urged men to new accountability and sensitivity to wives and children. As a result, he said, PK actually represented a social shift to the left.

TM, AN OFFSPRING OF HINDUISM—As a meditation technique, Transcendental Meditation has its origins in Hinduism, the religion of 700 million people worldwide. Hindus recognize about 300 million gods, and believe in reincarnation. Meditators deny that TM is a religion, but present it as a "scientific" way to reduce stress, etc. So Jewish, Protestant, and Catholic leaders endorse it to members (12/15/98 *CC*). Fairfield, Iowa is a major world center for TM and the home of Maharishi University of Management, named after TM founding guru Maharishi Mahesh Yogi. MUM has 650 full-time students, half from outside the U.S. There are 20,000 TM instructors in the U.S. (1/8 *C. Today*), and 6 million people worldwide have taken TM classes. TM is incompatible with Christianity.

HOLLYWOOD'S POLITICAL FUNDING—The top three contributors to the Democratic Party, according to the 8/8 *Wall Street Journal*, are labor unions, trial lawyers, and the entertainment industry (8/26 *World*). Hollywood, a major filth-peddling cultural polluter, has given some \$50 million since President Clinton first ran for office. One fund-raiser estimated that the national committee gets 20 percent of its funding from Hollywood.

ALL-MALE WORLDLY 'CHURCH'—A new all-male "Man Church" draws up to 170 men to monthly services in San Dimas, Calif. Holding the service in a sports bar nightclub is meant to create a non-threatening environment where men can learn to be better husbands and fathers (12/7 *Ala. Baptist*). A Church of Christ in our city has created a Mayberry Bible Study using Andy Griffith shows.

CATHOLICS DOMINATE U.S. CONGRESS—Catholics have been the largest religious bloc in the legislative branch since 1964, and now number 150. Baptists, with 72, are the next largest bloc. Most Catholics in Congress are from the Northeast, Great Lakes, and California.

HIP-HOP, ROCK BEATS, CHRISTIAN LYRICS—About 1,300 teen and pre-teen youth pour into Club Life each Tuesday night to sing and dance to hip-hop music with Christian lyrics, hosted by Metro Ministries (NYC). They walk and talk hip-hop—not just a style of music but a lifestyle. "Perfected in the late '70s by blacks and Latinos in South Bronx, hip-hop's musical roots are found in jazz, black gospel, reggae, and rhythm and blues." Like rock before it, hip-hop provokes our suspicions and many Christians wonder if a music and culture that so brazenly glorifies sex, violence, and vice can proffer anything redemptive (1/8 *C. Today*) Yet Billy Graham and other evangelists use hip-hop in their "festival" crusades.

TAXPAYERS FUND BAD ART—The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the National Endowment for the Humanities were started in 1965 as Great Society programs. Both have proven to be disasters, especially the NEA. A 10/28 *World* article states: "There is no reason for the NEH to fund Marxist scholarships, or for the NEA to fund anti-American propaganda, or for either to give grants that undermine American institutions, such as work that mocks or blasphemes religion. Artists are free to create such works, if they want, but taxpayers are free not to pay for them."

HOMOSEXUALS THE GOOD GUYS, SCOUTS BAD—A barrage of homosexual characters on national television makes it hard to find a program without them. Since the U.S. Supreme Court last year affirmed the right of Boy Scouts to exclude homosexuals from leadership, activists have mounted an aggressive campaign to apply economic pressure on Scout donors (11/1 *CC*). The Los Angeles City Council voted unanimously to blacklist the Scouts (1/1 *New Am.*). The Broward County (FL) school board recently kicked out 57 troops because Scouts exclude homosexuals from leadership (12/16 *World*). Duke U. (Methodist) decided to allow same-sex unions in its chapel. The vast majority of Americans do not hate homosexuals nor wish them physical harm, but believe that their perverse lifestyle prevents avowed active ones from being the role models they desire to lead our virtue-building institutions. Also, our concern is that a "hate crimes" bill would be used to silence churches from teaching morality to members.

THE BAKKERS—Former PTL leader Jim Bakker served almost six years in prison and has remarried. Wife Tammy Faye likewise remarried and is now an unofficial icon for homosexual men (10/2 *CT*). Son Jay is a tattoo-bedecked man with a street ministry in Atlanta. In his new book he writes that churches should not kick people out for saying a few cuss words or smoking a joint.

LUTHERAN - EPISCOPALIAN AGREEMENT—After decades of dialogue, the 5.2 million-member Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the 2.5 million-member Episcopal Church, USA celebrated a "full communion" agreement (Jan. 6). Amid declining memberships, this enables both denominations to share clergy and pool other resources, but is "more like a marriage than a merger." *Christian News* Editor Herman Otten comments: "Both ELCA and ECUSA are "anything goes" churches. They both support the killing of unborn infants while they oppose the right of the government to put convicted murderers to death. They both ordain women. They both allow their theologians to deny every doctrine of the Christian faith. The confessions of both bodies are no longer considered binding. The Episcopal Church includes such radicals as Bishop John Shelby Spong who promotes the ordination of homosexuals and says the Apostle Paul was a homosexual. Spong has long attacked the deity and resurrection of Jesus Christ. ELCA has...similar radicals...as Spong." Otten concludes that all "anything goes" churches should merge. He says most of the major denominations today (including the Catholic Church), either teach or allow their theologians to teach that Jesus Christ is not the only way to heaven and that Christianity is not the only true and saving faith. The ELCA and ECUSA are members of the NCC/WCC.

PALAU'S DOWNTOWN FESTIVAL—About 140,000 people filled a downtown Portland park for two days last summer for CCM/rock music, face-painting, miniature golf, skateboarding, and food—and to hear evangelist Luis Palau preach at Portland Festival 2000. Lon Allison, director of the Billy Graham Center at Wheaton College, praised the festival model for its ability to attract large crowds, including families, with less effort from churches (*1/8 Chr. Today*). He said "The day of the evangelist being able to attract crowds to hear him or her is over—other than Billy Graham." Most contemporary evangelists, including Palau, Billy Graham, Franklin Graham, and Greg Laurie, make significant use of pop culture and music in their events. But in recent years, two changes in the methods of mass evangelism seem significant. Many events are now called festivals instead of crusades; and the location is shifting from sports arenas to city parks.

CATHOLICS' THREE AUTHORITY SOURCES—The perspective of the Roman Catholic must necessarily be different from that of a Fundamentalist Christian. The Catholic must, as his faith requires, allow for three sources of truth: The tradition of the Roman Catholic Church, Holy Scripture, and lastly, the teachings of the Magisterium, i.e., the Pope and his Bishops. Fundamentalist Christians, on the other hand, subscribe to what is commonly referred to as "Sola Scriptura"; that is, only Scripture is sufficient for all truth (*CEC Journal*).

EVANGELICALS' ROMeward RUSH—Evangelicals who used to warn of a "one world church/government" now seem intent to run into the arms of this "central authority". They refuse to recognize what the Roman Catholic Church is, and how she operates—not as a Church but as a sociopolitical empire. For example, Charles Colson, Timothy George, Os Guinness, Richard Land, Max Lucado, Mark Noll, and J.I. Packer endorsed "The Gift of Salvation" document [see 1/1/98 CC] that begins with the statement, "We give thanks to God that in recent years many Evangelicals and Catholics, ourselves among them, have been able to express a common faith in Christ and so to acknowledge one another as brothers and sisters in Christ." If Christ were their Lord and Master, they would not kowtow to the papal system. [12/00 *Berean Beacon*, PO Box 395, Vernonia, OR 97064]

MBI FOUNDER'S WEEK, STOWELL—Moody Bible Institute's Founder's Week 2001 speakers are: Tony Evans, Jill Briscoe, Elisabeth Elliot, Howard Hendricks, John Piper, Gary Chapman, Ken Fong, and MBI Pres. Joseph Stowell. Stowell relates that while sitting next to Billy Graham at a dinner in Fort Lauderdale recently he asked Graham what he had enjoyed most in his many years of ministry (Jan.-Feb. *Moody*). Graham replied that it was his fellowship with the Lord and His guidance and presence. Stowell glowingly praised Graham with no word about the havoc wreaked by Graham's ecumenical evangelism Crusades, which tore down Biblical walls of separation from Catholicism and other false systems. Stowell is on Graham's board, and a member of the NAE.

ABWE LINKED WITH NEW EVANGELICALISM—For many years we have reported much evidence indicating that the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism is not separatist in its associations and practices. ABWE advisory board member, Dr. Charles Ware, spoke last year at an ecumenical conference (see 3/15/00 CC) and is again listed to speak at a May conference which includes some of the same new-evangelical speakers. ABWE was an "approved agency" of the GARBC until last June when the GARBC changed its "Approval" system to a "Partnering network" of which the ABWE became a "partner." We now see ABWE listed as a staff sponsor of Faith Academy (along with Campus Crusade, SBC, Assemblies of God, etc.) in the Philippines and that ABWE "works closely with" it. MBI Pres. Joseph Stowell spoke a few years ago at an ABWE conference in Portugal. The separation issue was the main reason Drs. Ernest Pickering, Ralph Colas, and Bill Hopewell severed ties with ABWE. So we were surprised to see an ABWE veteran missionary listed as a speaker at a major Fundamentalist conference next month.

URBANA 2000—Nearly 20,000 college students and young adults converged on the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for a Dec. 27-31 triennial convention sponsored by InterVarsity Christian Fellowship chapters in the U.S. and Canada. At least 90 denominations were part of the hodgepodge of liberal, ecumenical,

new evangelical, and charismatic groups. Many schools from these compromising groups were represented, including Fuller, Bethel, Asbury, Gordon-Conwell, Denver, Biola, Grace, Grand Rapids, Moody, Wheaton, Westminster, American Baptist, and Assemblies of God. Agencies represented included Episcopal, ELCA, Presbyterian Church, USA, PCA, and Baptist General. Other religious groups such as Campus Crusade, Child Evangelism, New Tribes, and TEAM tried hard to recruit the young people for their organizations. Speakers included Ken Fong, George Verwer, and Ruth Padilla De Borst. While at some points the Gospel was Biblically defined, at others it was made to include social action projects and racial reconciliation as its core. Tony Evans in a video shown said: "Any gospel that does not speak to the issue of injustice and where people are not fed is not the gospel." The New Revised Standard Version was given to each attendee. The worship team band provided loud CCM/rock music. The above information is from an extensive first hand account by American Council of Christian Churches' Executive Sec'y Dr. Ralph Colas who attended Urbana 2000 as a member of the accredited press. His report will be available very soon, from: ACCC, P.O. Box 5455, Bethlehem, PA 18015. E-mail: acc@juno.com

GRAHAM MEETINGS—Billy Graham recently turned administration of his evangelistic association over to his son Franklin, but he plans to lead stadium meetings in Louisville (June) and in Fresno (October). He is now 82.

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FRANCE: FRUIT OF ATHEISM—The France of today, with its 60 million people, is steeped in the thinking of its historical philosophers such as Voltaire and Sartre. God is not part of the national consciousness. A French pastor said: “Our country's biggest problem is that we have taken all references of God out of our nation. We have a generation of people who have never heard about God.” (1/01 *Charisma*) Suicide, depression and alcoholism are rampant: 40,000 French youth attempt suicide each year; 10 percent of adults take antidepressants; and 4 million French are alcoholics. Meanwhile, French authorities are trying to pass a law that would, in effect, make it illegal to share one's faith, labeling this as “mental manipulation of the public.” Tragically, our nation seems to be headed in this same godless direction.

DEVIANCE REWARDED—Since homosexual college student Matthew Shepherd was beaten to death in Oct. 1998, scholarships for homosexuals and their allies have proliferated across the country. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are now available for “self-identified” homosexuals or supporters (12/16 *World*). At least one mainline NCC/WCC church sponsors a scholarship for homosexuals. This year the United Church of Christ will bestow the first William R. Johnson Scholarships, awards named for the first openly homosexual minister ordained in the U.S. These “church” awards will go to homosexual and transgender seminary students planning on full-time ministry. This is clearly another case where deviance pays in a special way and thus discriminates against “self-identified” adulterers and moral “straights.”

RAP DEPRAVITY—Rap music, filled with obscenity-laced chants from the mean streets about drug deals, murder, prostitution, and crime, surpassed country music last year as the biggest-selling genre after rock 'n' roll. But it is not just poor African-American children who are buying rap. White, affluent, privileged children from the suburbs have become one of rap's biggest audiences (1/6 *World*). Rap's biggest star to date is an angry white male, Marshal Mathers, who goes by the name of Eminem. His raps about murdering his wife and raping his mother take the form to new lows of depravity.

ALPHA BUILDS BRIDGES—The Alpha course was pioneered by charismatic Anglican pastor Nicky Gumbel at Holy Trinity in Brompton, London, and is now used worldwide as an ecumenical tool to bring change and build bridges between cultures and churches (1/01 *Charisma*). Gumbel says: “The extraordinary

thing is that we have seen a coming together now. The Catholic Church, Anglican churches and Pentecostal churches are running Alpha..."

CHINA REVEALING ITS RED COLOR—China is demolishing hundreds of underground Christian churches and temples. Chinese newspapers have reported a crackdown on unauthorized worship in the coastal city of Wenzhou, an area isolated from government control. Over 1,000 temples, churches, and ancestral halls in the area have been shut down since Nov., and many were demolished (12/14 *Religion Today*). China says it allows religious freedom, but it restricts religious practice. Congregations must be sanctioned by the government, and those that are not, are often accused of defrauding or abusing followers. Several unapproved sects, cults, and underground religious groups have prospered as Communist ideology loses its appeal. The heavy-handed actions come less than a month after China agreed to resume human rights talks with the U.S. A Dec. 11 *Christian News* article said: "There is only one legal church in China and that is the Communist-created and controlled Communist church, the Three-Self Church."

LIEBERMAN EXCOMMUNICATED—A NY Orthodox Jewish court has excommunicated V-P candidate Joseph Lieberman, finding him guilty of misrepresenting or falsifying to the American people Torah teachings against partial-birth infanticide, special privileges and preferential treatment for flaunting homosexuals, and against religious intermarriage of Jews (11/4 *World*). Lieberman praised inclusive "civil religion" at Notre Dame, Oct. 24, and quoted from the Koran, Torah, and New Testament.

OPEN LESBIAN A CHAPEL SPEAKER AT GORDON—An openly-lesbian minister was one of several speakers at a "Who Is My Neighbor" (alluding to Good Samaritan parable) chapel service at new-evangelical Gordon College last April. Some in the Gordon family welcomed her inclusion, others were outraged, per the pro-homosexual Evangelicals Concerned Fall 2000 *Record*. The administration apologized. The president and provost met with the symposium planners "who deeply regret their error in judgment." But pro-homosexual EC founder Ralph Blair had spoken there in the past, and is a member of the Evangelical Theological Society.

EYE SURGERY—Some have asked about editor's eye problem. I had gone for a routine eye exam in early Nov. and the Dr. discovered a fluid and pressure problem called "narrow-angle glaucoma." The laser surgery was to relieve pressure and seems to be successful. This was not supposed to help my vision, but was a precautionary procedure to reduce pressure and prevent future pressure problems. I also needed a prescription change which I now have. Thank you for your concern, and for praying.

POPE SAYS UNBELIEVERS SAVED IF LIVE A GOOD LIFE—Pope John Paul II (Dec. 6) said all who live a just life will be saved even if they do not believe in Jesus Christ and the Roman Catholic Church. He said, "The gospel teaches us that those who live in accordance with the Beatitudes—the poor in spirit, the pure of heart, those who bear lovingly the sufferings of life—will enter God's kingdom." (12/18 *Chr. News*) He said Heaven is open to all as long as they are good. This contradicts that Jesus is the only way to heaven (John 14:6) and is a false gospel.

DOBSON & COLSON MEET WITH THE POPE—Evangelical leaders James Dobson and Chuck Colson took part in a conference at the Vatican Nov. 27-29. They joined business executives, Catholic politicians, lawyers, and scholars discussing family issues. Dobson, president of Focus on the Family, and Colson of Prison Fellowship, also had a brief meeting with the pope. "Part of the thing is to get over the hump of knowing each other," said Robert Sirico, a Catholic priest who is Pres. of the Acton Institute, a conservative think-tank based in Grand Rapids. Dobson said he has theological differences with the Catholic Church, but "when it comes to the family, there is far more agreement than disagreement, and with regard to moral issues from abortion to premarital sex, safe-sex ideology, and homosexuality, I find more in common with Catholics than with some of my evangelical brothers and sisters." (12/13 *Religion Today*)

ANOTHER CHURCH LEAVES GARBC—Dr. Tom Wolfe, Pastor, South Park Baptist Church (Crown Point, IN) writes that his church withdrew from the GARBC and its related associations on Sunday December 3. He said: “The vote was 97.4% for disassociation. Our reason for this is the change in the GARBC over the last 20 years or so, and the resultant downgrade in position and practice. We are very glad to be free for fellowship where there is mutual desire and agreement based on the faith and practice of the Holy Scriptures.” In recent years we have reported several churches separating from the GARBC citing, among other things, compromise and inclusivism trends. The American Council of Christian Churches at its Oct. meeting in Toronto voted unanimously to remove the GARBC from the list of Constituent Bodies of the ACCC. It is sad in our day to see a once-great fellowship such as the GARBC defect from its original strong stand and succumb to New Evangelicalism.

JEWISH LEADERS SAY CHRISTIANS SHOULD NOT CONVERT JEWS—Citing improved relations between Christians and Jews, a group of Jewish scholars issued a statement of common ground between the two faiths. It acknowledges that modern Christians are not to blame for the Nazi Holocaust, but says Christians should respect Jewish beliefs and not attempt to convert Jews to Christianity (12/7 *Ala. Baptist*). The document asserts that Christians and Jews worship the same God and seek authority from the same book. This is only true of Jews who convert to Christianity, since Judaism rejects the Christian New Testament and the triune God of the Bible.

NO SEPARATION WITHOUT PERSECUTION—Dr. Tom Malone writes: “The Bible demands separation. I have felt a particular burden upon my heart in recent days to say more about this than I have said in all the years of my ministry. There is a necessity for God's people to be known as God's people, talking as God's people, acting as God's people, dressing as God's people, thinking as God's people. I believe that the Bible sets up a standard and demands that a Christian meet that standard, if he is to be a good Christian. But he cannot do it without persecution.” (*Sword of the Lord, Fund. Digest*)

HEARTLAND FRIENDS WITHDRAW FROM BBFI—A group of Baptist Bible Fellowship, Int'l pastors met in Cleveland, Ohio Nov. 13-14 and decided to disengage Heartland Baptist Bible College from its BBFI-approved status and to start a new national fellowship. Dr. Bruce Turner is the moderator and Sam Davison is the college president. Davison cited a drift in direction of the BBFI with regard to issues of ecclesiastical separation, personal separation, music, the King James Version, and the whole philosophy of evangelism and ministry. *BBF Tribune* editor Mike Randall said, “This action means a four-year controversy within the BBFI has ended.” (12/22 *Sword of the Lord*) Jerry Falwell, and the KJV, have long been major divisive factors in the cleavage within the BBFI.

ROMANIA'S DOREL POPA—We received the following e-mail from Dr. Kevin Bauder last month: “Dorel Popa is the pastor of Maranatha Baptist Church in Arad, Romania. He is also now the mayor of Arad. He has been used on several fundamental Baptist platforms in the U.S., and is sometimes regarded as the leader of Baptist fundamentalism in Romania.” Bauder attached one of Popa's ads when he was running for mayor. Since we could not read the Romanian, we contacted our missionary to Romania, Dan Sehested, for help. The ad reveals that Popa is the candidate for (though not a member of) the PDSR, the “moderate” wing of the old communist party in Romania. This is the socialist party of Romania's President Ion Iliescu, “a veteran communist” (12/27/89 *USA Today*) from pre-revolution days. The ad shows that Popa commits himself to give half of his mayoral salary to the Romanian Orthodox Church (a branch of apostate Eastern Orthodoxy) to build a new cathedral. Only days before former communist dictator Ceausescu was executed (12/89), the then Orthodox patriarch sent him a telegram of support (2/24/90 *World*). Since Popa has raised money in America for an apostate Orthodox cathedral, and Sehested says he misrepresents himself to U.S. fundamentalists, we thought it would be helpful to inform those who may be unaware of all of this. Bauder opines that “Dorel Popa looks to be the Billy Graham of Romania.”

SDA'S PROPHETESS ELLEN WHITE—Seventh-Day Adventists believe their prophetess Ellen G. White's visions were “divine revelations.” She claimed to have had over 2,000 of them. There was a major scandal among Adventists in the 1970s when researchers published documented proof that at least part of her vision accounts were really stolen from other authors. Yet most of Adventism—Sabbath-keeping, dietary asceticism, soul sleep, and much else—rests squarely on the belief that her visions and doctrines came directly from God. But if her writings are fraudulent, the whole structure collapses. (Doug Kutilek, 12/00 *Frontline*). World Evangelical Fellowship, of which the NAE is a member, plans to dialogue with the SDA cult in September! (12/4 *C. News*)

A WATCHDOG GROUP?—The Bible commands every believer to “watch thou in all things.” This then results in discerning the error and compromise flooding the world today and warning unsuspecting believers of such things as Christian psychology, ecumenical evangelism, or compromising church growth programs. A watchful, discerning servant of Christ will also be one who warns—always! A faithful testimony will be marked by watchfulness and warnings and be a ministry that practices Biblical separation from error and from those who embrace it (12/00 *Foundation*). We must be alert “watchdogs” (not as those blind, sleeping, ignorant, dumb dogs that cannot bark of Isa. 56:10's day), and expose error and lovingly warn believers who are deceived by it.

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D.A.R.E. IS A DUD—The nation's most popular drug education program is an enormous failure. Police serve as role models and confidants, and provide training to keep kids off drugs (11/20 *Chr. News*). Though widely used in schools, DARE has failed to significantly reduce drug, alcohol, or cigarette use and was recently called a fraud by a large-city mayor. Recently (1/25 *HT*), a local former DARE officer was accused of molesting seven youngsters he was supposed to be counseling about not using drugs.

BRAZIL'S CATHOLICISM, SPIRITISM—Of Brazil's 170 million, 130 million are Roman Catholics. Or, are they? Many will go to their Catholic Mass on Saturday and their Spiritist meeting on Tuesday. Many have been charismatics and when offered the gospel they will say yes, and will just add that to the other things they already have (12/4 *Chr. Today*). Brazil is considered the largest Roman Catholic country in the world, but a Presbyterian pastor says, "Brazil is a Spiritist country, not a Catholic country." There are over 14,000 Spiritist centers in Brazil. Spiritist worship takes two forms: Lower Spiritism that came with African slaves (voodoo, witchcraft, magic, etc.). The other is popular with upper-class folks, and has a New Age kind of emphasis (reincarnation, talking with dead). Catholicism seems compatible with various other false-gospel, syncretistic religions (e.g., Santeria, voodoo).

EBOLA VIRUS—The Ebola virus ranks among the most terrifying of the deadly "emerging diseases," striking rapidly and with gruesome symptoms (12/11 *USN&WR*). It can kill in just a few days. Victims suffer flu-like symptoms. Their organs fail and blood won't clot. An outbreak in Uganda has taken 91 lives, and some frantic ones in desperation swallow bleach to stop the lethal disease (12/4 *C. Today*). Churches suspended worship and Communion services for weeks. Healers use ritual dance and charms to exorcise Ebola, which they think is a curse.

GLORIA COPELAND SAYS WE DESERVE WEALTH—Gloria (Mrs. Kenneth) Copeland is known for her heretical Word-Faith theology. We quote from a review of her new book (12/00 *Charisma*): "Tethered to the belief that God's people deserve wealth, real estate and financial abundance, the author asserts that if those are not manifest in our lives, we are not doing the Word but reaping poor choices previously sown. Touching briefly on the law of progressive increase, Copeland confirms that little by little our obedience to God will prosper us

financially, spiritually and emotionally. It is this prosperity that moves us from simply obtaining personal wealth to using that wealth to advance God's ultimate plan." This is false teaching. We are sinners, undeserving of even the least of His mercies.

TOBACCO VS. ALCOHOL HYPOCRISY—Alcohol is a major causative factor in traffic accidents, homelessness, crimes, divorces, suicides, etc. Yet our government goes after the tobacco industry bigtime, but seemingly gives the liquor industry a free pass. This is selective outrage, pure hypocrisy! We do not defend the tobacco industry, though we feel safer on the highway meeting a smoking driver than a drinking driver. And if the government is going to penalize the tobacco industry for \$145 billion (e.g.), and award this to longtime smokers whose health was damaged, it should rather reward more deserving NON-smokers who have for years been damaged through no fault of their own by second-hand smoke!

EVOLUTION NOT NOW NOR EVER—Belief in evolution is a remarkable phenomenon passionately defended by the scientific establishment, despite the lack of any observable scientific evidence for macroevolution (from one distinct kind of organism into another). The lack of a case for evolution is clear from the fact that no one has ever seen it happen, not now nor in the past. If it were a real process, evolution should still be occurring, and there should be many "transitional" forms that we could observe. Evolution is not science at all, but an arbitrary system built upon faith in universal naturalism. [Excerpt, Henry Morris, 12/00 *Acts & Facts*]

HOMOSEXUALITY has become the cause du jour of those who seek to undermine the family. Though homosexuals comprise only 2-3 percent of the population, they exert incredible influence over the political arena. Abetted by a pro-homosexual news and entertainment media, the radical gay activists' assault on morality has reached a fever pitch. Last spring, homosexuals achieved a form of "gay marriage"[civil unions] in Vermont, and now push for recognition of same-sex unions in the other 49 states. Congress is considering homosexual "hate crimes" legislation that would set up special classes of victims based on special behavior. Under such a law, some crimes committed against heterosexuals would be punished less severely than the same crimes against homosexuals.... [Excerpt, *Focus on the Family* booklet]

MUSLIMS ENDANGER CHRISTIANS, PHILIPPINES—The Philippines is Asia's only nation with a "Christian" majority. About 80% of its 70 million people are Roman Catholic; 7 to 10 % are Protestant. Muslims are 8% and most live in Mindanao and Sulo Archipelago in the south (12/4 *C.T.*). Muslim groups have carried on a bitter and brutal insurgency since the early 1970s but this mostly ceased in 1996. But some rebel groups demand removal of all Christian missionaries in southern Philippines.

'LEFT BEHIND' FILM LEFT OUT GOSPEL—Left Behind is the most expensive Christian film ever made. It is based on a popular series of books by Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins, and due for release to movie theaters nationwide in February. Those who made the film desire that it be used as an evangelistic tool to reach people for Christ. A pastor friend has viewed the video, said some positive things about it, but has some concerns. He says that in depicting worldwide post-Rapture chaos (plane crashes, car accidents, etc.) the film greatly overestimates the number of true believers in the world, and that one could get the impression there are MANY on the road to life (Jesus says FEW are). He says the movie emphasizes repeatedly that all infants and children (even of unsaved parents) will be removed from the earth, but points out that a one-year-old at the time of the rapture would be eight at the time Christ returns to earth to rule and reign—plenty old to be saved then or prior. He says some of the music is horrible—"Christian rock" of the worst kind. But the most serious problem of all is that the GOSPEL is sadly missing in this supposedly evangelistic tool. The name of Christ is mentioned only three times (during about a one-minute segment). There is no mention of the Cross, the empty tomb, no emphasis on the sinfulness of man and no clear presentation of the terms of salvation. Lastly, this pastor is concerned that the film will bring thousands of professing Christians into secular movie houses. Be warned, be wise, beware! [For an expanded elaboration and entire review, send a SASE.]

METHODISTS BAIL OUT NCC—An emergency grant of \$400,000 from the United Methodist Church allows the ecumenical National Council of Churches to keep its doors open. Before the Nov. 18 vote by a UMC agency, Phil Young, the NCC's treasurer, had told reporters that if the Methodists didn't advance the cash the NCC's next job would be planning a shutdown, according to Presbyterian News Service (11/23 *Religion Today*). That won't be necessary now. "My guess is that there will still be anxiety and frustration in the coming six months," Young told the PNS. "But by Jan. 30, 2001, most of the anxiety and uncertainty will be behind us." He said the council has begun operating within its budget, having just laid off 12 of its 64 employees. "It is the mess of the prior management that we're trying to clean up." NCC head Robert Edgar said the council is stabilizing. At this time last year, it faced a debt of \$5.9 million and had no systems in place to control spending, he said. The liberal UMC is a major supporter of the apostate NCC and its left-wing causes. God's people should "come out" of it.

POPE FAILS AT EXORCISM TRY—Pope John Paul II spent 30 minutes in conversation and prayer with a teenage girl who was "screaming insults in a cavernous voice" during a general audience at the Vatican (11/13 *CT*). The pope's intervention seemed to have only a temporary effect on the teen, but Catholic theologians stressed that exorcism is almost never easy or rapid. The Vatican plans to distribute a new exorcism ritual manual telling priests to spend more time praying with those possessed by evil spirits and tones down stronger language.

SBC TEXANS UPSET THAT SEMINARY PROFS HAVE TO SIGN NEW 'CREED'—Southern Baptist "moderates" in Texas object to a revised confession requiring seminary professors to sign that they agree with basic tenets of the faith. But SBC Pres. James Merritt says "We have turned our denomination away from theological liberalism..." and, "It only stands to reason that any professor teaching in a Baptist school should be willing to fully support that Baptist denomination's confession of faith." (12/4 *CT*) Texans are redirecting over \$5 million away from SBC seminaries.

SBC BATTLES NEO-ORTHODOXY—Southern Baptist conservatives last June revised the sentence in their 1963 Baptist Faith & Message confession that made Christ, not the Bible, the criterion by which the Bible is interpreted. They say that what we know about Jesus is what the Bible reveals, and that "All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation." Moderates/liberals say that an internal experience of Jesus, apart from Scripture is adequate to judge even the biblical text itself. One of their (CBF) Council members put it this way, "We see our authority in Christ; Southern Baptists [conservatives] see their authority in the Bible." (12/00 *Bapt. Banner*) Some CBF moderates/liberals argue against the male-only pastorate by noting that Jesus never addressed the issue. The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship liberals use the same arguments of the old neo-orthodox who believed the authority of the Word (Christ) is absolute, but the authority of the Bible is not quite so absolute. To them it is only a human witness to the revelation and never infallible. It is only a subjective authority that may *become* the Word of God by individual experience. Charles Ryrie said neo-orthodoxy is a theological hoax. "It attempts to preserve the message of the Bible while denying the facts of the Bible."

SEPARATION FROM COMPROMISING BRETHERN—"I have preached God's truth, so far as I know it, and I have not been ashamed of its peculiarities. That I might not stultify my testimony I have cut myself clear of those who err from the faith, and even from those who associate with them. What more can I do to be honest with you?..." (Spurgeon, 11/00 *Plains Baptist Challenger*)

NRB 2001—The National Religious Broadcasters' 58th Annual Convention & Exposition is set for Dallas, Tex., Feb. 10-13. Speakers include: James Robison (charismatic Pope praiser), Greg Laurie (PK speaker, BGEA board member), Henry Blackaby (*Experiencing God*), Anne Graham Lotz, Alan Dershowitz, and Ralph Neas (PAW). Campus Crusade sponsors a Public Policy Breakfast. Dr. George Sweeting, chancellor and past president of Moody Bible Institute is the NRB Anniversary Banquet and Installation of Officers speaker.

Exhibitors include Catholic/charismatic and other ecumenical organizations.

HINDUS TRY TO STOP CONVERSIONS IN INDIA—Hindu nationalists want India to become officially Hindu (12/4 *Chr.Today*). Some seek to expel foreign missionaries.

NATIONAL DAY OF SHAME, NOV. 7—Here is the shame: It is ours, the church. It is the failure to preach righteousness, and then castigating those who are willing to. Righteousness has not disappeared because of the evil. The blessing of God has not been removed because of the wicked who rule. Sin rules, and wicked persons are in charge because the Lord and His righteousness have ceased to be the heart of our nation. The shame is in Neo-Liberalism, its liberal doctrine, its hatred of doctrine, in the dumbing-down of sin and the refusal to preach anything that sounds negative. This shame lies at the feet of pseudo-evangelical leaders who, choosing popularity, consorted with the president, giving him aid and comfort as a fornicator. To add insult to injury, they dared scold the man of God who publicly identified his sin as John the Baptist did. The shame is ours because of our failure to evangelize, to be obedient to the Lord and firmly resist the undermining of Bible authority....God only knows if this nation will ever have another free election without wicked men tampering. If we do have another free election, it will be because men of God have decided to hate what God hates and love what God loves. [Excerpt from Dr. Clay Nuttall's 12/00 *Shepherd's Staff*]

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MARINES FORCED INTO NEW AGE MOVEMENT?—An effort is under way to drag the Marine Corps into the New Age movement, complete with Eastern mysticism, Zen meditation, pop psychology, etc. The Corps is developing a new Marine Martial Art (10/9 *Wall St. J.* via 11/4 *World*). A pilot program has been expanded and 15,000 Marines are now learning how to be ninjas. Plans are to make it mandatory for all Marines. But forcing Christians (also Jews and Muslims) to participate in pagan religious practices goes too far. All Marines are not forced to attend Christian church services and should not be forced to practice Eastern mysticism.

FONDA FUNDS ABORTIONS—Tax-exempt groups raised \$97.3 million and spent \$132.6 million since July 1, to influence the fall elections. Actress Jane Fonda, the largest single contributor on the list we saw, personally bankrolled an \$11.7 million campaign to inject the abortion issue in battleground states (11/4 *H. Times*). She shelled out the \$11.7 million of her own money in two checks Sept. 15 & 26. Pro Choice Vote used her money to make large donations to abortion choice groups. Her impending divorce and “conversion” as a born-again Christian were widely reported last Jan. Something seems wrong, here!

GORE, CLINTON TAKE POLITICS TO CHURCHES—ACLU, where are you? Why can liberal political leaders campaign and promote candidates in church pulpits, yet conservatives can't? Pres. Clinton (Oct. 29) begged blacks at Shiloh Baptist Church (Washington, DC) to choose the “outstretched hands” of Al Gore over the “clenched fists” of George W. Bush (10/30 *Wash. Times* via 11/6 *Chr. News*). He said it would be a “terrible mistake” to elect Bush. From Shiloh, Clinton went to Alfred St. Baptist Church (Alexandria, VA) to continue stumping for Gore. Gore appeared during church services at a Detroit church that day. Barry Lynn (AUSCS) has filed an inquiry with the IRS over this, but don't hold your breath. They will likely get the same “punishment” as Jimmy Carter and Jesse Jackson got when they used church pulpits for political ends. A double standard?

GOOD QUESTIONS—From the 11/11 *World* magazine Mailbag: “Christian 'beauty queens?' How can they speak with a straight face about purity and chastity while marketing their flesh in evening gowns and bikinis? And why do Christians watch and defend this trash?”

WORSHIP & MUSIC—Asbury Seminary President Maxie Dunnam says "...the biggest revolution in the church today is in the area of worship and music." Dunnam commends contemporary music and worship.

MOON MOVING TO BRAZIL—Billionaire cult leader Sun Myung Moon, the self-proclaimed second coming of Christ, has become disappointed at the American public's refusal to worship him and is moving to Northern Brazil. His Family Federation for World Peace recently joined with Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam to sponsor a Million Family March on Washington, D.C.

CATHOLIC SHROUD A FRAUD—Catholics, Mormons, and charismatics put great emphasis on signs and visions (see Matt. 12:39). The Catholic Shroud of Turin has been debated since it first surfaced in 1357 AD. Scientific evidence continues to mount that it is one of the greatest art frauds in history. Scientists from Oxford and Cambridge universities have called it a fake and dated it around 1350 AD (see 10/15/88 CC). Bandaging was the custom for burial in Jesus' day. John 19:40 says Jesus' body was "wound" in linen clothes (plural), and 20:7 states that His head was covered with a napkin, not a shroud. The local bishop when it was first exhibited in 1357 called the Shroud a fraud, based on the testimony of the artist who made it. We believe the Shroud is as phony as the twentieth-century Catholic visions of Mary.

LIVE-BIRTH ABORTIONS—The Supreme Court, June 28, ruled that a Nebraska law forbidding partial-birth abortions except in cases when required for the life of the mother was "unconstitutional" because "the Constitution offers basic protection to a woman's right to choose." This method of abortion typically kills a viable child late in pregnancy. A mother now has a "constitutional" right to have a medical professional stab her child's brain when all but his tiny head is protruding from the birth canal. In his dissenting opinion, Justice Scalia rightly referred to this as "live-birth abortion." More directly, it is infanticide—an act of murder that God forbids and detests (Ex.20:13).

RADICAL FEMINIST MARY DALY A SPEAKER AT RE-IMAGINING EVENT—Mary Daly, barred from teaching at Boston College after 25 years, was one of the speakers at the eighth Re-Imagining Gathering in Minneapolis in Oct. Daly, who abandoned her Catholic faith ("the patriarchal church") in the early 1970s, describes herself as a radical feminist. She invited participants to "an other-world journey" revealed through quantum physics (11/11 *H. Times*). She encouraged them to have courage – "the courage to leave patriarchal institutions, which all churches are. The courage to sin The sin is to be – to be ourselves." The first Re-Imagining Conference (1993), held in conjunction with the WCC, caused quite a stir (see 4/15/94 CC) and used a controversial incantation to "Our maker, Sophia."

NCC & SAME-SEX 'MARRIAGE'—Bob Edgar says his signature on the Christian Declaration of Marriage may not mean what some think. Edgar, general secretary of the National Council of Churches, signed the document in Oct. It defines marriage as "a holy union of one man and one woman" and calls for "a stronger commitment to this holy union." But later the same week Edgar said he made a mistake, apologized, and said his support had nothing to do with same-sex unions (11/18 *HT*). He said churches in the ecumenical NCC disagree over same-sex unions. But "there is unanimity among us in our longstanding advocacy for full civil rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered persons. Through our dialogues, we have come to celebrate the gifts and challenges they present to us. We stand with them in our common battle against hatred and violence and the pain of exclusion. In our dangerously fragmented society, I regret and will resist any attempt to interpret support for one beleaguered segment of society as an attack on another." The NCC is trying to broaden its membership base. It now has 35 mainline Protestant, black Protestant, and Orthodox denominations, but announced plans in an Atlanta meeting to reach out to Roman Catholics and evangelicals. It also reportedly is being forced into another round of staff cuts. [11/20 *Religion Today*]

NAVIGATORS YOKE WITH CATHOLICS—The Navigators, a popular "evangelical" parachurch group that has a vast discipleship and publishing (NavPress) ministry, is yoking together with the Roman Catholic

Church. An e-mail sent to Navigator field staff Sept. 14 stated that “God has led several staff to develop ministries with Catholics...” and cites an example of one Navigator staffer who now directs the small group ministry at the largest Catholic church in Colorado Springs. David Cloud (9/6 *Chr. News*) comments: “To preach the blessed gospel to Roman Catholics is obedience to the Lord's command; to yoke together in ministry with the Roman Catholic Church in any fashion whatsoever is grave disobedience and confusion.” We cited an example in the April 1, 1997 *CC* of the extremes to which a NavPress book went in promoting building bridges with Islam.

ROME ASSERTS PAPAL AUTHORITY—The Vatican, in its recent *Dominus Iesus* document (see 10/1 & 15 *CCs*), declared Catholicism the sole path to salvation and claimed that Peter and his successors were commissioned by Jesus to rule the church (12/00 *Proclaiming the Gospel*). It said no one can “interpret Sacred Scripture outside the Tradition and Magisterium of the [RC] Church.” By declaring that bishops have sole authority to interpret Scriptures, the Vatican supplants God's authority with its own authority.

LOVING WITNESS, OR HATE CRIME?—A group of liberal Protestants and Roman Catholics asked Southern Baptist evangelistic teams not to come to Chicago, that their coming would contribute to a climate conducive to hate crimes (12/00 *Moody*). Southern Baptist Seminary President R. Albert Mohler said there is a deepening hostility to authentic gospel witness. He added: “These days, it is considered intolerant and unloving to tell someone that without Jesus Christ, he will spend eternity in hell. To claim that Jesus Christ is the only Savior is to preach intolerance and imperialism.” Post-modernists of our day say no one can claim to know THE truth, for there are many truths. Persecution and testing may be in store for those who seek to obey the Great Commission.

HUMANIST, POSITIVE RELIGION—“The chief danger of the 20th century will be religion without the Holy Spirit, Christianity without Christ, forgiveness without repentance, and heaven without hell.” (Gen. Wm. Booth)

TIM LEE RUNS WITH SBC CROWD—Dynamic preacher Dr. Tim Lee's two 2001 Youth Alive conferences are scheduled for North Carolina and Houston, according to his ad in Jerry Falwell's *National Liberty Journal*. His Southern Baptist speakers include Jerry Johnston, and David Ring. His two conferences this year included Southern Baptists Falwell, Johnston and Ring. Falwell, who began as a fundamentalist, recently identified with Southern Baptists. Lee seems to be pursuing the same course of compromise as his mentor. In his March 1994 *Target* paper he said “the lines of separation in Scripture are clear and they do not include separating from our Bible-believing brethren.” He listed Drs. W.A. Criswell, Adrian Rogers, Charles Stanley, and other inerrantist (but unequally-yoked) Southern Baptist leaders as fundamentalists. It is sad to see Lee continuing to defect toward the SBC which is a major supporter of the apostate Baptist World Alliance.

GRAHAM & THE MODESTO MANIFESTO—Elmer Towns, in the Nov. *National Liberty Journal*, tells of a late 1940s meeting at Modesto, CA of four young men that we know today as leaders of the Billy Graham evangelistic team. The men fasted and prayed for the group's leader (Billy Graham), and made a composite list of four major problems that plagued evangelism: 1. Exaggeration, the common misuse of the truth concerning size of crowds, number of converts, and need of money. 2. Money – Because evangelists were always raising money, it appeared many were in it for the money, so financial books would always be open. 3. Agreed to never be alone with a member of the opposite sex. 4. A critical spirit – pledged themselves to a positive ministry, and promote unity. Towns concluded that “the blessing of God is the main reason God used Billy Graham.” Indeed, many have been saved in Graham's ecumenical evangelism crusades, in spite of his ministry of disobedience (Phil. 1:18). But his “end justifies the means” philosophy has done untold harm to the cause of Christ, leading him to yoke up with false-gospel leaders, promote worldly rock music, and blur the lines of Biblical separation thereby promoting a new evangelicalism and the end-time one-world church of the Antichrist.

MAINSTREAM ALABAMA BAPTISTS—Ala. Baptists recently affirmed the new Baptist Faith & Message, but some walked out of the meeting and formed a separate Mainstream Alabama Baptists group. The Bible and women pastors are two main issues. Frances Jones of First Baptist Church, Huntsville, said she worries that the new faith statement will stop her from being a deacon in her church (11/16 *Huntsville Times*). She said her worries began over two years ago when Baptist women were told to be submissive to their husbands. “I don't want to be submissive to my husband,” said Jones.

CHARISMA SAYS: 'LET THE WOMEN PREACH!'—The Southern Baptist Convention recently passed a policy which states: “While both men and women are gifted for service in the church, the office of pastor is limited to men as qualified by Scripture.” *Charisma* Editor Lee Grady responds to, but fails to refute, this in a five-page article and an editorial. Most Southern Baptists would likely agree with much of what he says in giving Old and New Testament examples of women serving in various roles. His interpretation of 1 Tim. 2:12 and 1 Cor. 14:34-35 passages seems weak at best and seemingly a stretch. And we failed to see, in all the six pages, any mention of a key-phrase requirement for a pastor, “the husband of one wife” (1 Tim. 3:2). Women can serve the Lord in a multitude of ways in a local church, but is not the SBC restriction a Biblical one?

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MORMONISM CHANGES ITS TEACHING—The false cult of Mormonism is one of the world's richest and fastest-growing religious movements. It has 100 temples, and last year sent out 58,600 missionaries (11/13 *USN&WR*). Its real estate holdings are valued in the billions. It has over 12,000 local "churches." Nearly half of the world's 11 million Mormons live in the U.S. Its founder, Joseph Smith, was killed by an angry mob in 1844. His "golden plates" story is fantasy and coarse fiction, drawing upon Masonic rituals and clumsily reworked Bible passages. To survive and grow, Mormonism has conveniently altered its teachings (polygamy, blacks in the priesthood, e.g.) in the face of strong cultural tides. Mormons claim to be Christians—and say "We revere Jesus Christ as the Son of God, the Redeemer and Savior of the world"—but their "Jesus" is not the Jesus of the Bible. They use much of the same vocabulary that we do, but often deceptively attach different meanings to the terms.

'EX-GAY' LEADER OUSTED BY *FOCUS & EXODUS*—Former homosexual and head of Focus on the Family's gender and homosexuality department, John Paulk, was spotted and photographed at a Washington, DC "gay" bar Sept. 19 (10/16 *CN*). After initially lying about it, he was removed from the Focus board, but will remain on staff. He has been demoted from board chairman of Exodus, Int'l to board member. As would be expected, "gay" activists were quick to pounce on this as proof that homosexuals cannot change their behavior (10/21 *World*). This is sad, though possibly indicating that Focus is a victim of the "hasty celebrity trap" (see 9/15 *CC*). On Oct. 11, Focus on the Family broadcast announcer and co-host Mike Trout resigned after admitting an affair.

NEWBORN INFANTS ARE NOT PERSONS?—Princeton University Prof. Peter Singer and American University Prof. Jeffrey Reiman claim that newborn infants do not qualify as "persons" with constitutional protection (11/13 *Chr.Today*). Reiman claims that newborns do not "possess in their own right a property that makes it wrong to kill them." Such callous disregard for life is sinful!

AIDS DEATH TOLL—As of 1999, AIDS has killed 430,411 people in the U.S. (10/21 *World*). It is taking a disproportionate toll on minority communities, due in part to higher use of intravenous drugs. Together, blacks and Hispanics accounted for 66 percent of all new AIDS cases in 1999. Three times as many Hispanics as

whites contracted the disease last year, as did eight times as many blacks. AIDS remains the leading cause of death among blacks between the ages of 25 and 44. Reckless behavior is driving up the rate of new HIV/AIDS infections.

ATHEIST SPEAKS AT SCHULLER'S CHURCH—Mikhail Gorbachev talked with “possibility thinker” Robert Schuller on the latter's Hour of Power broadcast, Oct. 22. The conversation was taped Oct. 15 before 4,500 people at the Crystal Cathedral (10/30 *C.News*). Gorbachev has become a hero in the West. Union University (SBC), Jackson, TN scheduled him to speak there Oct. 10 (see 10/1 *CC*). Gorbachev calls himself an atheist. Schuller pressed him to acknowledge that he is not an atheist, but the avowed Leninist/atheist Gorbachev would not do so.

ADVENTISTS REAFFIRM ELLEN WHITE—Seventh-day Adventists at their July general conference reaffirmed support for the prophecies of Ellen G. White. Delegates voted “to intensify efforts to inform all church members, especially young members, about the gift of prophecy through the ministry of Ellen G. White.” (David Cloud, 10/16 *Chr. News*). One million Adventists were added in 1999, bringing the worldwide total to 11 million, 91% of which reside outside No. America. [Get David Cloud's book exposing the false gospel of the SDA: *Way of Life*, 1701 Harns Rd., Oak Harbor, WA 98277, 360/675-8311]

CAN AMERICA SURVIVE SUCH IDOLATRY?—For the first time ever, a Catholic nun and a Hindu priest in Sept. offered prayers in Congress at the invitation of the Roman Catholic House chaplain. Hindus worship millions of deities (10/30 *Chr. News*), and behind every idol are demons (1Cor. 10:19-20). So, in short the Hindu priest was praying to demons to help America. “...All nations that forget God shall be turned into Hell.” Repent, America!

FALSE REPORTS—Rumors travel fast in this age of E-mail and Internet. *Focus on the Family* lists the following as “NOT true” (10/23 *CN*): The “Belgian Beast” super-computer likely to be used by the Antichrist; Madalyn M. O'Hair's FCC petition to ban religious broadcasting; the 9-mile-deep hole dug in Siberia that reached hell... Proctor & Gamble's CEO is a Satanist; Charles Darwin's deathbed conversion and repentance of evolution; that Al Gore said his favorite Bible verse was John 16:3; that Janet Reno said anyone who believes the Bible is a dangerous cultist...To be credible, we must be careful! [A talk radio host false-rumor researcher lists many of these at this Web site address: www.truthorfiction.com]

ISLAM SLAVERY—Christian women are kidnapped by Muslim extremists (Pakistan), raped and forced to convert to Islam. Then a Muslim man will marry her. Christian parents or husbands who come to rescue the women are stopped by kidnappers and police (11/00 *Charisma*). The new Muslim husband often threatens to kill the woman's family.

WILLOW CREEK & WOMEN PASTORS—Bill Hybels' Willow Creek Community Church near Chicago years ago decided “after months of study and debate” that it would support women in any position of leadership—teacher, preacher, elder. The church's theological guru and founding elder, Wheaton College professor Gilbert Bilezikian, argues that “secular socialization regarding sex roles,” whereby men are cut out for certain tasks and women for others, has no place in a Christian community (11/13 *CT*). The church has garnered criticism because it requires that a potential member be able to “joyfully sit under the teaching of women teachers” and “joyfully submit to the leadership of women in various leadership positions at Willow Creek before joining. A female elder said, “...if you can't embrace this teaching, practically speaking, you'd probably be happier at some other church.” Bilezikian is said to enjoy a glass of red wine with his meal [“Dr.'s orders!”], and has “legions of female followers.” Perhaps not surprisingly, “Women at Willow Creek fall in love with him....” Such is the man behind Bill Hybels' seeker-sensitive megachurch ministry.

UPDATE ON BILL BRIGHT—During Campus Crusade's U.S. Leadership Conference the week of Oct. 16,

Bill Bright shared with 275 senior staff members that he has a lung condition, initially diagnosed as pulmonary fibrosis (but not yet confirmed), and prostate cancer. Currently, there is no known cure for the p-f, and the average life expectancy is three to five years. Dr. Bright announced to his worldwide staff last July that Steve Douglass would succeed him as president. Douglass currently serves Campus Crusade as executive vice president. Bright, 79, will turn over the presidency on August 1, 2001 (NOT 2000, as we reported in the 8/15 CC). Although he will continue to serve as chairman of the board of directors, Douglass will assume full post and authority at that time.

TEXAS BAPTISTS PULL \$5 MILLION FROM SBC—No surprise, but the Southern Baptist Convention's largest dissident branch, the 2.7 million-member Baptist General Convention of Texas, voted in late Oct. to reduce funding for SBC seminaries and other agencies (see 11/1 CC). This draws the battle lines a bit tighter, and the major rift may soon result in a new rival denomination—perhaps an alliance of three or four groups with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. BGCT “moderate-liberals” disagree with recent SBC actions regarding biblical inerrancy, women pastors, homosexuality, etc., which make the Baptist Faith and Message statement an “instrument of doctrinal accountability.” Despite the \$5 million defunding and reallocation changes, the BGCT will still send over \$17.5 million to SBC home and foreign mission boards.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES' SHAKE UP—Leaders of the Jehovah's Witnesses have ordered the biggest organizational shake-up since the cult began 116 years ago, saying it would help the 5.9-million-member group expand worldwide (10/14 *Huntsville Times*). The Watchtower Bible & Tract Society of Pa. had been run by a Governing Body. Now, religious and administrative duties will be divided, with three newly formed corporations running its U.S. operations. The group's president and six other board members resigned in Oct.

COLSON & CATHOLICS—“Southern Baptist Charles Colson is the most effective propagandist for the Roman Catholic Church in America.” So says Dr. John W. Robbins in the Oct. 2000 *Trinity Review*, Box 68, Unicoi, TN 37692. Robbins lists 33 reasons (10/16 *Chr. News*). Colson has praised the Pope, and often collaborated with Catholics (ECT, and other unity endeavors). He chose a Catholic to replace him at the helm of Prison Fellowship.

CARTER CUTS SBC TIES—Former President Jimmy Carter, Southern Baptists' most famous layman, has publicly renounced his lifelong ties with the SBC, calling it “rigid,” and aligns himself more with the Texas anti-inerrantists. He said that while homosexuality is a sin, he sees nothing wrong with a “Christian” homosexual being ordained. He said adultery is a more serious sin than homosexuality (10/30 *Christian News*). He has criticized the Southern Baptist belief that Mormonism is non-Christian and that Mormons are in need of evangelization.

METHODISTS SCOLD SCOUTS FOR 'GAY' BIAS—It is sad to see groups like the United Way stand with homosexuals in attacking the Boy Scouts of America. Further, the United Methodist Church, the second largest sponsor of Scout Troops in the US, chided the BSA for discrimination against homosexuals and implied that the denomination may drop its long standing ties to the Scouts. These “ties” include 12,000 Scout Troops in the UMC. In a statement issued October 10 the General Board of Church and Society of the UMC said “we would like to enthusiastically affirm and encourage this continuing partnership of the church and Scouting, [but] we cannot due to the Boy Scouts of America's discrimination against gays.” It is indeed sad to see a church denomination in America condemn a non-religious organization like the BSA because of their stand on morality. Such irony reveals the ongoing apostasy of the United Methodist Church! [An adapted excerpt from an ACCC resolution, Oct. 24-26, Toronto]

PARTIALLY PERSONAL—You are receiving this issue a little later than usual. The CC editor attended the 59th Annual Convention of the American Council of Christian Churches, Oct. 24-26, in Toronto. Four good resolutions were passed. Officers elected were: Dr. Richard Harris, President; Dr. John McKnight, V-P; Rev.

Craig Griffith, Secretary; and Bill WorriLOW, Treasurer. Dr. Ralph Colas is Executive Secretary. Dr. Frank McClelland and his church were excellent hosts. [Speakers were listed in the 10/1 CC, except Dr. John McKnight filled in for Dr. Bob Jones who couldn't be there due to the impending death of his mother. We offer our condolences.] A revised constitution was adopted, and the GARBC was removed as a constituent body of the ACCC. *** Back home, we assisted our daughter a few days in her bid (a first for her) for Circuit Clerk of Madison County. She lost by 3 percentage points (53 to 47 percent). *** Our church's annual Missions Conference was Nov. 1-5 with Dr. Ron Allen the main speaker. *** My eye exam last week revealed the need for laser surgery to the iris to relieve a fluid/pressure problem. This is a minor in-office procedure but could result in blindness if postponed. It is set for Nov. 14 (right eye) and Nov. 28 (left eye). Please pray. (I am way behind in answering e-mails and other letters.)

OLD GOSPEL VS. NEW—Rev. Gary Gilley says the new gospel is based on flawed philosophy (felt-needs) and misguided methodology (market-driven), and that it ultimately crystallizes into a mutated gospel of self-esteem and personal fulfillment (9-10/00 *VOICE*). He adds: The old gospel was about an offended God; the new gospel is about a wounded us. The old gospel was about sin, the new gospel is about needs; the old gospel was about our need for righteousness, the new gospel is about our need for fulfillment. The old gospel is offensive to those who are perishing; the new gospel is attractive. Many are flocking to the new gospel but it is altogether questionable how many are actually being saved. What we need in our churches is not a therapeutic, altered gospel that mirrors the spirit of the age, but rather the courage to become relevant by preaching the foolishness of the cross.

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NETHERLANDS PASSES GAY MARRIAGE BILL & EXPANDS PROSTITUTION—Dutch lawmakers Sept. 12 gave homosexual couples the right to marriage and all the trappings, including adoption and divorce. Approval by the upper house is considered a formality, and the law should go into effect early next year (9/28 *Ala. Baptist*). Denmark was the first to allow this. The semi-socialist Netherlands also expanded its legalized prostitution (already on open shameful display) to include full-fledged brothels (10/14 *World*). The Dutch sex industry generates billions of dollars each year and draws millions of visitors.

HARRY POTTER LURES KIDS TO WITCHCRAFT—Witchcraft, wizardry, and other forms of spiritism are condemned in Dt. 18:9-12. But the popular Harry Potter series of occult entertainment has fueled a rapidly growing interest in witchcraft among children who crave the power and magic of Harry's wizardly ways (10/2 *Chr. News*). It is dangerously naïve to assume that witchcraft is merely harmless literary fantasy. A 10/23 *Christianity Today* letter stated that the Lord's name was taken in vain in these books, and cited the use of profanity and a vulgarism. The letter-writer found nothing of redeeming value in the books and predicted that each new installment will get darker and darker.

HALLOWEEN & WITCHCRAFT—Halloween involves demons, witches, and the occult. Though many have linked witchcraft with Satan worship and sorcery, most contemporary witches follow a nature-oriented, polytheistic belief system built around the worship of the Great Mother Goddess (10/23 *C. Today*). There is no such thing as a GOOD witch. And Halloween is pagan in origin and practice. It is religious (Satan's holy day) but not Christian!

CHRISTIANS OPPOSE SPECIAL RIGHTS FOR 'GAYS'—"Americans, by a vast majority, do not want homosexuals to live under the fear of physical threat...but they also believe that avowed, active homosexuals are not the role models they want to lead their virtue-building institutions. Homosexual activists and their sympathetic journalists should recognize that tolerance does not require endorsement of a cultural blank check." Bible-believing Christians know homosexuality and adultery are sins and they oppose any special privileges for either.

SIGNS OF DECLINE—America is fast going the way of other nations that forgot God. Indicators are evident: adultery, divorce, homosexuality, abortion, drunkenness, drug abuse, gangs/violence, suicide, pornography, lying politicians, lukewarm religion, worldly rock music invading churches with emphasis on entertainment, etc.

DISNEY DETERIORATES—Walt Disney Company under CEO Michael Eisner has become increasingly perverse. It retains foul-mouthed, openly satanic and drug culture bands on its record labels; is the largest stockholder of porn distributor Viewer's Choice, the pay-per-view cable company; produces unsavory and anti-family movies through its Miramax subsidiary, etc. (10/23 *New Amer.*) This is but the tip of the rotten iceberg.

MUSLIM MOBS BURN CHURCHES IN INDONESIA—Indonesia is the world's fourth most populous state, with the largest Muslim population of any country. Over 100 churches have been burned and thousands killed in Muslim-Christian violence since June (10/7 *World*). Horror stories abound. Christian villages are burned and uprooted. Muslims fear that with the number of Christians growing, Christians are trying to Christianize Indonesia.

Gore 'AN INCLUSIVIST MODERNIST'—A 10/23 *Christianity Today* article says V-P Al Gore's mosaic of rational spirituality "gives him the profile of an inclusive modernist..." His 1992 book (see 10/1 *CC*) was criticized for being a compendium of New Age religion, buttressed by universalism and pantheism. Gore blasts Western civilization as "deeply dysfunctional." In his prescription for change, he draws on Islamic, Hindu, Sikh, and Baha'i texts, along with Native American prayers to the Great Spirit. He waxes nostalgic about "a single earth goddess" who benevolently reigned in the hearts of prehistoric humans. He gave a sermon in 1992 at the notoriously liberal Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York. His pronouncement that "God is not separate from the earth" brought a storm of protest (10/23 *CT*).

LIBERALS FAVOR HOMOSEXUALS OVER SCOUTS—The Supreme Court in a 5-4 vote affirmed the right of the Boy Scouts as a private association to exclude avowed homosexuals from leadership (10/23 *CT*). So homosexual activists have mounted an aggressive campaign to apply economic pressure on United Way and other BSA donors to withhold money from the Scouts. News stories in the *New York Times* referred to the Scouts as "almost anti-American" and "something akin to a hate group" for refusing to allow homosexuals to become scoutmasters (10/23 *USN&WR*). You would think for all of the bashing by liberal media that the Scouts were some communist or subversive group. Though we are not comfortable with the fact that the Mormon Church sponsors almost three times as many Scout groups as the second-ranked religious sponsor, the United Methodist Church, we feel strongly that such a private organization should be entitled to determine its own membership and leadership.

MOODY RADIO PASTOR HAS BAD ADVICE ON CATHOLIC BELIEFS—A listener asked Moody Radio Pastor Don Cole for "biblical justification" for nuns, purgatory, confessing to a priest, and worshipping the Virgin Mary. Cole's reply was that each of these is a Catholic belief or practice and said he could not speak for the Roman Catholic Church. He said he included the question "to make two points: that treatment of Roman Catholic doctrine by some Protestants is not always accurate, and that it is unfair for us Protestants...to do a monologue about somebody else's beliefs." Dave Hunt (10/00 *The Berean Call*) says Moody should be held accountable, and asks: "Would Cole give the same response if asked about Mormons or Jehovah Witnesses?" He said that treatment of RC doctrine by some Protestants is doubtless true, but hardly an excuse for Cole himself not to give an accurate and biblical appraisal. Hunt went on to show the absurdity of calling it "unfair" to "monologue about somebody else's beliefs." Truth is, Cole has long had a weakness toward Catholicism. In 1989 (WITW) he is quoted as saying, in response to the question "Should we accept Catholics as fellow Christian brothers and sisters in Christ?" that: "I personally accept as brothers or sisters in Christ all who acknowledge Jesus as Lord....I love and respect many Catholic Christians...." Multitudes are deceived today by Romanism's false doctrines while Cole, MBI and others refuse to give a clear warning, and criticize those who do.

HELL: ETERNAL TORMENT OR ANNIHILATION?—The 10/23 *Christianity Today* discussed this question in a 15-page debate and assessment (by new-evangelical "scholars") of the Evangelical Alliance's new *The Nature of Hell* book out of England. The *CT* article listed key authors/theologians on each side of the issue. Under Annihilationism, the advocates were: John Stott, David Edwards, Philip Hughes, John Wenham, and Edward Fudge. (From church history: Justin Martyr, Arnobius, Theophilus, John Biddle, William Whiston, Henry Constable, and Edward White.) Under Traditionalism, were listed: J. I. Packer, John Gerstner, Larry Dixon, Kendall Harmon, Robert Peterson, and D. A. Carson. (From church history: Tertullian, Lactantius, Basil, Cyril, Chrysostom, Augustine, Aquinas, Luther, Calvin, Edwards, Whitefield and Wesley.) Packer in a 11/11/91 *CT* article (see 12/15/91 *CC*), said he did not believe that "the essence of hell is grotesque bodily discomfort."

DR. PICKERING WITH THE LORD—On Oct. 16, Dr. Ernest Pickering, pres. of Baptist Bible College & Seminary (Pa.) from 1970-1978, was graciously ushered into the presence of the Lord he loved and served so faithfully. The cancer he so bravely fought overcame his physical body but it never touched his indomitable spirit. His life was a model of grace, faith, and obedience. In spite of the loss of sight, faltering hearing, and the erosion of his physical body, he never doubted God's goodness and sovereign leadership, nor lost his ability to encourage others. He joyfully and faithfully served until God called him home. His precious wife Yvonne, daughter Dawn, son Lloyd, and their families need our prayer support at this time. [Above is from a Jim Huckaby e-mail via Dr. Ralph Colas] Dr. Pickering had also been a pastor, president of Central Seminary, missions leader, and a prolific writer. Of his numerous books, *Biblical Separation* and *Tragedy of Compromise* are among the most popular. While serving as Deputation Director for Baptist World Mission, and a member of Calvary Baptist Church, he preached in our church several times—and, when the *CC* editor was seriously injured in an auto wreck in 1994, Dr. Pickering taught his Bible class for a few Sundays. Fundamentalism has lost a true friend and trusted scholar.

TEXAS CONVENTION TO CUT FUNDS FOR SBC?—The Southern Baptist Convention is under attack by the moderate/liberal leadership of its largest state affiliate, the 2.7 million Baptist General Convention of Texas (10/14 *World*). A proposal to be voted on at the end of Oct. would severely cut contributions to five of the six seminaries, the SBC Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, and the SBC headquarters operation. Most of these funds would be redirected to three more liberal schools (e.g., Truett Seminary at Baylor). Approval of this plan could compel the SBC to appeal directly to Texas churches for support. Power politics is involved, but revisions to the Baptist Faith and Message strengthening biblical authority is at the heart of the debate. The document is binding on seminary teachers and administrators but not on members. This all could result in a major rift in the SBC.

THE CROSSOVER: POPULAR TREND TODAY—A crossover is basically a compromising of two distinct points of view. Neo-Evangelicals sought to bridge the doctrinal gap with Liberals, particularly those in the Neo-Orthodox camp, in the 1940s. In so doing, many of them were drawn into the vortex of existential theology and lost their identification as evangelicals. Billy Graham adopted the old pragmatic "become one of them to win them" philosophy. To broaden his appeal and ministry, he crossed over to the world's style of life and music (from rock to rap) to bridge the gap between God and the world. Ralph Carmichael, Bill Gaither, Amy Grant, and other Gospel music innovators have used the crossover technique of using the world's music to make Christianity more acceptable to the world. The Fundamentalists' temptation at present is not so much the crossover to the world or even to liberalism. But our temptation will be to make the crossover into Neo-Evangelicalism. Trying to be more like them in worship, music, and lifestyle, we will have lost our identity and the distinctives that made us great in our precious Lord. Will music become Fundamentalism's crossover bridge to Neo-Evangelicalism? Only God knows. [Dr. H.T. Spence, Pres., Foundations Bible College, Adapted fr. 8-pg. article, 9/00 *Straightway*, PO Box 1166, Dunn, NC 28335]

SPURGEON ON INCLUSIVISM—Complicity with error will take from the best of men the power to enter any successful protest against it. If any body of believers had errorists among them, but were resolute to deal

with them in the name of the Lord, all might come right; but confederacies founded upon the principle that all may enter, whatever views they hold, are based upon disloyalty to the truth of God. If truth is optional, error is justifiable.

TBN'S CROUCH COMPROMISES WITH RED CHINA—Charismatic Paul Crouch recently defended his Trinity Broadcasting Network's agreement with the communist Chinese government that allows TBN to broadcast by satellite. Critics said this ignored human rights violations in China, but Crouch is apparently deceived on China's "new openness at the top." Crouch said to a Chinese ambassador who wanted to know more about Christianity: "If you will look just at the pure teachings of Christ and not what some religion teaches about Him, in some ways Jesus was a communist. He said 'Feed the hungry, clothe the naked.'" Red China is glad to permit a "Jesus is a communist" message to be beamed to its enslaved masses.

PCB, EASTERN CO-SPONSOR ROCKFEST—The Philadelphia College of the Bible was a co-sponsor on July 20, along with Eastern college and others, of "Breakthru Music Fest 2000". The rockfest was held at Eastern College, a school loosely affiliated with the liberal American Baptist Churches (Sep.-Oct. *Fund. Digest*). The ABC is a member of the NCC and WCC.

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ABORTION PILL RU-486 IS 'BABY POISON'—The Food and Drug Association, Sept. 28, approved the RU-486 abortion pill. This will make abortions more casual and common. A N.J. congressman said "RU-486 is not just poison for babies, it is potential poison for the mothers who take it." (9/29 *Huntsville Times*, 9/15 *CC*) He said it can cause prolonged bleeding and severe cramps.

CHILDREN OF DIVORCE—For a decade the evidence has piled up concerning children of divorce. They are more depressed and aggressive toward parents and teachers; more likely to later develop mental and emotional disorders; likelier to abuse drugs, turn to crime, and commit suicide; they start sexual activity earlier; have more children out of wedlock; and are less likely to marry (10/2 *USN & WR*). These are just some of the massive effects of the divorce boom of our day and indicate that a "good" divorce may be worse than a bad marriage.

WEIGH DOWN FIRES BAPTIST WHO WOULDN'T ATTEND ITS CHURCH?—Thomas Nelson Publishers on Sept. 8 halted publication of a new book by Gwen Shamblin, founder of Weigh Down Diet, due to dissension over her doctrinal positions (9/25 *C. News*). She said: "If God wanted to refer to himself, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit as the 'trinity,' he would not have left this word... out of the Bible." She has ties to the Church of Christ, and helped start a new church in Nashville (1/99) which has about 80 (mostly Weigh Down Workshop) employees. At least 35 WDW employees have been pressured to quit their jobs, and a Southern Baptist employee says she was fired, because they would not attend Shamblin's church.

GANGSTA RAP IS NOW MAINSTREAM—Hard core gangsta rap is laden with bad language, explicit sex, and violence, and breeds a culture of crime. It is obsessed with a "disrespect-me-and-I'll-kill-you" attitude, the swaggering macho bragging of impregnating and abusing women (9/23 *World*). Eminem is the meanest, most violent and lawless.

TIPPER KEEPS CHANGING HER TUNE—Tipper Gore, who severed ties with the Parents' Music Resource Center which she co-founded in 1985 to have warning labels on sexually explicit and violent rock music, apologized to West Coast entertainment executives (9/15/99 *CC*) and tried to atone for her original "fault" by drumming with a lesbian rock band at a homosexual rights event (8/15 *CC*). After raising huge

showbiz funds from California, it now seems politically correct to have her join Lieberman and revert back to the original Tipper. This whole thing smacks of hypocrisy. [Mrs. Gore has been a member of Peace Links, a far-left disarmament lobby (8/1/92 CC).]

SO. AFRICAN CONGREGATIONS ROBBED—Bandits are robbing entire congregations at gunpoint during Sun. morning services in South Africa. Church robberies are the latest trend in this crime-plagued country, where hospitals, doctors' offices, even courtrooms, are targets (*ReligionToday*). Some churches are hiring armed guards and locking their doors 10 minutes after services start. This has sure cured latecomers. Everyone's on time now!

HATE-CRIME LAW MAY CRIMINALIZE RELIGIOUS SPEECH—The "hate crime" law may ultimately be used to punish Christian pastors who preach that homosexuality is sinful—that is., a sermon against sodomy could be considered as hate speech. The law would make some victims more worthy than others, thus denying Equal Protection. The way liberals seem to apply it is that to murder a homosexual would likely be a hate crime, but for a homosexual to murder someone would likely not be.

DOBSON PROGRAM PROMOTED BAD BOOK ON EVOLUTION—Popular creationist Ken Ham is quoted as follows in the 9/18 *Christian News*: "Recently I heaved a heavy sigh of disappointment when I heard Mike Trout, James Dobson's announcer, highly recommend a book for teenagers on the creation/evolution issue titled *It Couldn't Just Happen* at the end of a Focus on the Family radio program (an interview between Dr. Dobson and Philip Johnson). This book is also listed in Focus on the Family's master book list as one that 'offers solid, biblical answers to questions about the Big Bang Theory, dinosaurs and much more.' My heart sank as I pictured thousands of eager moms and dads buying this book for their children. And, what would they learn? 1. Noah's Flood could be local or worldwide – we can't know for sure. 2. The days of Creation could be ordinary days or millions of years – we can't know for sure. 3. The Earth could be thousands or billions of years old – we can't know...."

RELIGION IN RED CHINA—Atheism is the official religion of China, but the communist government has not been able to wipe out the many ancient religions that are practiced by millions of Chinese. Buddhism, Confucianism and Taoism are widespread, and occult activity is woven into these false religions (10/00 *Charisma*). Among the unusual beliefs in China are: 1. Ancestor worship – believe spirits of deceased need to be fed and cared for. 2. Animism – believe non-human objects such as trees, animals, and mountains have spirits. 3. Bon – Tibetan religion- mixes occult, black magic and reincarnation. 4. Folk religion – a blend of superstition, and elements of traditional religions. 5. Astrology – each year is named after one of the twelve animals of the Chinese zodiac.

LEIGHTON FORD'S NEW MINISTRY—Leighton Ford, Billy Graham's brother-in-law, served 31 years with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and is Honorary Life Chairman of the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization. But the 10/2 *Christianity Today* says his new ministry is "spiritual direction," mentoring, etc., which seems dangerously akin to New Age mysticism. In 1993, he heard Princeton Seminary's Diogenes Allen speak about the Benedictine discipline of *lectio divina*, a very ancient Catholic art which involves "a slow contemplative praying of the Scriptures which enables the Bible to become a means of union with God." Ford is now said to be "simply walking in people's souls" and finding out what God is doing there. He was the May 1997 Commencement speaker for Dallas Seminary, and has endorsed Alpha. He recently said individuals "should preach the gospel," but they shouldn't "be so negative as to refuse to endorse or work with those who belong to a group that proclaims a different gospel." (9/1/98 CC).

CHARISMATICS 'WORSHIP WITH ABANDON'—A 10/00 *Charisma* article describes a Friday Night Alive service at First Assembly of God in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, a hub of a four-year "revival" under pastor Larry Sohn: "The 1,000 people here tonight express worship in a variety of ways. Some shout, clap and blur the aisles,

twirling and hopping as the band energetically pounds through a contemporary rock-style praise song. A woman on the timpani grooves while playing her drum. Choir members dance in the loft while other men and women lay still on the floor, soaking in the presence of the Holy Spirit." Sohn said half the people in his church had come from Catholic backgrounds and most hadn't "experienced the baptism in the Holy Spirit. But returning to the church after attending a 1994 Rodney Howard-Browne meeting he said: "Suddenly, I was laying hands on people, but my hands weren't empty. The Holy Spirit in me was touching them...." The article quotes an ex-alcoholic attendee: "When the guy touched me I went down. I felt peace like I'd never known. Tears were running down my face. That was the day I knew I was going to heaven." Charismatics seem to base salvation on emotions or experiences instead of on the Gospel of Christ. In the entire eight-page article which had many "salvation" accounts, we saw at least nine mentions of the Spirit but no mention of the Gospel, or of Jesus except in a sidebar. This is a misplaced emphasis. Jesus said the Holy Spirit would testify of Him and glorify Him.

A CHURCH OR CAMPUS CULT?—The International Churches of Christ, known also as the Boston Movement, began as a splinter group of the mainline Churches of Christ. Its leaders were influenced by the discipling or "shepherding" movement of the 1970s (10/00 *Chr. Today*). Its founder is Kip McKean. The ICC teaches that water baptism is a condition of salvation, and you can't be baptized until you are a disciple. And you can't be a disciple until you finish the ICC's discipleship program. Their rigid rules get taken to a legalistic extreme ("abusive mind control") designed to coerce and control people. At least 39 colleges have banned the ICC at one time or other.

AMSTERDAM 2000 REPORT READY TO MAIL—Dr. Ralph Colas, Executive Secretary of the American Council of Christian Churches, attended Dr. Billy Graham's recent international conference of evangelists at Amsterdam (8/15 *CC*). This has been dubbed, "Billy Graham's Torch-Passing Event," "The New Evangelical Event of the Year," and "The Greatest Worldwide Conference on Evangelism." Dr. Colas has a big six-page report on this now ready to mail. Send offering for postage to: ACCC, P.O. Box 5455, Bethlehem, PA 18015.

HALF OF RC PRIESTS MAY BE HOMOSEXUALS—We have seen this charge made before, and from various Catholic sources (11/1/99 *CC*), and also the estimate that one-third of Episcopal priests are "gay" (7/1/97 *CC*). Now we see in the 9/18 *Christian News* a report from the 8/15 *The Remnant* stating: "A leading American churchman is claiming that the Roman Catholic priesthood has become 'primarily a gay culture'...." Father Donald Cozzens says an exodus of experienced priests from the church, many of them to marry, has drastically altered the gay-straight ratio. The report says the RC Church in America has paid out millions of dollars in child sex abuse cases. It says figures for the number of homosexual priests in the American Church are very difficult to pin down. Cozzens says estimates range up to 60 percent.

CASTRO IS APPLAUDED AT RIVERSIDE CHURCH—Mass-murdering communist atheist Fidel Castro spoke for four hours to a crowd of 2,000 admirers at notoriously liberal Riverside Church in New York after attending the UN Millennium Summit (9/18 *Chr. News*). Former NCC head Joan Brown Campbell and Maxine Waters were in the crowd that applauded. Riverside, located adjacent to Union Seminary and NCC headquarters, has long been a hotbed of subversive activity. [See 10/15/88 *CC* for a report of our 1988 visit to Riverside, etc.] It was built by John D. Rockefeller and made famous by liberal Harry Emerson Fosdick. Left-wing peace demonstrator William Sloane Coffin and James Forbes were more recent senior ministers there. But all kinds of political and theological left-wing radicals have spoken at Riverside through the years. So Castro fit in rather compatibly.

POPE ATTEMPTS DAMAGE CONTROL—Pope John Paul II has sought to repair damaged relations with other religions done by the Vatican document *Dominus Jesus* released last month (see 10/1 *CC*). He said the document was misinterpreted and was not intended to be arrogant to other faiths. The document described non-Catholic religions as "gravely deficient" and other Christian churches as having "significance and importance in

the mystery of salvation", but said the Catholic Church is necessary for salvation. The Pope said the document shows that other Christian churches contain "precious elements of salvation." He said that while it declares that "the only Church of Christ subsists in the Catholic Church," it doesn't mean "to express a lack of consideration for other churches and ecclesiastic communities." This "repaired no damage" but reveals once more that the Roman Catholic Church's aim is that it remain "greatest among equals" in any ecumenical dialogue scheme.

RC NUN, HINDU OFFER PRAYER IN CONGRESS—Just two days after the first Catholic nun opened the U.S. House of Representatives with a prayer, the Roman Catholic House chaplain invited a Hindu priest (for the first time ever) from Ohio to offer the prayer, Sept. 14 (9/25 *CN*). Guest chaplains are recommended by members of Congress. Farewell, Christian America, when our leaders seek wisdom/guidance from false gods!

FOUR DIE IN KENYA WAITING FOR HINN TO HEAL—Four people die in Kenya April 30 while waiting for visiting American evangelist Benny Hinn to heal them. They had been allowed to leave a hospital to attend a two-day "Miracle Crusade" in Nairobi led by Hinn (5/11 *Ala. Bapt.*). They had hoped for a cure, but died before Hinn could pray for them. Others suffered serious injuries when they fell out of trees they had climbed in order to better see the charismatic evangelist. Dr. Jerry Falwell paid tribute to and endorsed false prophet Hinn at Hinn's 25th ministry celebration last December (4/1 *CC*).

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BAPTISTS RESPOND TO NEW MORMON TEMPLE—Over 100 people from several denominations (SBC, Lutheran, Assembly of God, etc.) distributed literature last month across the street from a new Mormon temple near Birmingham. They were not there to protest but to educate people attending open house about Mormonism's deceptive claims. "The Mormons are out there saying, 'We're Christians,' and we're saying, 'Not according to what the Bible teaches,'" a spokesman said (9/7 *Ala. Baptist*). He added, "They have a right to be there, but don't pretend you're something you're not."

HOMOSEXUALS SEEK TO CENSOR DR. LAURA—Homosexual-rights advocates demonstrate against Dr. Laura's new TV show. John Aravosis, co-founder of a Web site called stopdrlaura.com, said "The protests are going to last until the TV show comes off the air and Paramount (the producer) drops its double standard on prejudice." While dozens of pro-homosexual characters blanket the television airwaves, the "gay" community is targeting one of the few opposing voices and bitterly attempting to silence her. In olden days, liberals told us to just change the channel when we saw offensive things. But that rule of TV viewing apparently holds true only if Christ is being blasphemed ... or nudity is splashed on the screen ... or teenagers are depicted exploring their sexuality ... or two homosexuals are seen kissing. It only holds true when conservatives are offended. When the left is offended, it instantly seeks to silence and vilify the opposition. The czars of this politically-correct frenzy have absolutely no room to talk about double standards. [*Liberty Alliance*] We don't approve of all Dr. Laura says (profanity, e.g.), but defend her from the left's duplicity.

AL GORE'S NEW AGE BELIEFS—V-P Gore's beliefs stated in his *Earth in the Balance* book are New Age and pagan, and blend Christianity with pantheism. The New Age movement is rooted in Eastern religions and the occult. Gore affirms the New Age teachings of Teilhard de Chardin (7/20/92 *Chr. News*) and views the earth and all its parts as sacred (9/1/92 *CC*). A 5/1 *USN & WR* article called Gore's book "a fanatical approach to the environment." He wrote of "a constant and holy spiritual presence in all people, all life, and all things." Gore is a member of a Southern Baptist Church pastored by a woman. He attended an "illegal fund-raising" event at a Buddhist temple (1996), and on "impeachment day," hailed Pres. Clinton as a great president. He is pro-abortion and pro-homosexual rights. [Rev. Nolan McFadden has an extensive review of V-P Gore's book: Institute of Biblical Discipleship, 9651 S. 485 Rd., Miami, OK 74354, \$1.00, or get it free by e-mail at:

psalm23ranch@rectec.net]

STEVE ALLEN A SECULAR HUMANIST—Famous humorist and author Steve Allen created the Tonight Show and has written numerous books/songs. He recently commendably voiced disgust at TV filth, sex and violence, winning Jerry Falwell's praise on the latter's TV show. The Lutheran Layman's League last year featured Allen on a program. The National Religious Broadcasters gave Allen a Distinguished Service Award when he spoke at NRB '87, saying he “stresses Christian values.” (3/1/91 *CC*) But Allen has served on globalist boards and has been a major promoter of humanism. He has done radio/TV spots urging people to join the American Humanist Ass'n (9/27/99 *CN*). He signed the Humanist Manifesto 2000. He attacked God in a decade-old book, and said the Bible contains error. Allen is hardly worthy of Christian praise.

AIDS ORPHANS—AIDS deaths have orphaned 13.5 million African children. Over 22 million Africans are infected with HIV, the virus that leads to AIDS, compared to 1.5 million Americans (9/9 *World*). Half of South Africa's youth are infected. The AIDS epidemic is largely a preventable tragedy caused largely by a sinful lifestyle.

UN IGNORES ABSTINENCE IN FIGHTING AIDS—The United Nations is pushing contraception to fight AIDS in Africa, ignoring Uganda's successful abstinence strategy. It is trying to make condoms available to every man, woman, and child in Africa. The larger goal is to make contraceptives available to 95 percent of the world's young people by 2010 (9/9 *World*). But new evidence suggests that condoms may actually spread the disease and increase the number of HIV/AIDS transmissions—through failure, and by discouraging essential lifestyle changes (abstinence, monogamy) which worked in Uganda.

GAMBLING CAUSES SUICIDE, DIVORCE, POVERTY—Nevada, the gambling center of America, has the highest gambling addiction, suicide and divorce rates of any of the 50 states (*Life Light*). Where money is highest in priority, lives are poorest in quality. Lottery gamblers with household incomes under \$10,000 bet nearly three times as much on lotteries as those with incomes over \$50,000.

TED TURNER FUNDS ABORTION-RIGHTS CALLS—Abortion-rights groups plan to phone 2 million women in key states and persuade them to vote for Al Gore. The National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League and Planned Parenthood are reportedly leading the effort (9/14 *Religion Today*). CNN founder Ted Turner is financing it from his Foundation which funds efforts relating to population growth and the environment. Pro-life forces are mobilizing a similar effort for George Bush.

CATHOLICS SAY THEY ARE SUPERIOR—The Vatican's pronouncement last month that Roman Catholicism is the only “instrument for the salvation of all humanity,” that all “other” Christians are “deficient,” and Anglican and Protestant churches “are not churches in the proper sense” has left non-Catholic religious leaders around the world in a state of shock. Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey, leader of 70 million Anglicans, is dismayed. Some ecumenical evangelicals plan to just “ignore” the supremacist boasting in the 36-page document and to move ahead with local unity and dialogue pursuits with Catholics even though the document states that in such “inter-religious” dialogue, the presupposition of equality “refers to the equal personal dignity of the parties in dialogue, not to doctrinal content, nor even less to the position of Jesus Christ...” The document repeatedly states that “the [Roman Catholic] Church,” to the exclusion of other churches, is necessary for salvation. It states: “...it would be contrary to the faith to consider the [RC] Church as one way of salvation alongside those constituted by the other religions...even if these are said to be converging with the [RC] Church...” The document states that it is proper to attribute “salvific efficacy” to the sacraments. The more Rome changes the more it remains the same [Rev. 18:4].

CC EDITOR'S REPLY TO A SO. BAPTIST(Adapted)—I tried to give an honest answer to your question and said [Dr. ____] was a great preacher, but was "ecumenical" in his associations. I am not surprised at most of the

good that you say he is doing, and I do not question that he is doing *many* good things, not because of, but in spite of, his being in the SBC. Beginning in 1979, he had a major role in "helping turn the SBC around." I disagree, however, that it has been entirely turned around. It is still a hodgepodge of conservatives, new evangelicals, liberals, women preachers, masons, charismatics, and is still a major supporting member of the apostate Baptist World Alliance that had Archbishop Desmond Tutu (who denies Christian doctrines) as a 7/98 speaker. And BWA leaders recently had an "excellent" meeting with Cuban communist leader Fidel Castro (see 9/15 CC), and now call for our government to lift sanctions. Ignore all this at your peril! You charge me with saying things that are not true, yet, unfairly do not identify them. It is easy, but dangerous, to follow a man, regardless of how great the man, instead of the Lord and the commands of His word. Mormon and Catholic "churches" are growing too, but that is hardly an indication of God's blessing! I am sorry for your bad experience in an independent Baptist church. We are not perfect, but we are NOT a monolith. Our church will not have to account for what another independent church does, since, by definition, we are "independent" (though *very* dependent on the Lord!). By contrast, an SBC church is linked with the sinful practices of the groups listed above, in direct disobedience to the Biblical commands to "Come out...be ye separate...."

VESTAL BELIEVES CBF YEARNING FOR SPLIT—Daniel Vestal, leader of the moderate/liberal Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, thinks there is a "great yearning" in the CBF to formally split from the SBC (9/14 *Ala. Bapt.*) and thinks the CBF will "have to deal with that this year."

ACCC MEETING IS SET FOR TORONTO—Toronto Free Presbyterian Church (Pastor, Dr. Frank McClelland) is hosting the 59th Annual Meeting of the Amer. Council of Christian Churches, Oct. 24-26. Convention theme is "*Redeeming the Time*". Speakers include: Drs. Ian Paisley, Bob Jones III, John Ashbrook, Jim Singleton, H.T. Spence, Wm. Hopewell, Ron Cooke. Get brochure from: ACCC, POB 5455, Bethlehem, PA 18015. E-mail: acc@juno.com

SO. BAPTIST UNIVERSITY HOSTS GORBACHEV—Union University, Jackson, Tenn., has announced that Mikhail Gorbachev will speak at its annual scholarship banquet, Oct. 10. The 9/1 *Sword of the Lord* reported this and we confirmed it with Union by phone. Union Pres. David Dockery explained (in *Unionite*) that Gorbachev has been one of the pivotal figures of the 20th century, and his actions have changed the world for the better. This is amazing—a sad sign that someone is abysmally bereft of spiritual discernment. We must not forget that Gorbachev, "the butcher of Afghanistan", is an avowed lifelong Leninist/atheist. He spoke at the UN Millennium Peace Summit last month (9/15 CC) promoting a globalist Earth Charter rooted in the writings of his Green Cross environmentalist group. His Foundation sponsored a 1995 State of the World Forum (12/15/95 CC) and again last month at the UN. We agree with *Sword* Editor Dr. Shelton Smith that Gorbachev is "no hero" for freedom.

CBF 'THEOLOGICAL CHAOS'—Conservative Southern Baptist Russell Moore reported on the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's recent annual meeting in Orlando, describing it as "a bizarre mix of 19th century Romantic liberalism, postwar European neo-orthodoxy, 1960s protest politics, and contemporary pop New Age mysticism." We quote/excerpt from his report in the Oct. *Baptist Banner* to document some of the apostasy in the CBF: CBF participants were livid at Southern Baptist attempts to evangelize Jews, Hindus, Buddhists, and others. One said she would take great offense if she were told she needed Christ to avoid hell. An awkward silence followed when Alliance of Baptists director Stan Hasteley was asked whether unbelievers across the world who never come to Christ will go to hell. He finally answered, "I don't know." He did know, however, that Baptists should not be aggressive in evangelizing those in world religions. Hasteley hailed same-sex marriage and other gay issues as defining social justice issues to be embraced by Baptists. The CBF is steeped in liberalism. This is but the tip of the iceberg.

FUNDAMENTALIST FOIBLES—Amazingly, some present-day Fundamentalists have agonized in trying to understand what Fundamentalism is. Several of them have concentrated on the eccentricities and shortcomings

of Fundamentalist leaders, thus attempting to justify abandoning or modifying the movement. (One of the first such attempts was Robert L. Sumner, *Fundamentalist Foibles...*) Sumner's book is an argument that separatism was not part of early Fundamentalism. He argues against separatism, stating, "Separatism was never an issue in early Fundamentalism!" Others criticize the supposed inconsistencies, failures, and harsh spirit of certain Fundamentalist leaders....We ought not excuse such failures, nor should we emulate them....Whatever imperfections are obvious...they do not negate the rightness of the biblical position we embrace. We should not discard a biblically correct position because we dislike the actions of certain individuals. Early Fundamentalists, when they attacked liberals, assailed doctrinal abuses. ... Fundamentalist leaders like Monroe Parker, Myron Cedarholm, Richard Clearwaters, and Ernest Pickering [stood] against New Evangelicalism....I grieve to see present-day disgruntled descendants of these giants look back with contempt on the courageous heroes of that generation and attack them!...Yet...without any gratitude, [some] criticize those who paid a price to give them the spiritual heritage they now demean. [The above are direct, but disjointed, quotes from pages 159-161 of Dr. Fred Moritz's new *Contending for the Faith* book available from the publisher, BJU Press, Greenville, SC 29614, \$10.95. Call 800/845-5731 for postage charges.

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HASTY CELEBRITY TRAP—In 1997, abortion clinic operator and open homosexual Eric Harrah testified of conversion in an Assembly of God church and left his Pa. abortion mill (9/2 *World*). During 1998 and 1999 he was the anti-abortion hero, the trophy convert, the hottest new face in pro-life fundraising. Media divisions of Focus on the Family, Life Dynamics, Coral Ridge Ministries, Life Issues Institute, and The 700 Club all ran stories on him. But early this year, he was forced to abandon pro-life activism under a cloud of unstable behavior and suspected theft, lying, and drug abuse. Now, at 32, he has renounced Christianity and returned to homosexuality.

FDA RESTRICTS ABORTION DRUG—Pro-abortionists fear that unusual FDA restrictions on RU-486 mean fewer doctors will prescribe it, making it less accessible. This “easy, at-home abortion drug” takes several days and can have serious side effects (*Moody*). And the emotional trauma could be worse than that of a surgical abortion.

SENATE EXPANDS HATE CRIMES—The U.S. Senate voted 57-42 to expand federal hate crime laws to include crimes based on sexual orientation [e.g., homosexuality] or crimes committed because a person is handicapped (9-10/00 *Moody*). Its future is uncertain. This dangerous legislation (see 12/15 *CC*) is now attached to the Defense Department appropriations bill which Pres. Clinton says he will veto if it does not include the hate crimes provision.

READER OBJECTS TO SKAGGS ARTICLE—A reader defended Ricky Skaggs and took issue with our 9/1 article concerning his playing in bars and casinos. We replied: “You ask, ‘What are Christian musicians supposed to do...to earn a living?’ God will provide (Psa. 37:25). There are thousands of gifted/talented musicians out there who, just because God has given them a talent is not a sufficient basis for necessarily assuming they must/can use it to make a living—especially in an unscriptural way. They have other God-given ‘talents’ that can Scripturally be used to earn a living. You compare it to a bricklayer for an abortion clinic. But couldn’t a ‘Christian’ abortionist use your argument that he ‘must feed his family?’ You say, ‘We have to play music because we love it...that’s how we make our living.’ An adulterer or prostitute may ‘love it’ and that may be ‘how they make their living’ but this is wrong. [I cited my secular music career of the 1950s.] I do not see any

way we can rationalize or excuse being used to lure and entertain customers for bars and casinos as a 'ministry.' It might even be better in such places (though not right) to play secular songs than religious ones since God warns against mixing the holy with the profane, clean with the unclean, etc. (Lev. 10:10, Ezek. 22:26)....”

WORLD RELIGIOUS LEADERS MEET AT UN—U.S. media billionaire Ted Turner attacked Christianity (again) in a sermon to 1,000 swamis, ministers, monks, and other religious leaders from over the world at the Millennium World Peace Summit in late August. Turner helped fund it and was its honorary chairman. A Family Research Council rep called Turner's speech “the most blasphemous thing I have ever heard...” Meanwhile New Age Canadian billionaire Maurice Strong and former Soviet leader Gorbachev were involved with hosting a 7-day State of the World Forum in September, pushing for a universal Earth Charter. A main goal of this and for Gorbachev's Green Cross is elimination of national sovereignty on environmental questions. Wealthy U.S. professor Steven Rockefeller, who presented the Earth Charter for approval said, “the biosphere is in us, and we are in the biosphere.” (A. Ruse, *NewsMax*) The Summit ended with discord and rivalry. The new term for One-World Government is “global governance.” Beware!

LIEBERMAN, AN ORTHODOX JEW—Sen. Joseph Lieberman is an Orthodox Jew—the first one on a major party ticket. No true Christian would advocate violence or discrimination against a Jew because of his nationality or religion, but Christians and Jews serve two different Gods. Jews say those who worship Christ as the Son of God are idolaters. Jesus said the religious Pharisees of His day were of their father the devil (John 8:44), and that those who do not honor Him do not honor the Father who sent Him (John 5:23). So when Lieberman speaks of God, he is not referring to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Christian God. He observes rigid dietary laws of Judaism. He doesn't campaign, use electricity, or drive on the Jewish Sabbath, yet he's not an “observant” Jew on abortion. He is touted as conservative, but often votes liberal. Of more concern, however, is the religious question. Christians teach that Jews *or* Gentiles who reject Christ's claim to be the Messiah are thereby rejecting the Triune God of the Bible—the only real God that exists. Christians love Jews enough to seek their salvation which is possible *only* through Jesus Christ (John 14:6).

CHRISTIANS SEEK COUNSEL FROM DR. LAURA—Jeff Griffith writes in *Friend of the Family*: “I often listen to Dr. Laura Schlessinger on the radio and I am amazed at the number of callers that identify themselves as Christians, sometimes even fundamental Christians. Although Dr. Laura is a professed [Orthodox] Jew who turned her back on the 'teachings of Jesus Christ' and has openly criticized the Apostle Paul, still Christians call seeking her advice. Because she appeals to their morality and they like [what she says], they...seek her...counsel.”

BWA COZY WITH CASTRO—Baptist World Alliance leaders, at the July 3-9 BWA General Council meeting in Cuba, had “an excellent” almost three-hour “very important” meeting with Cuba's communist leader Fidel Castro (see 8/1 CC). They seemed to have been used by Castro for propaganda purposes. The BWA resolution that gained the most publicity was the unanimous resolution calling for the end of the blockade of medicine and food products to Cuba. A BWA report says “Baptists of the world stated very clearly that they thought it was unfair to punish the poor people of Cuba by such a blockade.” Why not a resolution against Castro's “unfair” denial of freedom to poor Cubans? If Southern Baptists are as conservative as they claim, why do they remain members and major supporters of such a left-wing organization as the Baptist World Alliance?

CATHOLIC CHURCH COOPERATES WITH WCC—The World Council of Churches (WCC) is a fellowship of churches, now 337, in more than 100 countries in all continents from many mainline liberal denominations. The Roman Catholic Church is not a member church but works cooperatively with the WCC. The highest governing body is the assembly, which meets approximately every seven years. The WCC was formally inaugurated in 1948 in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. It is headed by general secretary Konrad Raiser from the Evangelical Church in Germany. He spoke at the recent World Peace Summit at the UN. The WCC has been involved with the UN over the years and supports its basic values and goals.

NEW BOOKS RECENTLY RECEIVED FOR REVIEW—1. *God's Prophetic Blueprint* by Dr. Bob Shelton. Discusses the final days of the earth and God's judgment—The Last Days, end times, destruction of Satan and his forces. BJU Press, Greenville, SC 29614, 800/845-5731, \$6.95 + postage. 2. “*Just Hoeing My Row*” by Dr. Dayton Hobbs, Editor of *The Projector*. The story of Grace Bible Church, Gospel Projects Inc., Tee Ball Baseball, and Santa Rosa Christian School. Gospel Projects Press, P.O. Box 643, Milton, FL 32572, Toll Free 877/626-7030, \$9.95. 3. *Abiding In Christ* by James Delany. Spiritual growth (Jn. 15:1-10) is a main theme. Order from the author, Salem Bible Church, 11 Ermer Rd., Salem, NH 03079. NOTE: Sorry, but we do not have the time to read all the books we receive. We get especially overloaded with devotional and Bible version ones. These are important, but we just don't have the time and space to read and review all of them, and must give priority to those books directly related to our “warning and informing” main ministry.

FFBC RESOLUTIONS—The Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches, meeting in their 61st Annual Session, Aug. 14-18, at Tri-State Bible Conference, Montague, NJ, passed resolutions on the following topics: 1. He beareth not the sword in vain – Commending Philadelphia police for maintaining law and order at the recent Republican convention, under difficult circumstances. 2. Boy Scouts stand and take the heat – Commending BSA for standing against homosexual behavior in their criteria for choosing leadership. 3. Election 2000 – Citing a sharp decline in voter turnout the past 20 years, FFBC urged Christians to fulfill their obligations to God and country by: a. Living holy and righteous lives; b. praying for all those in authority; c. becoming informed regarding the candidates' positions on the critical issues of the day; and, d. voting our conscience for candidates who best reflect our positions on such issues. Therefore, we urge the members of our churches to prayerfully exercise their constitutional right and responsibility as Christians to vote on Nov. 7th. 4. The Marriage Penalty – Urge the next Congress to pass another bill to eliminate the marriage-penalty tax.

BILLY KIM SAYS DOCTRINE IS NOT WHAT UNITES BWA—New Baptist World Alliance President Billy Kim, at the BWA General Council meeting in Cuba (see 8/1 CC), encouraged Baptists worldwide to emphasize prayer, mission and evangelism. He emphasized: “This is what unites us as Baptists, not doctrine.” The BWA report said: “Again and again at all our BWA meetings Kim emphasized one word. 'Unity! Unity! Unity!’” Kim gave the opening address at Billy Graham's recent Amsterdam 2000 conference. He has also in years past spoken for Falwell, MacArthur, MBI, and the NRB.

NCC TURNS TO EVANGELICALS, CATHOLICS FOR FINANCIAL HELP—The financially-strapped apostate National Council of Churches is reaching out to evangelicals and Roman Catholics for needed funds. It recently broadened its reach to include conservative Protestants, Catholics, and charismatics (8/7 *Chr. Today*). NCC membership and staff have been declining for two decades. Church World Service, the NCC's relief agency, recently formalized a break from the NCC. CWS was responsible for about 85 percent of NCC spending. NCC Pres. Andrew Young last June, at a Presbyterian Church (USA) meeting, reiterated his support for homosexual rights but spoke little about specifically spiritual matters. The National Association of Evangelicals last March changed its bylaws to allow NCC members to join the NAE if they commit to its statement of faith and mission.

CHARISMATIC GOLD DUST & 'HOLY FEATHERS'—Tiny white feathers and gold flakes reportedly appeared at First Assembly of God in Prineville, Ore. in April. The revivalists leading the services said this was God's way to wake up the church to a coming revival. Charismatic “signs and wonders” keep getting wilder and weirder!

PK STILL GOING BUT NO LONGER FILLS STADIUMS—Promise Keepers in 1996 marked its highest cumulative attendance of about 1 million men at 22 events. In Oct. 1997, nearly 1 million men gathered on the Washington Mall for the “Stand in the Gap” prayer meeting (9/4 CT). This year, about 13,000 attended PK's 100th conference at Pittsburgh. PK rallies today have largely moved from stadiums to arenas. PK cut staff members from a peak of about 400 to about 90 this year. Its annual budget has gone from around \$100 million

to about \$30 million now.

CATHOLICS: 'JESUS ALONE' NOT ENOUGH—The following is an excerpt from a quote in David Cloud's 8/29 Fundamental Baptist Information Service e-mail (dcloud@wayoflife.org, 1701 Harns Rd., Oak Harbor, WA 98277 ><http://wayoflife.org/~dcloud>>) quoting from the writings of a former Roman Catholic, Mr. Bill Webster. In his book *Salvation, The Bible and Roman Catholicism* Webster wrote: “It is quite clear from this that in Roman Catholicism faith in Christ alone is not sufficient for salvation. It is also necessary that one keep the Ten Commandments, be baptized, become a member of the Roman Catholic faith and partake regularly of the sacraments. It is not Jesus alone but Jesus plus all these other things. Significantly all these other things are practically identical to the Judaiser's system and teachings”. [He] goes on to list 15 practices/teachings held in common by the Judaisers and Roman Catholicism. When carefully examined it is quite evident that Roman Catholicism is the modern-day equivalent of the false 'gospel' of the Judaisers -- only more so because Rome has added many more requirements for salvation than the Judaisers ever insisted upon. The Apostle Paul...pronounced an 'anathema' upon [the Judaisers'] false 'gospel' and rebuked those who would associate with them such as Peter [see Galatians 2:11-21]. ...”

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GUN CONTROL MISSED ITS TARGET—A new study found no evidence that the 1994 Brady law has helped reduce homicide rates (8/12 *USN&WR*). Brady was no "bull's eye" and has had no impact in reducing crime and violence, as was its "aim." Anti-gun control people quip that gun control means hitting your target (8/12 *World*).

RICKY SKAGGS: CHARISMATIC 'MUSICIANARY'—The 9/00 *Charisma* said of country music star Ricky Skaggs: "This bluegrass icon doesn't blink an eye when he gets an opportunity to play for Jesus in casinos or honky-tonks." It continues: "Ricky Skaggs believes God's Word when it comes to music. Like King David of old, he wants to use his instruments in a spiritual way to drive out demons and usher in the Holy Spirit. And when he applies that strategy to casinos, bars, and county fairs..., folks who would not think once about setting foot in a church are led into the Lord's presence right where they are. Skaggs is God's 'musicianary'..." Skaggs seems a clean-cut, sincere young [46] singer who has come under the influence of charismatics like John Wimber, Paul Cain, Mike Bickle, etc. He claims to be a Christian, but if so, he displays a tragic ignorance of Scripture and is deceived in thinking he can serve God *and* the world. His partial defense is "Billy Graham is welcome just about anywhere."

DEATHS BY GOVERNMENTS—Prof. R.J. Rummel in his *Death by Government* study estimated that during the first 88 years of the 20th century, governments had murdered almost 170 million people (7/3 *New Amer.*). The Soviet Union killed an estimated 62 million from 1917 to 1987; and Communist China an estimated 35 million from 1949 to 1987. [Others place this estimate *much* higher!] Bad as it was, the Nazi regime's numbers were far less than either of these, yet modern communist-defending leftists would have us believe the opposite.

A TIMELY WARNING—A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until voters discover they can vote themselves largess (generous gifts) from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates promising the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that a democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy, always followed by a dictatorship. The average age of the world's greatest civilizations has been 200 years. These nations have progressed through this sequence: from spiritual faith to great courage; from courage to liberty; from liberty to abundance; from

abundance to complacency; from complacency to apathy; from apathy to dependence; from dependence back again to bondage. (By Alexander Tyler Frasier, over 200 years ago.)

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT—Capital punishment is very Scriptural. From the very beginning, God has required LIFE for LIFE. The death penalty is first mentioned in Gen. 9:6, long before the law of Moses was given, and it stays on God's law books throughout the Bible (Ex. 21:12, Num. 35:16-31, Rom. 13:1-4, Acts 25:11). As we see from Acts 25:11 and Rom. 13:1-4, the death penalty is still God's will for today. God has given man the responsibility of enforcing [it], and justice has not been served until it has been enforced. [Quoted in July-Aug. *Fund. Digest*.]

GORE & BUSH ON ISSUES OF VITAL CONCERN TO CHRISTIANS—This article presents facts/opinions as they now appear, but is not to be construed as endorsing either candidate: Gore would veto a partial-birth abortion ban bill, as President Clinton twice did; Bush would sign it. Both candidates favor informal partnerships, fraught with dangerous entanglement connotations, between government and "faith-based organizations." Both favor one-world government, trade with Red China, etc. Bush favors a "voucher" program which in large measure subsidizes Catholic schools; Gore is beholden to the powerful, education-destructive teachers union. Gore favors big-government socialistic programs; Bush promises bigger tax cuts. Gore promotes "tree-hugger" environmental issues and New Ageism (see his *Earth in the Balance* book). Gore strongly calls for special "gay rights" and a dangerous "hate crimes" bill; Bush opposes these, but recently made overtures to homosexual activists (Log Cabin Republicans, Jim Kolbe, etc.). Bush overly "atoned" to Catholics/liberals for his Bob Jones University "error." Gore is closely identified with the Clinton fundraising scandal and called him "one of the greatest presidents in history" on the day he was impeached. Pray!

'HOLY LAUGHTER' / 'THE ANOINKING'—A 7/31 *Christian News* article comments thusly regarding bizarre activities of the charismatic "Toronto Blessing" / "Holy Laughter" movement: "They bark like dogs. They roar like lions. They oink like pigs. They leap like kangaroos. They prance like deer. They roll around on the floor laughing like hyenas. They get 'pinned' to the floor with 'holy glue' and can't get up. They twitch, jerk, gyrate, and tremble uncontrollably. They become 'inebriated.'"

ALPHA COURSE WORKSHOP AT AMSTERDAM 2000—Billy Graham invited Alpha speaker Nicky Gumbel to present a workshop at the recent Amsterdam 2000 conference (7/27 *Wisc. Report*). The Alpha course is very ecumenical and comes from an Anglican source (see 5/1 *CC*). It is compatible with Catholic teaching, and used by Catholic, liberal, charismatic, and other denominations.

NEWS FROM THE LIBERAL WING OF THE SBC—The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship voted July 1 to apply for membership in the apostate Baptist World Alliance (8/00 *Bapt. Banner*). CBF Coordinator Dan Vestal predicts that at least 5,000 SBC churches will leave it and join the CBF because of recent Baptist Faith & Message changes [restricting the office of pastor to males, etc.]. Mainstream conservative SBC leaders place the estimate far smaller. CBF member and head of the Alliance of Baptists Stan Hastey said: "I cannot say that God does not call gay people to ministry." When asked whether people who do not come to faith in Christ will go to hell, he said: "I don't know." The large Baptist General Convention of Texas may soon "redefine" its relationship with the SBC.

'OPENNESS OF GOD' THEOLOGY IS BLASPHEMY—Self-described evangelical theologians such as Greg Boyd, Clark Pinnock, and John Sanders espouse "openness of God" inclusivism, which holds that God's knowledge of future events is not exhaustive, that God is often surprised by the actions of His free-willed creatures (8/7 *Christian News*). Many openness teachers deny hell and hold to annihilationism. From Boyd's *God of the Possible* book: "...if God is eternally certain that various individuals will end up being eternal damned, why does He go ahead and create them? If hell is worse than never being born, as Jesus suggests, wouldn't an all-loving God refrain from creating people He is certain will end up there? If God truly doesn't

want any to perish, why does He create people He is certain will do just that?" Through the Cross, God in His Grace has provided a way of escape and we can trust Him to be fair. "Openness theology" is the blasphemous musings of foolish men (Rom.1:22) who ignore God's holiness and thus misunderstand His wrath.

MARCH FOR JESUS IS NO MORE—March for Jesus organizers announced during the June march that the 13-year-old event is officially over (9/00 *Charisma*). MFJ was ecumenical from the start and included cultists, liberals, and charismatics (7/1/99 *CC*). Graham Kendrick (London) was the founder. In a final show of unity of Britain's "old" and "new," Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey walked in unity with Gerald Coates, a key leader of the "New Churches," a modern network of charismatics. Together they led 30,000 in London's MFJ.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA) APOSTASY—The Presbyterian Church (USA) recently voted 268-254 to send the presbyteries a proposed amendment that would prohibit its ministers from conducting same-sex unions. Further, the PCUSA General Assembly refused to reduce funding to the liberal, leftist National and World Councils of Churches. It will give the NCC over \$2.7 million and the WCC over \$1.2 million. A pamphlet was distributed at a "Feminist Theology" PCUSA workshop calling for the use of inclusive language for describing God. [These excerpts were taken from a resolution of the 64th General Synod of the Bible Presbyterian Church (meeting in Cincinnati, Aug. 3-8) which called for PCUSA members to "separate from the rampant, virulent apostasy... and to join with a church faithful to God's Word...."]

MORE CATHOLICS AT CELEBRATE JESUS 2000—Over 5,000 of the 8,500 pre-registrants for Celebrate 2000 in St. Louis were Catholics (3/15 *CC*). Organizers had hoped for an even split between Catholics and non-Catholics (9/00 *Charisma*). Chairman of this Catholic-charismatic ecumenical event, Vinson Synan, said: "One big ecumenical gathering is not big news like it used to be." Participants put the blame on Protestants who "don't seem interested in ecumenical events." Synan said it was because St. Louis is almost 27 percent Catholic.

CATHOLICS TOLD 'SUPPORT ONLY CANDIDATES WHO SUPPORT US'—Former U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican and President of the Catholic Alliance Raymond Flynn told a 1,000-member Catholic Order of Hibernians audience (July 3): "We (RCs) must unite and send a message to our country that the more than 62 million American Catholics intend to turn out in Nov. and support only candidates who support us." (Jul-Aug *Fund. Digest*) Of course, the major news media "overlooked" this item!

MATT. 18 MISUSED TO SILENCE THE EXPOSING OF PUBLIC SINS—There abounds today a subtle and hurtful effort to silence "contenders for the faith" ministries. Matt. 18:15-17, which is for a local church personal trespass, is often misused in this. In the almost 17 years of this ministry, I do not recall my motivation for reporting a brother's compromise ever being anger at him *personally* (in a manner where this Scripture passage applies) for his platform-sharing with new evangelicals, e.g. I have often been grieved by this, and felt it was harmful to the cause of Christ. As a Christian courtesy, he should be privately admonished (II Thes. 3:14-15) in some cases. Paul rebuked Peter *publicly*. As far as we know he did not "go to him" first. Those Peter were leading astray needed to hear it. Nowadays, more often than not, people do not *want* to be informed. We must be patient and continue to lovingly warn. But if, after being warned, a "fundamentalist" keeps pursuing a new-evangelical course, he is not a fundamentalist! We should not have to get the compromiser's permission in order to rebuke him publicly. Often he is deceiving others who need to know they are being misled. To conspire with him to keep his error secret does grave harm and permits deception to continue unexposed. Christian leaders should not be above Scriptural reproof. Public sin requires public rebuke. Pray for all faithful "contenders": for Holy Spirit discernment, wisdom, love, and courage.

PUBLIC VS. PRIVATE ERROR—Matt. 18:15-17 is often cited by compromisers as the Biblical procedure for dealing with *public* sins, though compromise is not the subject of this passage—local-church *personal* trespasses is. Jay Adams comments on this (9/1/92 *CC* via 4/92 *BDM*): "Some think that if one Christian differs with the writings or public statements of another Christian on a point of doctrine [e.g., separation], without

rancor or any problem between them as persons, he is wrong for stating the differences publicly before going privately to the brother with whom he disagrees. That is a misconception. First of all, there is no unreconciled condition between them; they simply differ. Secondly, therefore, there is no matter of church discipline involved. Thirdly, even if there were a matter of discipline, the first party wrote or spoke publicly—he put it before the church or the world; he did not speak privately. For that reason it is as appropriate for the brother to write or speak as publicly as the first did in refuting what he thinks is a wrong [action, or] interpretation of the Scriptures and which, therefore, he believes may hurt the church if he doesn't."

PURITY, PEACE, INCLUSIVISM—New evangelicals in the late 1940s chose the path of infiltration of liberalism instead of separation from it as the Bible commands. But peace (with liberals) at the price of purity is too high a price to pay. Dr. Jack Murray put it this way (8/00 *Voice*): "[A] man who holds to the purity of the church must either actively engage in controversy to keep out any force that would destroy that purity or work for the expulsion of any false force which is already in that church. To refuse to be so engaged is to resign oneself to work within the framework of what we call the inclusive church and abandon any attempt as useless to purify the body."

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COURT GIVES OK TO INFANTICIDE?—By a 5-4 vote, the U.S. Supreme Court June 28th struck down a Nebraska law that banned partial-birth abortions. The statute was actually not about abortion but regulation of infanticide (7/31 *New Amer.*). The Association of American Physicians and Surgeons was "appalled" at the ruling. Its exec. director said the decision "allows for the horrific prospect that outright infanticide is to be tolerated if it appears to infringe on the presumed right of any woman to have an abortion under any and all circumstances."

TIPPER GORE A DRUMMER FOR "GAY RIGHTS"—Over a decade ago, Tipper Gore led a charge against raunchy rock lyrics, and pushed for parental guidance labels. She recently tried to make up for that "fault" by playing drums with a lesbian rock band at a homosexual rights event (8/5 *World*). Sadly, she has changed her tune.

CHINA CHRISTIAN COUNCIL CONTROLLED BY COMMUNISTS—*Christian News* has shown over and over again that officially-recognized CCC and Three-Self Movement leaders Wenzao Han and Bishop Ting are spokesmen for the Communists and have defended even such mass-murdering Communist leaders as Mao Tse Tung (7/17 *CN*). They approve of Communist China's murderous one child per family abortion policy. They promote Marxist socialism and do not believe that Christ is the only way to heaven and that Christianity is the only saving faith. Yet many Christian leaders in the U.S. praise them.

SHARING SECRETS WITH ENEMIES?—Red Chinese generals in the White House and Pentagon, along with Russian KGB mobsters, a Cuban drug lord and Asian crime syndicate bosses; Red Chinese scientists in our top weapons labs; missing laptop computers with secret security codes; supercomputers illegally sent to Russia and China; two missing computer hard drives loaded with nuclear weapons secrets, weeks later found behind a copier...and so it goes (7/17 *New American*). The prophet Isaiah pronounced severe judgment upon King Hezekiah's house for his foolish baring of wealth and defense secrets to Babylonian embassy visitors (II Kings 20:12-17).

INDIA: PASTORS DIG GRAVES FOR AIDS VICTIMS—Four million people in India have HIV, making them the largest HIV population in Asia. Many there see people with AIDS as beyond help, contagious, and destined to die isolated from family and friends (8/7 *C. Today*). Ninety percent of affected patients are not even aware they have been infected. In Kerala (India), when local grave diggers refused to dig graves for HIV/AIDS patients, pastors took up the shovel and became gravediggers.

URI GLOBAL CHARTER IS SIGNED—Hundreds of delegates from 44 countries and 39 religions around the world met in Pittsburgh June 26 at Summit 2000 to sign the United Religions Initiative Charter (see 6/1 *CC*). This was the birth and basis for a unified world religion — a counterpart to the UN. The URI Charter begins: "We, people of diverse religions, spiritual expressions and indigenous traditions throughout the world, hereby establish the United Religions Initiative to promote enduring, daily interfaith cooperation, to end religiously motivated violence, and to create cultures of peace, justice and healing for the Earth and all living beings." Could URI be the one-world religion of Antichrist in embryo?

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AT PERIL IN RUSSIA—Newly elected President Vladimir Putin signed an amendment last March that extended the deadline (to 12/31/00) for churches and religious organizations to reregister with the Russian state. Those who fail to meet the deadline will be closed by court order (8/7 *Chr. Today*). A 1990 law had provided equality and religious rights protection for all religious groups, but a 1997 Religion Law required all groups to reregister by Dec. 31, 1999. About 70 percent failed to do this by the deadline, including many Russian Orthodox and other "traditional groups." Putin, a Russian Orthodox, gives mixed signals about religious freedom.

AMERICA—Authorities in a Chiapas (Mexico) municipality have expelled 30,000 evangelicals in the last 30 years. The 8/7 *Christianity Today* comments: "The pope has aggravated the situation by expressing alarm about the growth of Latin American evangelicalism. During his 1999 visit to Mexico, Pope John Paul II urged Catholics to vigorously defend their faith against Protestant sects that have made inroads in Latin America. On previous visits to the region, the pontiff said evangelicals are spreading 'like an oil stain' in the region...."

BENNY HINN A FALSE PROPHET—Charismatic Evang. Benny Hinn says within two years there will be a new pope – "an Italian who wears glasses and has long hair." He adds: "And within two years a young Egyptian male converted from Islam will preach the gospel so well that hundreds of thousands of Muslims will accept Christ." Hinn said Israel and the Palestinians will sign a peace treaty before the end of the year (8/00 *Charisma*). He "predicts that a group of Israeli rabbis will see a vision of Jesus so magnificent that they will preach the gospel in their synagogues...." He recently predicted that people by the thousands would be raised from the dead in their caskets watching TBN (12/15 *CC*). See Jer. 29:8-9.

REPORT BY RALPH COLAS—American Council of Christian Churches Exec. Secretary Dr. Ralph Colas attended, with press credentials, Dr. Billy Graham's Amsterdam 2000 conference, July 29 - Aug. 6 (see 8/1 *CC*). He is preparing an extensive report, available soon from ACCC, P.O. Box 5455, Bethlehem, PA 18015, 610/865-3009 (send offering). Below are some adapted excerpts: Due to serious illness, Graham was unable to attend, but son Franklin read greetings from him. A Catholic archbishop addressed the gathering, followed by the president of the Netherlands Council of Churches. The latter reminded attendees that the Council and the Evangelical Alliance join together for prayer, and added: "We are the same, for personal faith and social action go together. Evangelicals and ecumenicals are one in Christ." The BGEA spent over \$40 million to put on this meeting. Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse provided clothing and other items for the evangelists (SP has a budget of over \$130 million). A drama team from Bill Hybels' Willow Creek Community Church had a prominent role at the meeting. One presentation dealt with the woman taken in adultery. In acting out the part, she said, "Jesus said to me, 'You are not condemned.'" She failed to add that Jesus also said, "Go and sin no more." Chuck Colson criticized Seeker Sensitive churches, but called for acceptance of the Great Commission AND the Cultural Mandate. He defended ECT (Evangelicals & Catholics Together). He said a new document is

being discussed, and added: "We must hold what we have in common so we can stand together against secular naturalism, and it was Billy Graham who helped us break down the walls." Dr. Colas observed: "It is easy to see how the National Council of Churches (USA) and the National Association of Evangelicals recognize each other as 'brothers' and permit dual memberships." Most of the music was not intense rock, but by the end, more "swinging and swaying" music was presented which brought cheering, clapping, raising of hands and dancing. The meeting was well organized and helpful practical suggestions were shared by leading evangelicals. God forbid that we would lose the burden or concern to let others know how precious Jesus Christ really is. But while telling others what the Gospel is we cannot and must not join in spiritual partnerships with those who refuse to obey God's direct commands. Such commands include separation not cooperation with those who remain in fellowship with apostasy as represented by the NCC/WCC. Even though Billy Graham could not attend, his influence was obvious. His ecumenical evangelism is carried on by his son Franklin who calls his meetings "festivals" instead of crusades. Note: Dr. Colas' complete report will have controversial comments by such speakers as John Stott, Billy Kim, George Carey, and J.I. Packer. The ecumenical meeting closed with three special task group "futuristic" reports, and a communion service.

SPURGEON ON LIGHT & DARKNESS—"God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness." Gen. 1:4. No sooner is there a good thing in the world than a *division is necessary*. Light and darkness have no communion. God has divided them; let us not confound them. Sons of light must not have fellowship with deeds, doctrines, or deceits of darkness. The children of the day must be sober, honest and bold in their Lord's work, leaving the works of darkness to those who shall dwell in it forever. We should by our distinct separation from the world divide the light from the darkness. In judgment, in action, in hearing, in teaching, in association, we must discern between the precious and the vile, and maintain the great distinction which the Lord made upon the world's first day [7-8 *Foundation*].

CHO DEFENDS HIS 400 WOMEN ASSOCIATE PASTORS—David Yonggi Cho, pastor of the world's largest church (S. Korea), is prodding American and European pastors to allow women to fulfill the role of pastors/teachers in their local assemblies. He recently wrote (see *Foundation*): "In ministry, [women] are equal to men. They are licensed, they are ordained. They become deacons and elders, and they become the cell leaders." Per Charisma News Service, "400 of Cho's 600 associate pastors are women, as are 47,000 of the [700,000-member] church's 50,000 cell group leaders." Cho's answer to the Biblical passages that forbid women to be pastors: "Once women are called into ministry, they no longer belong to the category of women. They are messengers of the Lord." Such twisting of Scripture by Cho is not surprising. *Christian News* Editor Herman Otten (1/15/98 CC) called Cho "a charismatic and occultist who rejects historic Christianity."

HARRINGTON NOW A FALWELL EVANGELIST—Bob Harrington ("The Chaplain of Bourbon Street"), after speaking at Dr. Jerry Falwell's Thomas Road Baptist Church July 9 was asked by Falwell to become Jerry Falwell Ministries' "evangelist at large" to the fallen and unwanted. Harrington returned to preaching about four years ago (see 7/15/97 CC), and his pulpits seem to mostly be Southern Baptist and/or charismatic.

FALWELL, CAMPOLO & HILL YOUTH WORKERS SPEAKERS—Youth Specialties 2000 is hosting its National Youth Workers convention in three U.S. cities this year – Anaheim, St. Louis and Atlanta. It features a variety of Evangelical, Pentecostal and Charismatic speakers, including: Tony Campolo (liberal), E.V. Hill (liberal ties), Jerry Falwell, and other male and female pastors (7-8 *Foundation*). Over 30 "Christian rock" bands were to perform, including Audio Adrenaline and Jars of Clay.

JOHN HAGEE IN CHARISMATIC ORBIT—Dr. John Hagee is a best-selling author and pastor of the 17,000-member charismatic Cornerstone Church in San Antonio. He was an NRB '98 speaker and has an honorary degree from Oral Roberts University. He is pictured in the 8/00 *Charisma*—along with Oral Roberts, Benny Hinn, T.D. Jakes, and Kenneth Copeland—as a speaker for Creflo Dollar's International Covenant Ministries conference.

CAMPUS CRUSADE'S BILL BRIGHT RETIRES—Dr. Bill Bright, who founded Campus Crusade for Christ in 1951, is retiring this month. Bright, 78, is succeeded by Steve Douglass (7/31 *C. News*). Campus Crusade currently has 22,000 full-time staff, plus 489,000 trained volunteer staff members. For many years, Crusade has tilted ever more to a pro-charismatic, pro-Catholic stance. Bright was awarded the notorious Templeton Prize in 1996.

NewsNotes—The Robert H. Schuller Institute for Successful Church Leadership speakers include: Bill Hybels, Tony Campolo, Richard Mouw, and the rather liberal Clark Pinnock. *** Nelson Mandela, former president of South Africa and former leader of the African National Congress (Marxist terrorist group) will receive the 2000 World Methodist Peace Award. *** The United Methodist Church has 13 new bishops, three of whom are African-American women. *** About 10,000 couples will be married, and 1 million couples will renew their vows during the Oct. 16 Million Family March announced by Nation of Islam Minister Louis Farrakhan. *** Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu told Lutheran (ELCA) officials he only flies in private jets. He won't fly on a commercial airline. He is a big promoter of same-sex unions and now repudiates historic Christianity. [Source for this NewsNotes article: 7/24 *Christian News*.]

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POTTER BOOKS NOT HARMLESS FANTASY—All witchcraft comes from a non-God source so witches and wizards are not just harmless fantasy. The occult settings, ghoulish characters, and menacing atmosphere of *Harry Potter* leave a creepy aftertaste. "In Harry's dark world of spells and curses, where it's Halloween all the time, it's hard to get a grip on good" (7/22 *World*). Yale Prof. Harold Bloom says it's horribly written and says kids are better off not reading at all than reading Potter (*USN&WR*).

DOMINO'S PIZZA PROMOTES CATHOLICISM—The founder of Domino's Pizza, Tom Monaghan, is spreading his dough. He's publicly promised to spend his \$1 billion fortune to advance his Catholic faith, continuing to give money lavishly to Catholic causes, trying to "populate heaven." (7/14 *Relig. Today*). He has funded projects from Central America to the Vatican. His foundation spent \$50 million to start Ave Maria Law School near the U. of Mich., and bought a college in Nicaragua (Ave Maria U. of the Americas). He donates to convents and churches. Christians may wish to spend their pizza dough elsewhere.

HOMOSEXUAL ISSUE DIVIDES LIBERAL CHURCHES—Homosexuality has emerged as the single most contentious issue facing mainline Protestant churches since the ordination of women (7/10 *Chr. News*). It dominated the May convention of the United Methodist Church. Episcopal Church delegates (July) approved a resolution recognizing "life-long committed relationships" other than marriage that are founded on fidelity and monogamy. It made no distinction between heterosexual and homosexual relationships (7/22 *H. Times*). Presbyterian Church (USA) delegates at its June meeting, by a very close 263-251 vote after an emotional debate, passed an amendment that would prohibit same-sex union ceremonies. And such is the case when "unity in diversity" includes perversity.

WILL ANGLICANS AGREE TO ACCEPT POPE?—The Toronto Free Presbyterian Church hosted a protest against the recent merger talks between high level delegations of Anglican and Roman Catholic clerics (*Canadian Revivalist*). The ACCC passed a resolution on this (see 5/1 *CC*) and was represented at the protest rally along with six other constituencies (6/15 *CC*). A letter, signed by the seven protesting bodies and delivered to Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey, stated: "For the Anglican Church to pursue these negotiations to their ultimate conclusion of acceptance of the Roman Catholic pontiff will invite disaster, and will be viewed

historically as a betrayal of the Protestant faith..." Carey and Pope John Paul II, in 1996, issued a joint statement on the need for acceptance of the pope's universal primacy.

GARBC TO REPLACE APPROVAL SYSTEM—General Association of Regular Baptist Churches messengers voted at its recent National Conference in Ames, Iowa to replace its Approval System with a partnering and network policy. This required a two-thirds vote, and squeaked by with a 67 percent vote. It will now be interesting to see what (if anything significant) happens concerning new-evangelical compromise at Cedarville, Grand Rapids, ABWE, etc. That is, will "networking" with new evangelicalism be more Scriptural than "approval"? Will the GARBC leadership (National Rep and Council of 18) now be more inclined to stand as separatists, and will churches have a stronger voice? We prayerfully would like to hope so, but if not, what has been gained by the 67 percent vote? Eight new churches were received into GARBC fellowship, and 21 went out.

GRAHAM TO 'PASS THE TORCH' IN AMSTERDAM—Ten thousand itinerant evangelists were due July 29-Aug. 6 for Amsterdam 2000, the largest conference on evangelism in history. The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (host) billed it as the passing of the torch to the next generation. Graham convened the conference to help prepare a new wave of evangelists. He said, "I don't need a successor, only willing hands to accept the torch ..." Graham was to open the event by satellite from Mayo Clinic (rather than Amsterdam) where he receives treatments for a buildup of fluid around his brain. "I am disappointed at this turn of events, but I have great peace this is God's plan for me and for the conference," he said. The satellite link will allow him to interact in the event. The BGEA hosted similar gatherings in Amsterdam in 1983 and 1986. About 75 percent of the evangelists are from developing nations and received BGEA funding for the trip. The BGEA has invested \$35 million in Amsterdam 2000. Morning sessions on evangelism feature popular ecumenical leaders, including Anne Graham Lotz, Campus Crusade's Bill Bright, English theologian John Stott, Reformed theologian J.I. Packer, and evangelist Luis Palau. Afternoon sessions feature hundreds of workshops. Evening meetings feature messages by Franklin Graham, Christian apologist Ravi Zacharias, Anglican leader George Carey, etc. ACCC Exec. Sec'y Dr. Ralph Colas is attending with press credentials and will have a report available soon.

MAINSTREAMING OF PORN—Pornography is a \$56 billion business and growing (6/24 *World*). Porn companies trade on the stock exchanges. Two years ago, 8,948 hard-core videos hit the U.S. market, up from 1,275 in 1990. AT&T has become a top provider of pornography, and has transformed the image of "Ma Bell" into a harlot.

EPISCOPALIANS APPROVE PACT WITH LUTHERANS—Last month Episcopal Church leaders approved a pact with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to share clergy, sacraments, and strategy. Both churches are liberal, pro-abortion, pro-homosexual, members of the National and World Councils of Churches, and reject Christian doctrines. *The Christian News* editor calls them "anything goes" churches and says they deserve each other.

SUPPORTERS OF THE LEFT-WING NCC—The United Methodist Church is the largest contributor to the National Council of Churches, with the Presbyterian Church (USA) the second largest. The Southern Baptist Convention and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are not members of the NCC but have long had links with it. The NCC's constitution says that any denomination, which has divisions or boards associated with NCC divisions, must maintain that it is "one in Christ" with all members of the NCC (7/17 *Chr. News*). The NCC still promotes leftist causes. It is tragic that the NAE now approves NAE denominations also being members of the pro-homosexual and pro-abortion NCC.

BWA MET IN CUBA—World Baptist leaders' meeting with communist Cuban dictator Fidel Castro and Cuba's first public evangelistic rallies in over 40 years were highlights of the July 3-8 Baptist World Alliance General Council meeting in Havana. Some 3,000 people [no doubt, carefully screened by apparatchiks] each

evening attended two services. BWA's top leaders (Denton Lotz and Billy Kim) met with Castro. Former president Nelson Fanini called for unity and global Baptist cooperation. "Theology sometimes divides us," he said, "but evangelism and missions bring us all together." The 7/20 *Alabama Baptist* said this was the first time since Cuba's 1959 [Marxist] revolution that Baptists have been allowed to hold such meetings but warned it would be a mistake to assume Cuban churches have complete religious freedom, or that being a Christian was no longer risky. Christian schools are not allowed, religious activities are strictly regulated and there is no freedom of the press. The meeting with Castro came one day after BWA's resolution to ease sanctions on food and medicine. Why would Baptists want to be used as propaganda pawns by Communists?

STANLEY SAYS REPORTER DISTORTED HIS POSITION—Dr. Charles Stanley says a *Charlotte Observer* reporter "twisted and distorted" his position on the recent SBC vote to reserve the role of pastor for a man (see 7/15 CC). He supports the SBC vote. But he acknowledged he told the reporter he "...would never say a woman could not preach," noting a difference between being a pastor and a preacher (7/7 BP). He said he was led to the Lord by a "quiet female evangelist," not by a "fiery female pastor."

FOUNDATIONS BIBLE COLLEGE PRES. PASSES—Foundations Bible Ministries of Dunn, NC announced the passing away of their founder Dr. O. Talmadge Spence on July 17. He had a form of ALS and had resigned last August as president. He is succeeded by his son Dr. H. T. Spence. He held earned degrees in Theology and authored 45 books and booklets, 300 songs, 20 cantatas and oratorios. He was editor of *Straightway*. We heard him speak at the 1990 World Congress of Fundamentalists in London.

ACCC TO MEET IN TORONTO—The 59th Annual Meeting of the American Council of Christian Churches is set for the Toronto Free Presbyterian Church, Oct. 24-26. Speakers include: Drs. Ian Paisley, Bob Jones III, John Ashbrook, Jim Singleton, H.T. Spence, William Hopewell, and Ron Cooke. Get brochure from: ACCC, POB 5455, Bethlehem, PA 18015. E-mail: acc@juno.com

SWORD: 'SEPARATISTS & REJECT ECUMENISM'—*Sword of the Lord* Editor Dr. Shelton Smith, in a long "first of a series" article in the July 7 *Sword*, warned that the ecumenical movement stresses unity and fellowship above separation and doctrine. He cited Promise Keepers and Neo-pentecostalism. He said: "Even the Southern Baptist Convention, now under the control of Convention conservatives, is...aggressively promoting a totally ecumenical agenda. Although it has not always been the case with them, the SBC today is solidly under the ecumenical umbrella. Independent Baptists...have also had some notable defections into ecumenism—namely, Jerry Falwell...and Jack Van Impe." As separatists, "we cannot fellowship even with our brethren when they get off the scripturally valid course (II Thes. 3:6)...."

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS JOIN ECUMENICAL EVENT—It is with sadness, not glee, that we continue to report problems with the conservative-led SBC at all levels. Some SB friends say more time and patience are needed, but the trend toward compromise seems to be increasing, not decreasing. A recent case in point is the June 11 Pentecost 2000 in Birmingham. The July 13 *Alabama Baptist* said of this ecumenical event: "It included singers, dancers and other performers from many denominations who came together to praise God as one family of faith. The Birmingham Baptist Association and several area Baptist churches participated." Peggy Sanderford, associate pastor for Christian Growth at Southside Baptist Church (B'ham), said: "Our belief systems are different, but we're united in our faith in our God." Participants included Baptist, Catholic, Church of Christ, and mainline liberal denomination representatives. "Father" Walter Burghardt said: "Doctrine divides but service unites. What we dare not do is act as competitors...." Some/most of the SBC reps may be from the liberal CBF wing of the SBC, but even if so, things such as this should hasten a long overdue split.

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH is the title of a new book by Baptist World Mission Exec. Director Dr. Fred Moritz. (You may recall his 1994 book, *Be Ye Holy: The Call to Christian Separation*.) The Foreword is by Dr. David Cummins. The Book of Jude, is the basis for this balanced volume. Chapter titles are a clue to the

contents: 1) What is Fundamentalism? 2) The Fundamentalists' Foundation Part I 3) The Fundamentalists' Foundation Part II 4) The Fundamentalists' Fight 5) The Fundamentalists' Foes 6) The Fundamentalists' Focus, 7) The Fundamentalists' Fervency. Dr. Moritz does not shy away from using the term "militance." He says: "Militance is an essential part of any Christianity that claims biblical authenticity.", and "...[B]iblical militance is mandatory, along with a biblical spirit and ethical conduct!" He deals with men, movements, and topics of our day—the Bible's inspiration, special revelation, Charismatics, new evangelicalism, missions, etc. The book is well indexed, and the quotes from many sources are painstakingly documented. Get this book from publisher: BJU Press, Greenville, SC 29614, \$8.95, (800) 845-5731.

GRAND RAPIDS SEMINARY IS 'REFORMED'—The Spring 2000 *Cornerstone Magazine* had the following concerning Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary: "Our Seminary is committed to a Reformed view of the world and life..." Seminary alumnus and former board member Dr. Clay Nuttall said it wasn't always that way, and warned about its "Reformed hermeneutic" several years ago (see 4/15/95 *CC*). Cornerstone/GRBS were GARBC-approved schools but declined to seek GARBC approval last June. This is now moot, since the GARBC voted by a razor-thin margin to replace its "Approval System."

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'MISSING DAY' STORY A HOAX—In 1890 Yale Prof. C. A. Totten wrote an interesting account how an astronomer had rediscovered Joshua's missing day. The story reappeared 50 years later when Collett (1933) and Harry Rimmer (1943) defended Totten's research in their books. Harold Hill (charismatic) gave the story new dress in 1970, linking it with a Goddard Space Center computer study. But Drs. Davidheiser, Mulfinger, and others found flaws in Hill's story. NASA denied it. Dr. Erich von Fange in great detail in the June 19 *Christian News* shows the stories are false. Christians do not require "proof" of Bible miracles, we accept them by faith.

HIV CASES IN S.F. TRIPLE IN TWO YEARS—Alarming news to health officials: the rate of new HIV infections among homosexual and bisexual men in San Francisco nearly tripled over the past two years (7/1 *H. Times*). Experts say powerful AIDS drugs are making people complacent. AIDS remains a politically protected and largely preventable disease. But President Clinton declared June "Gay and Lesbian Pride Month," and Hillary Clinton marched in New York City's "Gay Pride Parade."

CATHOLIC FANTASYLAND—"For an intelligent and informed Roman Catholic to believe what the Pope now says about the "Third Secret of Fatima" (7/1 *CC*) makes about as much sense as charismatics believing that Oral Roberts spoke face to face with a 900-foot Jesus, and that Benny Hinn has raised people from the dead, or that intelligent Mormons believe that Joseph Smith actually found some Golden Tablets which revealed the truth." (6/5 *C. News*) Just think, Catholics are asked by their peerless papal leader to believe that his being shot is comparable to the slaughter of millions in two World Wars.

SBC NEW REPORT ON MASONRY—The Southern Baptist Convention has released a "Closer Look at Freemasonry" that expands and clarifies a 1993 report. Over one million SBC members and over 1,000 pastors are freemasons (6/26 *Chr. News*). Masonry is a religion which teaches that Jesus Christ is not God and that a person must work at least in part his own way to heaven.

BONHOEFFER DENIED CHRISTIANITY—Last month PBS aired "Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace" – a film about this German Lutheran pastor executed for resisting Nazism. Based on earlier writings some claim he was conservative, but Concordia Seminary's Dr. Raymond Surburg has documented that in his last writings

Bonhoeffer denied and attacked Christianity (6/26 *Chr. News*). He claimed the Bible was filled with myths, echoing what he was taught at liberal Union Seminary.

COURT OPPOSES PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN—The U.S. Supreme Court, in an early July stunning 5-4 decision, struck down Nebraska's partial-birth abortion ban. It expanded abortion rights to include virtual infanticide, involving scissors and a high-powered suction tube to suck a baby's brains out when the baby is almost totally outside the womb. Even Democrat former Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan says it's "too close to infanticide." About 30 states have laws banning this grisly procedure. But Pres. Clinton vetoes bills from Congress that ban it.

CHURCH LITE—A Florida pastor recently added a new 9 A.M. service, took out ads in local papers, and changed the sign outside his church to read: "Express Worship, 45 Minutes Guaranteed!" (7/10 *CT*) The new early service includes three upbeat hymns, an offering, a quick reading of announcements, and a 23-to-25-minute sermon.

UN: WORLD SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT IN EMBRYO—We need not be paranoid, just observant and informed, to see that a long-term design for world government is unfolding before our eyes. The planned globalist body wants the power to impose taxes to make and enforce global laws via a World Court, fund "peacekeeping" missions, environmental regulations, and radical wealth redistribution, etc. But a government strong enough to give you what you want, is powerful enough to take from you what you have. One with the strength to enforce world peace would also be powerful enough to enforce global domination. A state powerful enough to confiscate the wealth cannot be forced to redistribute what is confiscated (7/3 *New Amer.*). The World Council of Churches wants to make churches active accomplices with the UN in the scheme for socialist world government.

ABC-JENNINGS 'SEARCH FOR JESUS'—ABC-TV's *The Search For Jesus* by Peter Jennings aired June 26 and was mostly a radical attack by liberal scholars on Christianity. It featured notorious Jesus Seminar pseudo-scholars who have concluded that only 18 percent of Jesus' sayings were at least "probably accurate" (7/3 *C. News*). One of these, Marcus Borg, is an Episcopalian who denies doctrines of Christ but spoke three days at Myers Park Baptist Church in Charlotte (see 9/1/98 *CC*).

CYBERPORN IN 'DOT SEX' RED-LIGHT DISTRICT?—Cyberporn has become one of the major uses of the Internet (7/15 *World*). Senators concerned about media decadence are floating the idea (for easy filtering in shielding kids) of having "a virtual red-light district" with pornography sites having a "dot sex" domain ending instead of "dot com." But *all* of society needs "shielding!"

GRAHAM'S NASHVILLE CRUSADE—The Bill Gaither Vocal Band, Jars of Clay, dc Talk, Kirk Franklin, and Steven Curtis Chapman performed on various nights. Billy Graham came on stage with a cane and help of staff. His Web site said crowds came "to experience the synergy of the music [rock, etc.] and the message as local musicians stood with Mr. Graham..." The June 17 *Houston Chronicle* said "his message was simple – God will welcome to heaven everyone who lives by his word."

STANLEY DISAGREES WITH WOMEN-PASTOR VOTE?—Former Southern Baptist President Dr. Charles Stanley disagrees with his denomination's stand against women leading the church (6/28 *Charlotte Observer*). He said he was led to Christ by a fiery female pastor and, "There are some godly women..." "I would never say that a woman could not preach..." "You just can't draw the line and say, 'You can't do so-and-so.' You just can't put God in a box." As to it being divisive, he said sometimes our decisions "alienate people." But Jesus was "divisive" and his doctrines sometimes alienated people.

CYMBALA MOVING TO \$30 MILLION FACILITY—Pastor Jim Cymbala plans to move his Brooklyn

Tabernacle church, along with its Grammy Award-winning 275-member choir led by his wife, to much larger facilities next year (7/00 *Charisma*). Even though he is a charismatic (see 9/15/99 *CC*) he and/or the choir were featured last year by Jerry Falwell and by Moody Bible Institute at its recent Founder's Week conference.

CHARISMATICS DOWNPLAY DOCTRINE—The charismatic world has exactly the same goals as Promise Keepers and every other facet of the ecumenical movement. They want to break down the walls between denominations. They downplay doctrine and exalt unity, but the Bible says doctrine is extremely important to God. The term “doctrine” occurs 56 times in the King James Bible. The first characteristic of the church at Jerusalem which is described for us by the Holy Spirit is that it “continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine” (Acts 2:42). The one faith, the body of doctrinal truth, was given to the Apostles and enshrined in the New Testament Scriptures. From then to now, churches are commissioned to stand strictly upon that same doctrinal faith.... [David Cloud, 6/30, <http://wayoflife.org/~dcloud>]

FALWELL IS 'OUTSTANDING' BBC STUDENT—Dr. Jerry Falwell was recently declared “the outstanding student to attend Baptist Bible College [Springfield] during its first 50 years of existence.” (7/00 *NLJ*) A BBF founder and Falwell's mentor, Dr. John Rawlings, was honored by Falwell as the outstanding Baptist pastor of the 20th century (see 6/15 *CC*). Falwell is linked with both the Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist Bible Fellowship. How much longer will fundamental BBF pastors and people tolerate this direct link to apostasy?

FBF ON INERRANCY—The Fundamental Baptist Fellowship reaffirms its commitment to engage in the militant defense of the Bible as the verbally, plenary inspired Word of God in the Old and New Testaments, without error in the original writings, and the sole authority of faith and practice, providentially preserved as God's eternal word (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 2:20-21; 2 Sam. 23:2; Matt. 24:35). Furthermore, the FBF reaffirms its commitment to interpret that Word accurately, preach its principles and precepts clearly and boldly, present its message of salvation to all men tirelessly, live obediently under its authority in all areas of life and faith, and to study so as to rightly divide its contents so that we may be approved workmen unto God (2 Tim. 2:15, 4:2).

CASTRO TO ADDRESS BWA LEADERS—Baptist World Alliance leaders were scheduled to have a highly unusual guest speaker at their July 3-8 General Council meeting: Fidel Castro. The Cuban communist dictator was scheduled to address these BWA leaders meeting in Havana for the first-time ever BWA General Council meeting in the communist country (7/6 *Religion Today*). BWA President Billy Kim and Gen. Secretary Denton Lotz plan to participate in Billy Graham's upcoming Amsterdam 2000. The BWA is a United Nations NGO (Non-Governmental orgn.). Radical socialist Archbishop Desmond Tutu was a 1998 BWA speaker (5/15 *CC*). The SBC is a major supporting member of the apostate BWA.

BOICE CALLED HOME—Dr. James Montgomery Boice, who succeeded Donald Grey Barnhouse in 1968 as pastor of Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, died of cancer last month. He had degrees from Harvard, Princeton, and the U. of Basel in Switzerland. Former surgeon general C. Everett Koop was a longtime elder in TPC. Boice spoke on the “Bible Study Hour,” chaired the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals and a conference on Reformed Theology. He chaired the 1977-1987 Internat'l Council on Biblical Inerrancy whose final event, Congress on the Bible II, was chaired by pro-Catholicism Chuck Colson (11/1/87 *CC*). He recently exposed Colson's “high view of Catholicism” and opined that if it weren't that Colson's income comes from Protestants that he would convert to Catholicism (1/1/99 *CC*). The ICBI ecumenical congress mentioned above featured such speakers as William Buckley (Catholic), leftist Ron Sider, E.V. Hill, and Art Simon (liberal Lutheran). It is confusing that an inerrancy congress would feature both inerrancy defenders *and* inerrancy deniers. In recent years Boice lectured at Cedarville College (see 3/1/98 *CC*), Billy Graham's The Cove, and at Moody Bible Institute.

E.V. HILL SPEAKS IN CONFERENCE WITH HINN—Dr. E.V. Hill is about as ecumenical as they come.

Yet he in recent years has spoken at Jerry Falwell, Moody Bible Institute, and Promise Keepers conferences while pastor of a church that is linked with the liberal NCC. He has an honorary doctorate from Oral Roberts U. He is pictured (7/00 *Charisma*), with charismatic Benny Hinn, as a speaker for the Aug. Mission for the New Millennium conference.

VINEYARD TOP POST VACANT AGAIN—Todd Hunter, the man who guided the 500-member Association of Vineyard Churches through the transition period that followed the 1997 death of longtime leader John Wimber, resigned May 3 as its national director and board president (7/00 *Charisma*). Berten Waggoner is the new acting national director. Major Promise Keepers leaders were from the charismatic Vineyard movement.

SO. BAPTISTS ELECT NEW PRESIDENT—Southern Baptists at their meeting in Orlando elected Georgia pastor Dr. James Merritt, a trustee of Jerry Falwell's Liberty Univ., as their new president. Coordinator Dan Vestal of the moderate-liberal Cooperative Baptist Fellowship predicted that changes in the SBC's statement of faith will prompt up to 5,000 churches to leave the SBC for the CBF. Paige Patterson puts the estimate at between 600 and 3,500 churches that might eventually leave.

PK MEETS AT LIBERTY—Promise Keepers still draw crowds but the numbers are smaller. Their first U.S. rally this year was at Jerry Falwell's Liberty University, June 3-4 (6/23 *Religion Today*). Dr. Falwell seems to be increasing his links with charismatics. Charismatic pastor Jack Hayford is listed as an advisory board member of his Liberty University Worship Institute.

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HARRY POTTER'S WORLD OF THE OCCULT—The fourth book of the Harry Potter series is due July 8. This popular series glamorizes witchcraft, disobedience and magic. It has frightening dark tales of witches (6/15 *USA Today*). Among the terrifying images: a disembodied voice repeatedly hissing “kill”; monstrous flesh-eating spiders; children being attacked and paralyzed; an apparently dead cat hung upside down by its tail. And there are creatures that “suck out people's souls.” It gives children an appetite for the occult (see 12/1/99 *CC*).

VERMONT FIRST TO RECOGNIZE HOMOSEXUAL UNIONS—Vermont's civil union law won't affect just Vermont (6/17 *World*). “Gay” activists' legal strategy is to legalize “marriage” in one state, then attack traditional marriage laws in all others. Homosexual activists will now go to Vermont, get “married,” return to their home states, and sue for legal recognition of their marital unions.

MISSIONS & PSYCHOHERESY is the name of the latest book by Martin & Deidre Bobgan. It is primarily about the growing practice of mental health professionals and psychological tests to evaluate missionary candidates and to provide psychological care for missionaries. In giving psychology such a place in selecting candidates and providing treatment of missionaries, mission agencies demonstrate their trust in psychologists and their devices. The results of surveying 35 large mission agencies is given. This 168-page book is available at the special price of \$9.00 from: PsychoHeresy Awareness Ministries, 4137 Primavera Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93110, 800/216-4696.

POPE PROMOTES HOAX AS TRUTH—The Vatican May 13 disclosed that the so-called secret of Fatima, which the Virgin Mary is claimed to have told three children over 80 years ago, was a foretelling of the shooting of the Pope and the persecution of Christianity under communism. But the Pope is not telling the truth when he claims Mary appeared at Fatima in 1917 and predicted his shooting in 1981 (5/29 *Christian News*). Billy Graham and other evangelical leaders praise the Pope and trust his truthfulness, but he is not to be trusted in this and other false claims of Catholicism – nor when he claims that Jews, Muslims, and other non-Christians worship the same God Christians worship.

SINEAD O'CONNOR A 'GAY' PRIEST?—Irish singer Sinéad O'Connor has apologized for ripping up a

picture of the Pope on Sat. Night Live in 1992 and last year was ordained a priest by the Latin Tridentine Church, a splinter group of the Roman Catholic Church (per her Web page & 6/13 *USA Today*). She now claims to be a lesbian.

HOMESCHOOLER NATIONAL SPELLING BEE WINNER—The top three finishers in last month's National Spelling Bee are educated at home, as are 1.5 million. President Clinton thinks homeschoolers should be made to “prove they are learning on a regular basis” or be forced to go to government schools. Yet homeschooled kids consistently score higher on standardized tests (Cal Thomas, 6/17 *World*). Homeschoolers forge a special parent-child bond. As for socialization, one said he is happy to avoid school shootings and competition over clothes and cliques. Homeschooled children have plenty of time to socialize.

NCC NEAR DEATH, BUT WANTS RESURRECTION—The proud ecumenical National Council of Churches is teetering on the brink of bankruptcy. But its board has adopted a resolution to develop a new ecumenical body that by 2003, it hopes, will include Catholics, evangelicals and Pentecostals (6/17 *World*). The NCC has a long history of being a hotbed of liberalism, communist sympathizers, abortion supporters, homosexuality supporters, radical theology promoters, and being more political than religious or spiritual (6/00 *Maranatha Bapt. Watchman*). Bob Edgar is its new Gen. Sec'y; Andrew Young is president.

CATHOLICS ARE STILL WRONG ON SALVATION—Last Oct., representatives of the Lutheran World Federation and of the Roman Catholic Church signed a Joint Declaration on Justification, disclaiming previous differences (12/1/99 *CC*). But Catholics still pray to Mary for salvation, and still believe that the “merits and graces Christ won on the cross” can only be received in small installments which never fully save and which come only through the sacraments of the Church. They still flagellate themselves and offer good works and suffering to earn salvation (6/00 *Berean Call*). Be warned, be wise, beware!

TIMMIS EXITS PK BOARD, NOW AT PRISON FELLOWSHIP—Promise Keepers has been closely tied in with Roman Catholics and have used some as speakers. Mike Timmis (RC) recently left Promise Keepers' board and has taken Chuck Colson's place as head of Prison Fellowship (11/15/99 *CC*). Colson, Timmis, and Jim Berlucchi (PK's Catholic evangelist) were scheduled speakers along with two Catholic priests at the “Catholic Men's Conference” June 9-11 at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, which is heavily involved with Marian apparitions and with PK (6/00 *Berean Call*).

ANIMAL RIGHTS?—To a Princeton U. ethicist, an infant has no more right to life than another being of comparable rationality, including pigs, cows, and hogs. Jesus asked, in Matt. 6:26, “Are ye not better than they (fowls)?”

ROBERTSON, ECUMENICAL ICON—Pat Robertson has become an icon for the ecumenical movement through a variety of venues. He endorsed the Evangelicals & Catholics Together (ECT). He founded the now defunct Catholic Alliance. During the Pope's 1995 visit to New York Robertson led an ecumenical procession including five Muslim leaders and 27 Protestant and Orthodox reps to participate in the Mass. He is quoted as praising the Pope and saying “We all want to build bridges with the Catholic Church.” At Regent University where Robertson is chancellor and its president is a Roman Catholic, mass is said on campus each week. [Dr. Rod Bell, May/June *Frontline*, adapted. Dr. Bell also said the president and the football coach at Dr. Jerry Falwell's Liberty University are Roman Catholics – see 1/1/99 *CC*.]

NAE VEERS LEFTWARD—The National Association of Evangelicals recently dropped its by-law prohibiting member denominations from joint membership in the liberal NCC (4/15 *CC*). Now the Reformed Church in America, an NCC affiliate, has requested NAE membership (6/00 *Review*). The NAE's newest member is the charismatic Association of Vineyard Churches. NAE's new president, Bishop Kevin Mannoia, said the NAE's reason for existence has changed from providing an alternative to liberalism to calling the church

to transform communities (6/00 *Bapt. Bulletin*). *Christian News* Editor Herman Otten advises: "True Christians in the NAE should now vigorously protest that the NAE now admits NCC churches. If [it] refuses to change its policy, they should leave the NAE." Moody Bible Institute President Joseph Stowell joined the NAE a few years ago.

THE APOSTASY CYCLE—Never in the history of religious union has any group ever come out of apostasy, modernism, or liberalism and not ultimately returned to it. Some have taken longer, and others may be in the process, but the record shows the only thing a group can do is delay or retard the return to old roots. Sadly this is also true of educational institutions, missions, and churches. The seeds of their doom appear to exist in their birth out of modernism. In an earlier article, "Burning Bridges and Building Walls," I said in order to maintain an element of safety, nothing can be left which will allow a return. No organizational bridges/ties can be left standing. To leave liberalism behind for long, we must pursue a "slash and burn" policy—destroy all possible means of return. There is no simple way to leave apostasy. Upon leaving the old liberalism/apostasy of the 1920's, evangelicals failed these tests. Their policy of "inclusivism" left bridges standing thus their return to modernistic roots is evident. Sadly, some groups ridiculed as "separatists" are rebuilding bridges back to liberalism. Their error was in leaving intact ties which should have been cut. This was a great sin of Israel when returning to the Promised Land. They failed to destroy and drive out the heathen and paid the price for disobedience. These bridges let them move to idol worship. The historical record gives evidence that once the return has begun, nothing can reverse it. Don't use the Southern Baptist Convention as an example of a return - it is an excellent example of *this* principle. Though some retardation has occurred, the train is speeding toward apostasy and infidelity. Some people may be fooled when you call infidels "liberals," liberals "moderates," or moderates "conservatives," but changing titles will not hide the awful destination of those who once came out of apostasy but now have long tolerated it. [Dr. Clay Nuttall, adapted]

NEW WEB SITE—The Fundamental Baptist Times is a weekly e-mail update of Baptist, religious, and world news of note. Subscriptions free at: <http://go.to/FBTimes>

FBF MEETING—The Fundamental Baptist Fellowship approved the following standing resolutions at its June 13-15 80th Annual Meeting at Faith Baptist Church, Taylors, SC., reaffirming its commitment to: 1. The fundamentals of the faith, 2. Inspiration and Inerrancy, 3. Virgin Birth and Deity of Jesus Christ, 3. Vicarious Atonement and Bodily Resurrection, 4. The Supernatural and Sensational, and 5. Biblical Mandate for Separation. Next year's FBF meeting is set for the First Baptist Church of Troy, Mich., pastored by Dr. Mike Harding.

FBF RESOLUTION ON SEPARATION—The FBF reaffirms its commitment to the Biblical doctrines of personal separation from worldliness and ecclesiastical separation from unbelief and compromise (1 Jn. 2:15-17; 2 Cor. 6:14-18; 2 Thes. 3:6; Rom. 16:17). Fundamental Baptists cannot cooperate with New Evangelicals because they disobey the clear commands of Scripture, thereby rejecting the Bible as their final authority. Instead of separation, they favor a philosophy and practice of dialogue and infiltration. New Evangelicals desire to have the commendation of the customs and conventions of our culture (the world), in violation of Scriptures such as 1 John 2:15-16. Instead of influencing a corrupt culture, they are instead corrupted by it. New Evangelicals are more concerned with man's needs than with God's commands....The FBF supports wholeheartedly those who led a May 15 protest [in Toronto] of the Anglican "betrayal [by meeting with Catholic leaders to discuss how to unite the two churches] of the Protestant faith."

IBFNA MEETING—The Independent Baptist Fellowship of North America held its 10th Annual Conference at Bethel Baptist Church, Sellersville, Pa., June 20-22. The Fellowship highlighted its history by honoring those who have made significant contributions to the establishment and development of the IBFNA. Drs. Duane Brown, Ralph Colas, and Richard Harris were presented the "Watchman Award" in recognition of their steadfastness, courage, and boldness in guiding the IBFNA in its earliest stages, including its days as the

“Regular Baptists For Revival”. The men reminisced, and recognition was also given to others, including those who have served as officers. The new Moderator is Clay Nuttall, Treasurer is Jeff Bailey, Dave Reinhardt is Secretary, and Paul Gustine is *Review* Editor. A proposed amendment by Bob Payne restricting IBFNA affiliation was tabled until next year. Next year's meeting is set for Williamsburg, Va., for June 19-21.

IBFNA RESOLUTIONS—Three resolutions were passed. The Defense of the Gospel resolution was a strong call for separation, defining it by Scriptures as 1. the mark of God's Holiness, 2. personal, 3. ecclesiastical/corporate, and 4. political. It noted that separation, the hallmark of the IBFNA over the past ten years, must be applied and practiced to be effective. It resolved to separate from brethren who persist in immorality or cause unnecessary divisions among the brethren, and from unrepentant, disorderly brethren who persist in memberships, affiliations and fellowships where leaders and peers deny Bible doctrines, etc. The second resolution pertained to Mormonism—A non-prophet religion. It concluded that “Mormonism, which preaches a false Christ and deceives many, is a cult that is outside the realm of Christianity and the true church of Jesus Christ.” The third IBFNA resolution was against “Identificational Repentance”—the practice of individuals or groups who had no responsibility, authority or adequate knowledge repenting for someone else and asking forgiveness for them. E.g., this practice has been adopted by the pope when he “repented” for the past “excesses of the Inquisition” by Catholicism without condemning its atrocities as a whole.

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ROSIE: 'GO TO JAIL IF YOU OWN A GUN'—Rosie O'Donnell's shrill demands for gun control were evident in the recent "Million Mom March." In April 21, 1999, she said: "I don't care if you want to hunt. I don't care if you think it's your right. I say, 'Sorry. It is 1999. We have had enough as a nation. You are not allowed to own a gun, and if you do own a gun I think you should go to prison.'" (6/5 *New Amer.*) MMM organizers used figures showing 12 children were killed by guns every day. But pro-gun researchers noted most of those were 18- and 19-year-olds killed in drug-related violence (5/27 *World*). Law-abiding Americans use a gun to protect themselves from criminals once every 13 seconds. This year alone, armed citizens have stopped over 903,000 criminal attacks.

WHAT WILL EVANGELICALS DO IF POPE MAKES MOTHER TERESA A CATHOLIC SAINT?—When the Pope makes "Mother" Teresa a saint, will she still be on the evangelical pedestal? When he elevates Mary to be Co-Redeemer, Co-Mediatrix and Advocate of Christians with the blessing of "St. Teresa of Calcutta" what will Jack Van Impe, Chuck Colson and James Dobson say, all of whom are quoted as having believed Mother Teresa was a true believer? (May 2000 *C.E.C. Journal*)

'THOUGHT CRIMES'—Police in Gloucester, England are cracking down on racism by entering restaurants in disguise to listen for bigoted conversation. In the first week, one man was arrested for unacceptable table talk. Another was briefly detained for mimicking an Indian waiter but was let go. Orwell in his book *1984* foresaw a nation in which the most serious crimes would not be rape or robbery but "thought crimes" (5/22 *USN&WR*). Last year, an official British report proposed criminalizing racist remarks made in the family home.

ANGLICAN-CATHOLIC UNITY FUTURE A MYSTERY—A historic meeting in Toronto between Catholic and Anglican churches closed May 19 with 26 Anglican and Catholic bishops from 13 countries agreeing to create a commission to study how to unite the two churches after a 466-year rift (5/27 *H.Times*). Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey and Cardinal Edward Cassidy said the new commission will look into issues such as women's ordination, ethical positions and how to merge the two hierarchies. Last year, the joint Anglican-Roman Catholic Int'l Commission declared that Christians should accept the authority of the Catholic pope as a "gift to be received by all churches." Leaders of conservative groups (FBF, ACCC, Free Presbyterian,

British Council of Protestant Christian Churches, and Canadian Prot. League) led a protest of the Anglican "betrayal of the Protestant faith."

SBC MINISTER HELPS PLANNED PARENTHOOD—Southern Baptist minister Bethany McLemore testified against a Va. bill requiring a 24-hour waiting period for an abortion. He is the coordinator of pastoral education and counseling for Planned Parenthood, providing pre-abortion counseling to women seeking abortions (5/00 *Bapt. Banner*). PP is the world's largest abortion provider.

WHITHER CCM?—The popularity of Contemporary Christian Music (CCM) is soaring, but some artists believe the genre depends too much on marketing tests and pop formulas and too little on a biblical worldview. *World* for May 13 warns that CCM leaders have tried to have it both ways. "They've created a successful industry that is trying to win mainstream appeal. But the danger for CCM is that it could be headed for the worst of all possible worlds: A Christian ghetto watering down the gospel in order to be positive, and a secular marketplace devoid of Christians." "Butterfly Kisses" became "gospel song of the year" (1997) even though it had no gospel in it.

TOLERANCE NOW MEANS NEUTRALITY—Pluralism has become forced neutrality, where no one should express any idea that could offend someone else. One pastor asked worshipers not to bring Bibles to church lest they offend seekers (5/00 *Bapt. Banner*). This could stifle evangelism, since "the preaching of the Cross" will offend many sinners. Many mission groups (including Youth With A Mission) are testing a new approach where converts are allowed to hold on to old religious beliefs and practices so as to refrain from offending others within their culture. (6/00 *Foundation*). YWAM is experimenting this idea with "Messianic Muslims."

MISSION TO CATHOLICS, INT'L is headed by converted Discalced Carmelite Friar and Priest Dr. Bartholomew Brewer. He writes: "June 16-18, 2000, ten converted Roman Catholic priests (some of their wives, too) will meet here for fellowship, mutual encouragement, and edification....Four of us will preach in some of the churches here in San Diego that Sunday." Dr. Brewer is author of the 1982 Pilgrimage From Rome book giving his true story and search for truth. He is editor of *Mission to Catholics Challenger* (\$10/yr.), a helpful tool in witnessing to Catholics and may be obtained from P.O. Box 19280, San Diego, CA 93159. Request a free order form listing books, videos, tapes and tracts regarding RC.

TUFTS BACKS OFF—In the wake of bad publicity (over double standards, etc.) Tufts University has reversed itself and lets Tufts Christian Fellowship bar a lesbian from holding a leadership position (5/27 *World*, 6/1 *CC*).

STANLEY DIVORCED, WILL REMAIN AS PASTOR—The long-troubled marriage of Dr. Charles Stanley, senior pastor of Atlanta's First Baptist Church and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, ended last month. Stanley, whose In Touch TV ministry spans the globe, stunned his congregation by telling them he and wife Anna are divorced. When the congregation was told that Stanley, 67, will stay on as the church's senior pastor, a position he has held since 1972, it stood and applauded. Stanley's estrangement from his wife caused strife in the church in the mid-1990s because of a traditional but unwritten policy that First Baptist not allow divorced men to serve as deacons or ministers. Stanley's son Andy, now senior pastor of North Point Community Church, left his job as his father's senior associate at the time, citing concerns about his father's leadership. The elder Stanley told a 1995 meeting, "If my wife divorces me, I would resign immediately." "We hate it that things like this happen, but our church is moving right along," said the deacon board vice-chairman. "He is our pastor, and he will remain our pastor." Anna Stanley filed a petition Feb. 16 requesting a divorce on grounds that their marriage of 44 years was "irretrievably broken." The judge signed the final decree May 11. The Stanleys executed a property agreement April 5. SBC president Dr. Paige Patterson said this "ought to be a wake-up call for America..." [Adapted, 5/23 *Atlanta Jrnl.-Con.*] Note: Stanley is still listed in Jerry Falwell's paper as a major speaker at his Oct. Super Conference.

FALWELL SPOKE AT BBC'S GRADUATION—BBF pastor Dr. Arthur Houk sent us a news release entitled, "Well-Known Southern Baptist Pastor Speaks From the Platform of the Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Mo. at the Jubilee (50 years) Graduation Fellowship". It said: "The date was Tuesday, May 16, in the well-attended evening service. The SBC pastor was Dr. Jerry Falwell, and he spoke from the platform for [about] six minutes. He presented a plaque to Dr. John Rawlings...honoring him as the outstanding Baptist pastor of the 20th century ...[SBC-approved] Liberty University had chosen Dr. Rawlings for this recognition. My wife and I were in attendance and witnessed Dr. Falwell's presentation. Nothing was said on May 16 concerning his endorsement of ecumenical evangelist Dr. Billy Graham. Nothing was said concerning the fact that Dr. Falwell is a pastor in the Southern Baptist Convention. Nothing was said of Dr. Falwell's endorsement of Promise Keepers...." We would also further assume nothing was said concerning Falwell's reported involvement with (or praise of) Benny Hinn, Moonies, the Pope, etc. We beg BBC and BBFI leaders to break ties with Falwell and new evangelicalism.

FALWELL'S CHURCH TO PARTNER WITH NAMB—Thomas Road Baptist Church is one of five (thus far) mega-churches that are partnering with the Southern Baptist Convention's North American Mission Board to beget mega-churches in four large cities. The sponsoring church and NAMB each will be funding \$250,000 for a flagship church over a two-year period. The 5/00 *Baptist Banner* (Va. SBC paper) comments as follows on Dr. Falwell's church: "Thomas Road first affiliated with the SBC in 1997 through its financial support of the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia state convention, although it maintains relationships with independent Baptist groups. Thomas Road plans to give at least \$100,000 to the Cooperative Program this year—the first year such gifts have come from the church's budget rather than designated contributions." In a 1998 interview about joining the SBC, Dr. Falwell says: "We [Liberty & Southeastern Sem.] plan to coalesce with our graduates in planting a lot of new Southern Baptist churches."

SBC COMMITTEE'S PROPOSED CHANGES—So. Baptists are tightening some boundaries on biblical interpretation. The revised statement of faith discourages ordination of women, limits the office of pastor to men, and requires people to profess personal faith in Christ as Lord to gain salvation. It rejects charismatic teachings and opposes abortion, homosexuality, and mercy killing. Changes to the Baptist Faith and Message, reflecting a continued rightward turn, will be considered at the SBC meeting in Orlando, June 13-14. The BF&M is not binding on local congregations, which are self-governing, but is an influential guide in hiring SBC employees. The revision also relaxes "Sabbath"-keeping rules. Previously, Baptists were to avoid "worldly amusements" and secular work, but the revision suggests that Baptists spend Sundays doing things "commensurate with the Christian's conscience." (5/22 *Religion Today*) Committee chair Adrian Rogers said the Bible "is the source of our authority, not merely a support for our historic doctrines." If this was true, and practiced, the SBC could not remain part of the apostate Baptist World Alliance.

NCC SEEKS UNITY WITH NAE, RC, PENTECOSTALS—The National Council of Churches will meet with Catholics and evangelicals to explore starting a new organization (per AP). The council's 50-member board endorsed a plan to pursue a cooperative effort with all major branches of Christianity in the U.S. The NCC is comprised mostly of mainline Protestant, Orthodox, and black Protestant denominations, but Roman Catholics, Pentecostals, and evangelicals do not belong. The future of the existing NCC is uncertain. Reformed Church in America head W. Granberg-Michaelson said: "Sometimes an organization structure has to be willing to die. We have to be willing to entertain that." (5/24 *Religion Today*) A notice of the proposal has been sent to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the National Association of Evangelicals. The latter, in a perhaps overture to the NCC, recently (see 4/15 *CC*) decided to allow its member denominations to be dually aligned with the NCC. NCC members at its 50th anniversary (Nov. 1999) decided a new ecumenical venture is needed.

SHERMAN A LIBERAL—Cecil Sherman was the first leader of the moderate-liberal Cooperative Baptist Fellowship ("split" from SBC). He is quoted in the 5/00 *Baptist Banner* from an earlier sermon: "I think the theory of evolution is the best explanation for the way life appeared on this earth." *BB* says: "Sherman does not

believe the biblical account of the fall: no tree, Adam and Eve were not real people...." He eschews the "liberal" label, but in a 1983 interview (see 6/15/96 *CC*), he said: "Sometimes I'm a liberal and sometimes not...I'm not nearly as chained to what is orthodox as some in our denomination are. I guess that would make me a liberal."

BEWARE OF CATHOLIC 'JUSTIFICATION'—James Akin claims the Catholic Church portrays man utterly incapable of working for justification (1/99 *This Rock*). He quotes the Council of Trent which said that there is nothing that precedes justification, whether faith or works, that has any merit. Dr. Bill Jackson says: "That sounds good until you realize that Catholic Justification and Christian Justification are two entirely different things. A Catholic receives initial justification at Baptism, usually as an infant. Having received that initial justification, he is put in a position where he can merit."

ASHBROOK PAMPHLET—In the 6/1 *CC*, we reviewed John Ashbrook's pamphlet, *The New Evangelical Event of the Year*, but forgot to tell you to get it from: *OBV Visitor*, 3865 N. High St., Columbus, OH 43214, 10 for \$3.50.

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NCC A LOBBYIST FOR CASTRO?—The *Washington Times* (1/10) said the "National Council of Churches should drop its religious affiliation and register as an agent of the Cuban government." The NCC leadership believes Elian Gonzalez would be better off in Castro's custody under socialism in Cuba than with freedom in America that his mother died to give him. United Methodists in alliance with the NCC were instrumental in hiring the father's [Fidel's?] lawyer as part of a continuing solidarity with the Castro regime (5/13 *World*). "The NCC has remained silent about Castro's continuing restrictions on religious activity in Cuba" while also praising the Cuban [Marxist] revolution (3/6 *Chr. Today*). Firing squads have executed an estimated 50,000 people since Castro came to power in 1959. 500,000 have been religious or political prisoners (5/22 *CT*). Spies infiltrate churches, and the government restricts how churches can organize and evangelize.

MEASURING THE MUSIC is the title of a book by John Makujina, a Ph.D. candidate at Westminster Seminary. Subtitled "Another Look at the Contemporary Music Debate," this 303-page volume will be helpful to those churches being swept along into adopting the trendy CCM/rock/pop secular culture of our day. Makujina critiques worldly practices related to rock music, such as erotic dancing, dress styles, stage antics, celebrity worship, etc., and warns against some of the popular "Christian" rock performers. He notes that most CCM record labels are now owned by secular companies, and says some CCM artists also sing secular rock songs and tour with non-Christian groups. Get this book at 40% off retail by calling toll-free 800/772-6657. (David Cloud also has a big book on CCM which we reviewed in the 5/15/99 *CC*.)

HOLLYWOOD/MEDIA CAMPAIGN TO NORMALIZE HOMOSEXUALITY—Hollywood is becoming more aggressive and "in your face" in pushing the liberal agenda. This was seen at the recent Academy Awards ceremony when *American Beauty* won "Oscar gold" as Best Picture of 1999. Sexual activity language used by female characters in the film was reportedly so coarse it would make a sailor or Howard Stern blush (4/10 *New Amer.*). *AB* is a semi-comic drama about pedophilia, homosexuality, and the emptiness of life (4/15 *World*), It "denigrates the family and extols homosexuality."

EASTERN STAR GODDESSES is the title of a 24-page booklet by Dr. Cathy Burns, available for \$.50 + postage from: Sharing, 212 E. 7th St. (G), Mt. Carmel, PA 17851.

UGANDA KILLINGS—The nearly 1,000 mass "suicides" (see 5/1 *CC*) appear now to have been mostly mass murders.

'JESUS' CBS MINISERIES—We did not see much of the CBS miniseries "Jesus" but American Family Association reviewers cited several problems: 1) About six minutes in, there is partial female nudity when Mary Magdalene rises from her prostitute's bed after entertaining a client. Dialogue includes sexual subjects. She is later featured in another sex scene. 2) Jesus is angry at God for the death of Joseph. When Mary refers to God as Jesus' father, he declares, "Joseph is my father!" 3) John agrees to baptize Jesus if he has repented of his sins. 4) Jesus often appears confused/uncertain about his ministry. The producer said "We wanted to show he...had fun...had anger and was attracted to...women." (5/14 *HT*). Our local First Baptist Church pastor made promo ads for the film.

CLINTON'S LEGACY—President Clinton seems almost desperately seeking a legacy that doesn't include the word "impeached." At this point, "gay rights" has to be a main contender. He spoke via videotape to marchers who came to Washington recently marching for his campaign for the Hate Crime Prevention Act. He boasted he had presided over "the most inclusive administration in history," with over 150 homosexuals appointed to important government posts. (5/13 *World*) A move last year to expand the federal hate crimes law to include special protection to homosexuals died last year. But Pres. Clinton is trying to force a vote before the Nov. elections. The Bush visit to Bob Jones is cited as a factor in renewing the push for a hate crimes bill (4/25 *HT*). Calling Catholicism and Mormonism "cults" may soon become "hate speech." A federal lawsuit over the firing of a lesbian employee has been filed against the Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children (5/11 *Alabama Baptist*). An SBC leader calls it "astounding and profoundly disturbing" that a Baptist ministry could be mandated to hire homosexuals.

TUFTS EVANGELICALS PUNISHED FOR REFUSING HOMOSEXUAL AS LEADER—John Leo said "Catholics, Muslims, Orthodox Jews, black Pentecostals, as well as evangelicals, do not approve of homosexuality." (5/15 *USN&WR*) Yet Tufts University in Medford, Mass. is punishing a campus evangelical group for acting on its beliefs and refusing to allow practicing homosexuals into its leadership positions. The acting dean of students says "gays have great power on campus and Christians don't."

CAN HOMOSEXUALS & ATHEISTS BE BARRED FROM CHURCH CAMPS?—An Illinois church camp is defending its right to deny rental of its facilities to homosexuals (5/22 *CT*). The controversy is whether facilities owned by religious groups and rented to outsiders are deemed public accommodations and subject to anti-discrimination laws.

FALWELL PRAISES CATHOLIC CARDINAL—Dr. Jerry Falwell is linked with both the BBF and the SBC. He has praised heretical faith-healer Benny Hinn and the Pope. He now last month called Cardinal John O'Connor "a man of courageous faith." He said they "differed on a few theological and social issues" but said "every pastor in America can learn a great lesson from this man." The pro-life Cardinal's "courageous faith" was evidently in the Roman Catholic Church's false gospel system of salvation by works. He said "I must...teach what the [RC] church teaches." (5/15 *USN&WR*) He had an "unequivocal loyalty to the Pope [and] an adherence to the teachings of the [RC] church..." (9/22/89 *C. Today*) He said of Mother Teresa: "If she is not in heaven, then I am really terrified of dying, because of all she did." (11/1/97 *CC*) A "courageous" faith in what? From his own testimony, sadly, it was in soul-damning Romanism.

PK MARCHES ON, BUT HAS PROBLEMS—Despite layoffs and low income for the past two years, Promise Keepers marches on. It closed its eight regional offices in Jan. and reduced its staff from 180 to 160. Registration fees were reinstated at \$69 for adults and \$49 for youths (5/22 *Chr. Today*) The Westminster Presbytery (PCA) recently upheld a complaint against a church session for its "continued support of the

charismatic ministry known as Promise Keepers." (3/13 *Chr. News*) The complaint cited four areas that PK promotes which "clearly violate the Scriptures" and PCA standards. 1. Its pragmatic approach to worship. 2. Its denigration of doctrine. 3. Its allowing "heretics" such as T.D. Jakes to speak at PK rallies. 4. Its acceptance of the "unbiblical" role of women clergy.

MORMONS DON'T MEAN WHAT WE THINK THEY SAY—People who convert to Mormonism never understand the real meaning of the words the Mormons use. Mormons claim to believe in God, Christ, Eternal Life, Heaven, Salvation, the Gospel, etc. We use the same words but disagree on the meaning (5/1 *Chr. News*). That is, we use the same vocabulary but use different dictionaries. After his poor showing in the recent Republican presidential primaries, Mormon Sen. Orrin Hatch claimed that Mormons were Christians and blamed a widespread "misperception" that Mormonism is a cult for his loss. But Methodist delegates last month declared that Mormonism is not Christian. They said it has "some radically differing doctrine on such matters...as the nature and being of God; the nature, origin, and purpose of Jesus Christ; and the nature and way of salvation." The PCUSA and SBC have issued similar assessments.

SBC EVENT SPEAKERS—Campus Crusade co-founder Vonette Bright is the featured speaker for the So. Baptist Ministers' Wives Conference at the SBC's Orlando meeting. Baptist World Alliance president Billy Kim, Rick Warren, John Maxwell, Henry Blackaby, and Sammy Tippit will participate in various SBC-related peripheral events. Atlanta-area pastor James Merritt is unopposed, so far, to succeed Paige Patterson as new SBC president.

REASONING FROM THE SCRIPTURES WITH CATHOLICS is the name of a new book by Ron Rhodes. It is a step-by-step guide to sharing the Gospel with Catholic friends. Each chapter presents a thorough overview of a key RC tenet, provides a biblical response, and includes questions to help a Catholic friend evaluate their church's teachings in light of God's Word. The author is a Dallas Seminary grad, sometimes quotes from the NIV, and quotes a person we wouldn't (e.g., Murray Harris in one instance). But overall, the book would be very helpful in witnessing to Catholic friends. Get this 360-page book from Harvest House Publishers, 1075 Arrowsmith, Eugene, OR, 97402.

UNITED RELIGIONS CHARTER CEREMONY—The San Francisco-based United Religions Initiative (URI), a self-described "UN of religions" (UR), is preparing for its global charter signing ceremony, June 26, Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh was chosen because it "has more bridges than any other city in North America." (5/22 *New Amer.*) The signing [according to its spring news bulletin] "will give birth to the global URI...[which] will be a bridge into a new era of interfaith cooperation for the good of all life."

HYBELS MEGACHURCH GROWING—Bill Hybels' Willow Creek Community Church near Chicago has seen a 20 percent increase in attendance in the past five years (4/24 *CT*). Attendance recently topped 20,000, up from the usual 17,000 who pack six seeker-oriented worship services. Hybels, a perennial Schuller speaker, in Jan. announced a new building project on the church's 155-acre suburban Chicago campus costing as much as \$70 million. His Willow Creek Association is now an alliance of 5,200 seeker-sensitive churches.

THE NEW EVANGELICAL EVENT OF THE YEAR is the title of a 4-page pamphlet by John Ashbrook which analyzes the July 29-Aug. 6 Billy Graham Amsterdam 2000 evangelism conference. Six truths are presented: 1. The conference will be expensive, seeking \$3,500 for an attendance goal of 10,000 – a total of \$35 million! 2. The agenda will be solidly new evangelical, including speakers [see 5/1 *CC* for partial list]. 3. The conference will confuse the truth of the biblical gospel. 4. It will put a strong stress on methods. Ashbrook says: "Graham's methods have demonstrated how to get thousands saved without their ever realizing they were lost." 5. It will give no warnings about the 21st century dangers of apostasy, ecumenism, and the world church. 6. It will have a detrimental effect on fundamental missions. [Note: ACCC Executive Secretary Dr. Ralph Colas plans to attend this meeting, with press credentials, and make a report available.]

METHODISTS VOTE AGAINST HOMOSEXUALITY—United Methodist Church leaders May 11 reaffirmed their opposition to same-sex behavior, ordination for active homosexuals and blessing ceremonies for same-sex couples. The separate vote on each of these ran about two-to-one. The decisions are binding for the next four years (5/12 *H. Times*). Hundreds of liberal Methodist clergy have pledged to disobey the same-sex ceremony law.

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CULTS AND NEW RELIGIONS is the title of a new book by John Ankerberg (conservative SB) and John Weldon. It provides comprehensive information on major religious groups from both Western and Eastern traditions as well as occult and spiritistic sects. It is a very helpful and reader-friendly reference book that should be in every church library. Get this 732-page volume from Harvest House Publishers, Eugene, OR 97402, bargain priced at \$13.00, postpaid.

AFEC CONFERENCE—The annual meeting of the Association of Fundamentalists Evangelizing Catholics is June 13-16, near Philadelphia this year. For more info, contact AFEC president Dr. Bill Jackson at P.O. Box 99141, Louisville, KY 40269, e-mail cecmtc@juno.com.

TIM LEE MEETINGS FEATURES SO. BAPTISTS—Dr. Tim Lee has two big conferences scheduled for June— one in Pensacola, and one in NC. Speakers include So. Baptists Jerry Falwell, David Ring, and Jerry Johnston.

WHAT TO DO WITH THE BIBLE is a 247-page book of 25 sermons by Ben A. Byrd about the Bible. Get this book from Dr. Byrd at: P.O. Box 1467, Hickory, NC 28603.

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PLANNED PARENTHOOD'S ABORTION PROFITS—The number of abortions nationally has decreased, but Planned Parenthood is performing more, not less. Its profits nearly tripled in fiscal year 1998-99. The number of unborn children killed in PP's 850 clinics rose from 139,000 in 1995 to nearly 168,000 in 1999 (4/22 *World*). Of PP's 1998-99 income, \$211 million came from clinic operations (the rest came from government funding, and donations). Of clinic earnings, \$58.8 million (over 1 out of every 4 dollars earned) came from killing an unborn child.

'GAYS' BOAST OF NEW POWER—Homosexuals now control Hollywood and the engines of the entire American entertainment industry—film and television, music and theater—says their main magazine the *Advocate*. It gloats over the recent Oscar sweeps and other triumphs in the fields of religion, pornography, and public schools (4/10 *C. News*). The *Advocate* leaves the impression America's new homosexual power elite has harnessed the communications media to ridicule, belittle, intimidate, and demonize middle-class marriage and family life. It celebrates homosexuals' ability to use the entertainment industry to homosexualize the culture and shape the minds of millions of American middle-class youth to accept homosexuality.

HOW CULTS DISTORT, DENY THE RESURRECTION—Jehovah's Witnesses say Jesus' body was disintegrated in the tomb and he was raised a spirit being, Michael the Archangel. Mormons say Jesus was raised not as God but as a descendant of God, the Father. They say he did not ascend to heaven but went to the Americas where he preached the Mormon gospel to Jewish tribes that had relocated there some six centuries earlier. Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church says Jesus failed in his mission, being murdered on the cross. He now lives as a spirit man in the spirit world and must one day return again to complete his mission. Christian Science says the "human" Jesus is not eternal while the Christ is the divine ideal. At the ascension Jesus disappeared while Christ continues to exist. The resurrection is therefore nothing more than spiritualization of thought. [Watchman Fellowship *Update*]

CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION ON THE INCREASE—It is estimated that 200 million Christians worldwide now suffer persecution and discrimination for their faith and that 150,000 are killed each year for being Christians (5-6/00 *Moody*). Most of the top 20 persecuting nations are Muslim (e.g., Sudan where almost 2

million were killed in the civil war there) or communist (e.g., Red China). Saudi Arabia, the world's most restrictive Islamic state, forbids any non-Muslim worship meetings and no Christian religious literature may enter the country.

SCOUT RULING POTENTIAL DANGER FOR CHURCHES—The NJ Supreme Court said the Boy Scouts of America could not exclude homosexual men as scoutmasters. It ruled that the Scouts are a "public accommodation," subject to NJ's anti-discrimination statute. This definition of "public" could later include other non-profits and churches, forcing them to hire practicing homosexuals as staff members (4/24 *CT*). The Mormon Church said it would withdraw its 400,000 boys from the Scouts if the U.S. Supreme Court forces them to accept openly "gay" scoutmasters, It said the Scouting movement as now constituted would cease to exist. (4/28 *Religion Today*). Mormons sponsor 30,000 Scouting units in their facilities, more than any other group. United Methodists sponsor 424,000 Scouts, the Catholic Church sponsors 355,000.

THE HAPPY HUNTERS ARE RELIGIOUS CROOKS?—Charles and Frances Hunter, "The Happy Hunters," conduct charismatic "Healing Explosions" and teach that everyone has the power to heal themselves, but they can't heal themselves (see 4/15/91 *CC*). In their 4/00 Opportunity Letter they write: "During the month of April we are going to lay hands on every check that comes in and we are going to break the spirit of poverty on anyone who needs that spirit of poverty broken. We are believing that within a very short period of time you will experience unexpected cash! We are asking you...to stretch your faith further than you have stretched it in a long time and believe what it says in Luke 6:38, '*For if you give, you will get! Your gift will return to you in full and overflowing.*'" They say your "seed" money will multiply. This is all so unscriptural, yet these "charlatans" are promoted by many charismatics, e.g., *Charisma* magazine.

POPE VISITS HOLY LAND—Pope John Paul promotes an anti-scriptural universalism and failed to clearly proclaim the saving Gospel on his recent Holy Land Pilgrimage. *Christian News* Editor Herman Otten said: "Muslims, Jews, and the Pope are in error when they insist that Muslims, Jews, and Christians all worship the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The God of these patriarchs is the Holy Trinity, the only God who exists." They trusted in the coming Messiah (Jesus Christ, the second person of the Trinity), not works, for salvation.

CHECK OUR NEW WEB SITE & SEARCH FEATURE!—We are grateful to Richard Vizzuti (Canada) for a major redesign of our Web site, and for providing us a search engine capability. Richard Hall did some "fine tuning" and got all this up and running at our Web site. Visit us at: <<http://home.hiwaay.net/~contendr>> (Bro. Vizzuti's Web site is: <www.geocities.com/raptureapologetics/>).

GOTHARD GETS ARMSTRONG TEXAS PROPERTY—Hobby Lobby has bought the beautiful 2,200-acre ghost town near Big Sandy, Texas that once was part of flamboyant cultist Herbert W. Armstrong's (and son Garner Ted's) Worldwide Church of God empire and called Ambassador University. HL will lease the campus to Bill Gothard, president of the Institute in Basic Life Principles, who has bought all the property in the buildings. Initially it will be used for an orphanage and vocational school. Gothard runs about 50 character-building programs including ALERT which responds to natural disasters worldwide (4/2 *Dallas Morn. News*). This program will move from Mich. to Tex. Gothard said "We are not promoting a religion. Our whole purpose is to build communities and leaders." He claims to be a fundamentalist, but many have exposed and documented his flawed teachings and ecumenical associations. (See 4/1/97 *CC*).

SBC LEADER A CHARISMATIC?—Today, Pentecostals or charismatics (nearly synonymous) number 523 million adherents worldwide. Regent University dean and historian Vinson Synan says arm-waving Promise Keepers meetings look like Pentecostal rallies. He says Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey is a charismatic (4/17 *Chr. News*), and: "The head of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board [now NAMB], Jerry Rankin, is a known charismatic [see 7/15/93 & 2/15/96 *CCs*]. Most of the [SB] missionaries are charismatic or they couldn't make it on the mission field." This may be hard to prove [and 61% of Ga. SBC messengers (11/99)

voted to withdraw fellowship from member churches that "engage in non-biblical charismatic worship practices that are divisive and disruptive"(4/24 *CT*), but there is no denying that charismatics are indeed making huge inroads worldwide, and that their influence is being strongly felt in the SBC.

MOHLER DEBATES CATHOLIC EXPERT—Southern Baptist Seminary Pres. Albert Mohler had this to say on the Mar. 22 Larry King Live TV show: "As an evangelical, I believe that the Roman Church is a false church and it teaches a false gospel. Indeed, I believe that the pope himself holds a false and unbiblical office." Other guests included Donald Carson (TEDS), "Father" Gregory Coiro of the LA Archdiocese, "Father" William Byron of Georgetown U., and Rabbi Harold Kushner. Coiro and Byron said someone who didn't believe in Christ could be saved if they lived a good life. Mohler disagreed and said the Catholic Church represents a false gospel of works rather than grace (4/3 *Chr. News*). He said the larger problem he has with Pope John Paul in particular is that he has redefined Christianity and the gospel. "He has actually embraced all monotheists, both Jews and followers of Islam as long as they're sincere...."

WHAT WILL F. GRAHAM PREACH?—Concerning the Franklin Graham's April 28-30 Festival in Lubbock, TX, the *Plains Baptist Challenger* Editor E.L. Bynum asks: "What will Graham preach"? He cannot preach the true gospel of Jesus Christ because it would offend most of the mixture of apostasy, idolatry and compromise. He can't preach against idolatry because idolaters (Catholics, e.g.) are in charge of the meeting. He can't expose the charismatic religion for the counterfeit it is, since they also are in charge of the meeting. He can't expose modernism, liberalism and rank unbelief in the vast number of Protestant NCC churches supporting the Festival. He can't fully preach the gospel of salvation because the supporting churches can't agree on the gospel, or how to be saved. He can't preach against rock music, because one of the big draws will be the rock musicians and rock music. It's doubtful he will say anything against the sin of homosexuality. ... [Adapted, 4/00 *PBC*]

TUTU TO ADDRESS 45,000 LUTHERAN YOUTH—Archbishop Desmond Tutu, a radical liberal and socialist who rejects Christian doctrines, is to address the Youth Gathering of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America this summer in St. Louis (4/24 *Chr. News*). He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1985, and wants churches to ordain homosexuals. He claims to hate capitalism, and has said "I think the West, for my part can go to Hell." Yet he spoke at the 1998 Baptist World Alliance meeting (the SBC is a major member of the apostate BWA), the 1999 NCC meeting, and a WCC meeting in Atlanta Dec. 1999.

MICH. CHURCH LEAVES GARBC—Calvary Baptist Church of Grayling, Mich. voted unanimously last month to exit the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches. Pastor Dr. Robert J. Barnett explains: "My roots are GARBC, most of my spiritual heroes were GARBC.... We didn't leave them. They left us." He cited problems at GARBC-approved Grand Rapids. He said: "We still support the position on Bible separation so eloquently presented by the late Dr. Robert T. Ketchum in his last Bible Conference address at GR." He added: "The Neo-evangelicalism Dr. Ketchum [warned] us about is no longer considered the enemy. There are still many good men and churches in the GARBC, but their voices are being increasingly censored and ignored. I fear the GARBC is in an irreversible drift in a dangerous and disastrous direction." He repeated that in reality he and his church never left the GARBC, the GARBC left them. "We just obeyed God's command to 'Withdraw thyself!'"

STEVE HILL LEAVES PENSACOLA 'REVIVAL'—Evangelist Steve Hill announced March 22 that he will move his ministry, probably to the Dallas area. He has led the "Pensacola Outpouring" at the Brownsville Assembly of God for the past five years (5/00 *Charisma*). Brownsville services will continue, but Pastor John Kilpatrick and music pastor Lindell Cooley will shift from Awake America crusades to citywide prayer crusades.

DENVER SEMINARY'S FOCAL POINT ARTICLE PROMOTES ECUMENISM—Denver Seminary is

part of the Conservative Baptist Association which is a member of the NAE which now allows their churches to be dually aligned with the NCC which is a member of the WCC! Any link with the apostate NCC/WCC violates biblical separation commands. Dr. Leith Anderson is the interim president of Denver. Dr. Peter Menconi writes in DS's Spr. 2000 *Focal Point*: "...Unfortunately, most churches have been ineffective at making the Body of Christ seamless in their own city or town, let alone in the world. One of the greatest hindrances to the infectious spread of the Gospel...has been the division of Christians along socio-economic, denominational and racial/ethnic lines. Conversely, one of the greatest witnesses to an unbelieving world will be the unity of Christians no matter what their hue or shade, their portfolio or lack thereof, or their theological quirks..." He, in essence, is downplaying doctrine! The way many evangelicals are working in ecumenical unity with charismatics, liberals, and Roman Catholics—and considering them part of the Body of Christ—is a grievous disgrace in our day.

'HOW NOT TO SHARE YOUR FAITH'—A 5/00 *Charisma* article lists eight ways of how NOT to share your faith. It says "Don't ask people, 'Are you a Christian?', or 'Are you born again?'" And "Don't use Christian jargon." It says terms like "saved," "washed in the blood," or "sanctified" can be a real turnoff. We agree that using big theological words to impress is wrong, but we must be careful not to "water down the gospel" or try to improve on, or avoid, the use of biblical terminology.

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OVER 900 DIE IN UGANDAN MASS SUICIDE—At last count there were 924 victims (over 500 were burned to death) of a mass suicide of the Movement for the Restoration of the Ten Commandments of God cult. This exceeds the 913 lives lost in the 1978 Jonestown suicides (4/10 *USN&WR*). The doomsday cult was an offshoot of the Roman Catholic Church (3/27 *Christian News*). Its five primary leaders included two former Catholic priests and a nun. Catholic icons were prominent in its buildings.

ALPHA GROWS, AND ECUMENICALLY—Nearly two million people worldwide have now done the Alpha Course. Over 40 conferences are set for the year 2000 across the U.S. Every denomination from Catholic to Baptist to charismatic now run it. Alpha speaker Nicky Gumbel says: "It cannot be done alone, but only in partnership....And it is wonderful to work with so many different churches, Roman Catholics, Methodists, Baptists, Salvation Army. We have Presbyterians...Pentecostals, people of entirely different theological positions...." (*Alpha News*) Alpha is recommended by Cardinal Wm. Keeler, Robert Schuller, Luis Palau, Jack Hayford, Bill Hybels, Chuck Colson, Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey, Fuller Seminary, YWAM, Episcopal bishops, etc. Alpha started 20 years ago in England in Holy Trinity Brompton, an Anglican church with charismatic leanings (1/16/99 *Ariz. Rep.*). The 10-week course is non-denominational but discusses being filled with the holy spirit and speaking in tongues. There is a kernel of truth in Alpha but it is encased in a toxic shell of ecumenism.

INNER HEALING CAN BE DANGEROUS—Inner healing is a deceptive combination of Freudian psychology and occult visualization [*PsychoHeresy Awareness Letter* (free), 4137 Primavera Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93110]. Some inner healers use guided imagery at a point of emotional intensity, bring a Jesus figure into the scene, and take a client back to some painful past event to bring healing. The "Jesus" visualized, created by the healer or client, is not the Jesus of the Bible. Be warned, be wise, beware!

DR. LAURA: PLUS & MINUS—We applaud Dr. Laura Schlessinger for her stands (as we understand them) on family issues, abortion, homosexuality, guns, etc. We defend her against radical homosexuals and other liberals who now try to censor her (and pressure Paramount Pictures) to deny her the right for an upcoming TV show this fall (4/8 *World*). However, from the few times we've heard her on radio, she is

often extremely rude (sometimes deserved) and uses profanity. Psychotherapy, a mixed bag—some of her advice is good, some is psychobabble. The basis of her Jewish faith is the rejection of Christ.

BUSH & E.V. HILL TO BE FALWELL SPEAKERS—Presidential candidate George W. Bush is tentatively scheduled as a speaker at Dr. Jerry Falwell's Vision 2000 Super Conference at Liberty University Oct. 1-4. Wonder if there's an LU policy that Bush will need to denounce or get into hot water with the media as he did at Bob Jones! Moonie funds, for starters. We can be sure the media won't excoriate Bush for Falwell's shameful lovey-dovey confab with homosexuals last October at LU. Other speakers include Southern Baptist leaders and Dr. E.V. Hill. The latter has liberal and charismatic links, and is an ecumenical speaker who shows up at such places as Promise Keepers, Moody, Dallas, and Liberty University.

GRAHAM HONORED—Nancy Reagan last month presented Billy Graham the Ronald Reagan Freedom Award at an event benefiting the Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, CA (4/15 *World*). Past recipients of the award include Margaret Thatcher, Colin Powell, Mikhail Gorbachev, Yitzhak Rabin, and King Hussein.

IBT ANOTHER WACO?—Dr. Greg Dixon has been in a long battle with the IRS over his Indianapolis Baptist Temple's (his son now pastor) refusal to withhold federal taxes from its staff. IBT calls the salaries "love gifts, not wages." The IRS says IBT owes nearly \$6 million. Seizure seems imminent unless a stay order is granted. Dixon says: "If not, we may have another Waco...the pastors, deacons and men of the church have already settled the matter in our hearts. We will never voluntarily vacate the property that has been given to [us] by God Himself and paid for by the tithes and offerings of God's people."

AIDS STATISTICS—Bible translation is a race against time in Southern Africa because AIDS is reducing a tribe's population so fast that no member may still be alive when the Bible in its language is delivered (4/00 *Sim Now*). Of the 14 million who have died of AIDS-related illnesses worldwide, 11.5 million were African. In a recent UN report, about 5,500 Africans die of AIDS-related illnesses every day. One million African children under 15 have AIDS. 95% of the world's AIDS orphans are African. In 1997, 30% of Zambian children were orphans.

COLLEGES ALLOW OPPOSITE SEX ROOMMATES—Partly in response to requests from homosexual students, Haverford College (Pa.) will allow men and women to share bedrooms next fall in its apartment-style dorms (4/1 *HT*). Some "gay" and lesbian students "have difficulty finding people who they're comfortable living with." Wesleyan U. (Middletown, CT) and Hampshire College (Amherst, MA) already allow men and women together.

KEN MEDEMA AT GARBC-APPROVED SCHOOL—For over a decade, singer-composer Ken Medema has been featured by liberal, Catholic, and new-evangelical groups. He admits his faith now has "more affinities with liberalism" and he questions the "onlyness" of Christianity (9/15/90 *CC*). So why does his schedule list a performance by him at GARBC-approved Cornerstone University (Grand Rapids) for Feb. 9? We confirmed by phone with Cornerstone that he was actually there Feb. 9. It grieves us to see the once-fundamentalist GARBC year-after-year maintain its ties with blatant new-evangelical practices while also insisting it is separated from ecclesiastical compromise/apostasy. Medema performed at the Mar. 29 - April 1 Religious Communications Congress in Chicago where leftists/liberals Jesse Jackson, NCC's Joan Brown Campbell, and Martin Marty were speakers.

GRAHAM'S AMSTERDAM 2000—Remember Dr. Billy Graham's big Amsterdam '83 and '86 International Conferences for Itinerant Evangelists? Full double-page ads for Amsterdam 2000 are now appearing in *Charisma*, *World*, and *Christianity Today*. This evangelism conference is set for July 29 - Aug.

6 and involves nine days of prayer, strategy sessions and training seminars for preaching evangelists from over 185 countries. The ecumenical speakers range from liberals to new evangelicals and include: Bill/Vonette Bright, George Carey (archbishop of Canterbury who questions the certainty of the resurrection - see 3/1 CC), John Stott (questions eternal fire of hell), BWA president Billy Kim, Luis Palau, Franklin Graham, Anne Graham Lotz, J.I. Packer, Ravi Zacharias, Stephen Olford, and Gerry Gallimore. The latter two are Southern Baptists. ACCC Exec. Sec'y Dr. Ralph Colas plans to be on hand with press credentials to report on this vital conference if funds are available.

NAE MOVES LEFTWARD—Under its new president Kevin Mannoia the National Association of Evangelicals at its recent meeting welcomed its fifty-first member denomination, the charismatic Association of Vineyard Churches, once led by the late John Wimber of "signs and wonders" notoriety (4/24 *Chr. Today*). The Vineyard movement was influential in the birthing of the Toronto Blessing and Promise Keepers. The NAE board voted to allow member organizations to hold dual membership with other groups such as the left-wing National Council of Churches. Mannoia said the NAE's reason for existence has changed from providing an alternative to theological liberalism to calling the church to transform communities. Sounds like the, "If you can't beat them, join them" maxim.

NEW BLACKABY BOOK—Illinois Pastor Gary Gilley reviews *Fresh Encounter*, a new book by Henry Blackaby and Claude King (*BDM Letter*, PO Box 679, Bedford, IN 47421), and says it is unclear what the authors believe revival to be. Concerning the Wheaton College "revival" of 1995, Gilley asks where those who were supposedly revived are today? And, "Did the Wheaton students in [this] revival repent of their doctrinal errors or just have a momentary fling with emotionalism? True revival should ...lead to a move back to Scripture and away from the theological compromise that Wheaton has long embraced." Blackaby tells of a charismatic pastor who said: "We have a group in our church studying *Experiencing God*. It is led by a Presbyterian, filled with charismatics, and has a Church of Christ pastor in attendance, and they are studying Baptist materials. That's got to be revival." Gilley says: "Get it? Their evidence of true revival is not serving God in truth, it is ecumenism among those who have laid down their doctrinal distinctives to join hands over mutual experiences." Gilley cites the book's error of mysticism and constant confusion of the church with Israel.

ANGLICANS, CATHOLICS TO MEET IN TORONTO—A high-level conference of delegates from Anglican and Roman Catholic churches is set for Toronto, May 14-18, as part of an ongoing dialogue intent on reversing the Reformation (Jan-Feb *Canadian Revivalist*). It is expected that at the conference's end, a statement will be made stating that both churches accept the Pope as the head of both churches and the Anglican Church and the Roman Catholic Church will sign a document to this effect. Ministers from the Free Presbyterian Church (Dr. Ian Paisley, e.g.) and the British and American Councils of Christian Churches plan to be on hand to protest the event.

ACCC RESOLUTION OF PROTEST OF ANGLICAN PAPAL RECOGNITION—Whereas the Church of Rome teaches that it is the way to Christ, rather than Christ the way into the church, and; whereas the Church of Rome teaches the mediation by a class of priests, thereby transgressing the biblical truth that "there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus," and; whereas the Romish mass purports to be the re-sacrifice of Christ, and; whereas the Roman church has suppressed, tormented, persecuted and murdered countless saints of God who proclaimed truths which it denies and distorts, and; whereas the Church of England is known in history for its stand against Roman Catholicism's errors, conspicuously demonstrated by its martyrs (e.g., Cranmer, Latimer, Ridley), and; whereas the Church of England now proposes betrayal of its martyrs and the truths for which they died, by official recognition of the pope as the head of the church, and; whereas the pope's apology for his church's history of persecuting believers named only "excesses" of rather than total repudiation of the Spanish Inquisition; be it therefore resolved that the Executive Committee of the American Council of Christian

Churches meeting at the Bible Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC, this 11th day of April, 2000, decries this betrayal by the Church of England of the truth of God's Word and of England's martyrs who died for these truths at the hands of a yet unrepentant Roman church.

IBFNA CONFERENCE—The 10th Annual Conference of the Independent Baptist Fellowship of North America is set for Bethel Baptist Church, Sellersville, PA, June 20-22. Dr. Richard Harris is host pastor. **Speakers include:** Ernest Pickering, Ralph Colas, Duane Brown, Charles Dear, Clay Nuttall, Tom Nieman, Mike McCubbins, Jeff Bailey, Paul Gustine, Jeff Kistler, Nestor Mercado, Scott Reeves, Sherman Skeens, Lloyd Streeter and Ralph Weer. For infor. call 215/536-9200; e-mail ibfna@bethelbc.org.

FBF CONFERENCE—The 80th annual meeting of the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship is set for Faith Baptist Church, Taylors, SC, June 13-15. Host pastor is Dr. John Vaughn. General session speakers include: Drs. Vaughn, Dave Jaspers, Sam Horn, Tim Jordan, Chuck Phelps, Dave Doran, and Ken Connolly. Super Workshop speakers are: Bob Jones III (men), Beneth Jones (ladies), and FBF Pres. Rod Bell. For more info call 864/322-0700.

WRONG AUTHOR—Mikhail Gundyaev was not the author of the book about the WCC being infiltrated by the KGB (4/15 CC). He questioned that Nikodim worked for the Soviet government (3-4/00 *Foundation*). The book was published by German scholars Gerhard Besier, Armin Boyens, and Gerhard Lindemann who spent years of research in writing the 1074-page book. "KGB agent" Metropolitan Nikodim was one of the WCC's presidents.

HENRY MISQUOTED MIDDLETON?—J. Richard Middleton says Carl Henry, former *CT* editor, quoted him out of context in a 5/27/95 *World* article. [6/1/96 CC]

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MICHAEL W. SMITH, THE CHARISMATIC—CCM pop/rock superstar Michael W. Smith has performed at Billy Graham and NRB conferences. Before success, his home fellowship for most of 20 years was Belmont Church (Nashville) which wore the Church of Christ label before going charismatic (4/00 *Charisma*). Smith tells about a Full Gospel Business Men's service that changed his life: "I went forward because I wanted more of God....[A] guy was laying hands on people. People started passing out and getting slain in the Spirit....And this guy touched me, and I was out for 15 minutes....Took me forever to get off the floor. And I *laughed*. I laughed for—I laughed all the way home." Besides this "holy laughter," Smith says many more charismatic experiences have occurred since. (He doesn't like the label "charismatic" to describe himself—because of the negative baggage.) He relates another time of laughing, hyperventilating, "rolling on the floor," and says: "Then everybody started laughingfor 30 minutes....I really believe that that was God."

PREACHING IS OUT, RADICAL WORSHIP IS IN—In charismatic churches, "worship leaders" and musicians are displacing pastors and preaching. *Charisma* editor Lee Grady (4/1) tells how his friend Mike Bickle resigned from pastoring a large Kansas City church and started a worship and prayer service that has been running 24 hours a day without a break since September 1999. He has two dozen full-time musicians and at least 20 singers and intercessors. Grady says Bickle believes this kind of continuous worship will soon be the norm and be a key to releasing a global spiritual revival. Grady says the Bible sanctions exuberant worship and "calls us to sing, shout, clap, raise our hands, dance, kneel and lie prostrate on the floor to show our appreciation for Jesus." Granted, some fundamentalist churches could use a little more exuberant Spirit-wrought praise and worship (without the rock music), but read I Cor. 1:17-21, II Tim. 4:2-5, etc., to see the imperative of preaching and doctrine.

BABY PARTS FOR SALE—There is a lucrative market for body parts of aborted babies. By allowing traffickers to take body parts, abortionists are saved the disposal expenses, and thus make a double profit—first a fee from the mother to perform the partial-birth abortion, and then an access fee from the trafficker to collect the parts (Coral Ridge Min. ltr.). Our president keeps vetoing Partial-Birth Abortion Ban bills. The baby parts market makes partial-birth abortions more popular than ever.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS used in the *CC* is available at our Web site

<http://home.hiwaay.net/~contendr> or send a SASE and a list of most of these will be mailed to you.

COLLEGE KIDS DRINK TO GET DRUNK—"Students used to drink to have fun, and now they drink to get drunk." Despite campaigns against alcohol abuse at colleges, heavy drinking has increased—44 percent of undergraduates are binge drinkers (3/27 *USN&WR*). These are 7 times as likely to miss classes and 10 times as likely to damage property as are light drinkers. Alcohol impairs the memory of college students more than that of adults. Underage drinking costs \$58 billion a year in traffic accidents, crimes, and treatment. Victimless? Hardly!

INTERNET PORN—Researchers say there are at least 200,000 cybersex compulsives addicted to E-porn and millions more (many children and teens) are at risk (3/27 *USN&WR*). There are currently over one million easy-to-find pornographic Web sites (3/15 *CC*). Adult (porn) entertainment sites are the third largest sector of sales on the Internet, with between 72,000 and 100,000 sexually explicit sites available (3/15 *FRC Ltr.*). Of the 3,900 new Internet sites that go up daily, at least 85 sell pornography.

UN DISTRIBUTES CONDOMS—As a precaution against AIDS, the United Nations will distribute a condom a day to each of the 16,000 male peacekeeping troops it sends to Congo and Sierre Leone this year (3/19 *H. Times*). This decision came after pressure by our UN ambassador and in effect acknowledges that UN peacekeepers visit brothels. Walter Cronkite recently said "[W]e must strengthen the UN as a first step toward a world government patterned after our own government with a legislature, executive and judiciary, and police...." (2/28 *New Amer.*). But the merging of the U.S. into a world government would mean the abolition of our Constitution and Bill of Rights.

ISLAM POSES DANGER FOR CHRISTIANS—The U.S. Senate has invited a Muslim cleric to open its session in prayer. The U.S. military has hired four Muslim Chaplains. Yet, Christianity is totally banned in Islamic Saudi Arabia (4/3 *CT*). Public religious worship by a non-Muslim is a criminal offense. Any attempt to convert a Muslim to another faith is subject to criminal prosecution. Muslims say Jesus was condemned to the cross but was not crucified. Of the 2.6 million African-American Muslims, the Nation of Islam is only about 18-20,000. Its leader, Louis Farrakhan, recently embraced mainstream Islam.

TEMPLETON PRIZE GOES TO PHYSICIST—Freeman Dyson, a physicist, won the annual Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion (\$940,000). He said, "[To] me, religion is a way of life, not a belief." He is not a church member. Other well-known recipients include Mother Teresa, Billy Graham, Bill Bright, and Chuck Colson.

MOONIES HONOR FALWELL—A special reception on Capitol Hill Feb. 2 honored Korean evangelist Sun Myung Moon and was sponsored by his *Washington Times* Foundation, with members of Congress attending. The event included an "American Century Awards" ceremony. Dr. Jerry Falwell was honored with the Foundation's Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award for Freedom, Faith and Family and for "overcoming man's inhumanity to man." The 3/20 *Chr. News* article we're quoting from, said: "Falwell has appeared at three previous Moon gatherings, including one in Uruguay in 1995, and he has relied on Moon's largess to bail him out of tight financial spots. In 1997 a Moon front group called the Women's Federation for World Peace funneled \$3.5 million to a non-Moon group to alleviate financial problems at Falwell's Liberty University. In 1996 a Moon publishing group lent Falwell \$400,000 for use at Liberty...." Moon claims to be the Messiah sent to complete the failed mission of Jesus. Falwell says he has addressed several groups Moon attended, and said (3/1/98 *CC*): "I preach for the Moonies...the Mormons...the Catholics...the Jews...."

MERRITT TO BE NOMINATED FOR SBC TOP POST—Atlanta-area pastor James Merritt has agreed

to accept the nomination by Jack Graham as president of the Southern Baptist Convention (3/00 *Bapt. Banner*). He will be the first baby-boomer to lead the SBC. Since 1985 his church (FBC, Snellville) has grown from 2,000 to 11,000 members. His "Touching Lives" is broadcast on TBN.

ASBURY FILLS LIBERAL U. METHODIST PULPITS—Wilmore, KY is a United Methodist stronghold, but its fastest growing church is a charismatic fellowship. The local Asbury Seminary fills more U. Methodist pulpits than any other school in our nation (4/1 *Charisma*). U. Methodist minister Dr. Maxie Dunnam became president of Asbury in 1994 and has been a member of the Roman Catholic-Methodist International Dialogue Commission (1/1/96 *CC*). Asbury is a member of the NAE; the U. Methodist Church is a member of the liberal NCC/WCC.

EMMAUS WALK—Emmaus Walk is a 3-day weekend retreat experience. It emerged from the Roman Catholic Church's Cursillo Movement and is charismatic and ecumenical in nature (3-4/00 *Foundation*). It is often sponsored by the United Methodist or other mainline denomination. The Emmaus Web site states: "The Emmaus Walk is mainstream in theological outlook.... It is a common meeting ground for the great diversity of Christians...who celebrate their unity in Christ and feel they can learn from one another, be they traditionalists, evangelicals, liberals, conservatives, activists, charismatics, and especially all those who seek to follow Christ without regard to labels and camps." An Indiana clergyman described the experience thusly: "In small table groups, we listened, took notes, and discussed each theme. What an experience it was to listen as my fellow pilgrims—U. Methodists, Presbyterians, Catholics, Lutherans, and Baptists, wrestled with how to apply each topic to life...."

GREAT COMMISSION GLOBAL ROUNDTABLE—That's the name of a new united network formed by three international evangelical missions organizations—World Evangelical Fellowship, AD2000 and Beyond, and the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization. Its list of foundational values include the need for a thorough re-examination of a theology of the church, and for a more representative platform where all members of the Body of Christ are equal partners (e.g., charismatics and non-charismatics). A March-April *Foundation* article notes: "This step...is yet one further example of the ecumenism that is becoming so prevalent in the name of evangelism."

NAE ALLOWS JOINT MEMBERSHIP WITH NCC—Southern Baptist Seminary president R. Albert Mohler Jr. in the 3/25 *World* took the National Association of Evangelicals to task for "rescuing the National Council of Churches from irrelevance" by its decision to drop its by-law prohibiting member denominations from joint membership in the liberal NCC. The NAE in 1944 considered the NCC (then the Federal Council) a lost cause and adopted a by-law preventing member bodies from dual membership. It was argued that the NCC/FCC played word games and claimed the name of Christ while denying His deity. Mohler says the NCC since 1950 has been moving steadily to the left. It has taken liberal stands on moral issues and supported leftist causes, recently serving as an apologist for Communist Cuba concerning 6-yr-old Elian Gonzalez. Outgoing NCC gen. sec'y Joan Brown Campbell predicts a new coalition will emerge, combining liberal Protestants with Catholics, evangelicals [including charismatics], and Orthodox Christians. Even Carl Henry opined that this is the "worst possible time" to elevate the NCC. The NAE's middle-of-the-road stance veered sharply leftward under former president Don Argue, and now even more under Kevin Mannoia.

NEW BOOK SAYS WCC INFILTRATED BY KGB—A new book: "National Protestantism and the Ecumenical Movement: Church Activities During the Cold War," by Mikhail Gundyayev, based on KGB files opened in 1992, confirms that at the height of the Cold War the World Council of Churches was "infiltrated" by E. European intelligence agencies and that one of its former presidents (Metropolitan Nikodim) was a KGB agent (3/20 *Chr. News*). Gundyayev represents the Russian Orthodox Church at the WCC's Geneva headquarters. We ran several articles on this before and after the 1992 KGB files were

opened.

SOVIET KGB SPIES INFILTRATED WCC—Tass, the former Soviet news agency, now reports that agents of the Communist KGB and East German secret police infiltrated the Conference of European Churches and the World Council of Churches, and influenced the election of Emilio Castro as WCC general secretary in 1984 (4/92 *MM*). As many as 3,000 church officials may have acted as informants for the communists. Some Russian Orthodox priests and leaders used their clerical garb to spy on others to save their own skins and keep their jobs (3/16/92 *Christian News*). The WCC has had communist church and KGB clergy members since 1961, and has funded Marxist terrorist groups (see 7/1/88 *CC*). A 1986-1987 FBI report said the Soviets use the NCC/WCC for their propaganda purposes, and that the Russian Orthodox Church under (communist) government control coordinated this. The 3/2/92 *USN&WR* said the ROC was a tool of the state under communism, and said "it appears that some Orthodox priests worked not simply as collaborators but as actual agents for [the KGB]." [This article is a reprint of a 4/15/92 *CC* article.]

CAMPOLO, PALAU SPOKE FOR SCHULLER—Tony Campolo, in a plenary address at the 30th annual "Robert H. Schuller Institute for Successful Church Leadership," urged attendees to realize that their role as leaders is to "declare the kingdom of God" and to "build the kingdom" through transformation of society (3-4/00 *Foundation*). He mocked pastors who teach that society is deteriorating and waxing worse and worse [as predicted by 2Tim. 3:13]. Bill Hybels and Luis Palau also spoke at Schuller's meeting. *Foundation* comments: "Dr. Luis Palau provided an Evangelical presence that served to answer the critics who would point out the ecumenical, liberal tenor of the Institute program." Billy Graham has spoken highly of "possibility thinking" Schuller.

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BJU, CATHOLICISM & MEDIA CRITICS—Bob Jones University has been drawn into a firestorm of controversy in the current political campaign and there's a bit of irony in it all. In recent years, it has been scolded for its "Catholic art," for Bob IV getting a master's degree from Notre Dame, for inviting Catholic speakers, etc. Yet for all this, Catholics (e.g., John McLaughlin, Chris Matthews) and (and in) the liberal media have lashed out at BJU's "anti-Catholic bigotry" with a seldom-seen degree of viciousness and intolerance. Pluralism is a one-way street! Catholics Pat Buchanan and Bill Buckley, to their credit, defend BJU's right to its beliefs. Liberal pundits' selective indignation, and hypocrisy, is revealed by their virtual silence when Gore goes to Al Sharpton country and doesn't denounce its bigotry. The media for years have "allowed" Reagan, Quayle, Bush, Dole, and others to speak at BJU with no outcry. We have disagreed with BJU (and all others) on some issues. But we certainly defend their constitutional right and freedom to hold their beliefs, and to allow these political candidates to speak on campus to help educate students and "assist them in practicing good citizenship." The differences between BJU and Romanism are Biblically based—the latter is a corrupt false religion. Is it "hate" to point out Catholicism's doctrinal errors? If so, BJU is hardly alone in this. Bush could now be pressured into choosing a Catholic running mate to prove that he's not an anti-Catholic bigot. We are thankful that Dr. Jones was allowed to present the gospel on Larry King Live, and to pray with him after the program. Pray for BJU.

COHABITATION—Almost 40 percent of all supposedly single-parent families are really two-parent cohabiting families. Over half of today's newlyweds live together before tying the knot, compared with about 10 percent in 1965 (3/13 *USN & WR*). There is more cheating by couples who cohabit, and more domestic violence and depression. These couples are often politically liberal, less religious, less educated and have lower incomes (2/28 *Christian News*). Cohabiting relationships also tend to be short-lived.

DATING & ALTERNATIVES—Dating is a new invention, unknown to nearly every age and culture of the world. In other societies, marriage is too important to allow it to rest on the vagaries of mere emotion. Families arranged the marriage, considering a wide range of factors, including money (3/4 *World*). It was usually the man who married for money. Daughters had dowries. Many Christians today are trying to find alternatives to the dating game. Some are even reviving the ancient practice of betrothal, where children's families play a major

role. Some are reinventing courtship, waiting until of marriageable age.

POPE APOLOGIZES FOR CATHOLIC SINS—Pope John Paul II has made an unprecedented public apology and asked God's forgiveness for some past sins and errors of the Roman Catholic Church, including wrongs inflicted on Jews, minorities, and women. But for the Inquisition (and the Crusades) where millions were slaughtered by the RCC and many Christians ("heretics") were burned at the stake, the penitence covered only the "excesses." U.S. Catholic leaders have confessed to a host of sins including racism, anti-Semitism, and sexual misconduct of priests. But, do not be fooled by the "apology." Some see it as a clever act of damage control that will be used to lure people back to Rome. Council of Trent teachings are still in place (and re-confirmed by Vatican II in the mid-1960s). Mariolatry, the Mass, infallibility of the pope, and a host of other unscriptural teachings are unchanged.

ROCK BAND AT SBC CHURCH—"Christian" rock band Audio Adrenaline has sold over a million records and has performed at a BBF and a charismatic church (see 7/15/98 *CC*). A 3/2 *Huntsville Times* article stated: "If you come to Audio Adrenaline's concert Friday night [\$19.50] at Whitesburg Baptist Church, be well-advised. This won't be the Good Time Gospel Hour by a bunch of choirboys. Nope, this is rock 'n' roll—loud, jamming, Christian rock 'n' roll. You might hear some...classics, but it's more likely you'll hear 'Free Ride,'—yes, the great rock 'n' roll song by Edgar and Johnny Winter...."

CALIF. SAYS 'NO' TO GAY MARRIAGES—It was a major setback for homosexuals and other proponents of same-sex marriages when California last month solidly approved Proposition 22 by a 61 percent-to-39 percent vote, recognizing only marriages between men and women (3/20 *USN&WR*). Homosexual marriages are not officially recognized anywhere in the U.S., while 30 states now officially recognize only opposite-sex marriages.

MORE CHRISTIANS DIVORCE—A new Barna study shows Christians more likely to go through a marital split than non-Christians (3/00 *Bapt. Btn.*). Divorce is less likely in the Northeast. A higher rate of whites get divorced. Baptists are the highest likelihood of getting divorced, and 29 percent of U.S. Baptist adults have been divorced.

AMY GRANT REMARRIES, TERRY SEPARATES—Amy Grant and Vince Gill were married last month (see 3/1 *CC*). The 3/12 *Huntsville Times* said: "The couple—he one of the biggest stars in country music and she the most famous singer to come out of Christian music...." Meanwhile, Operation Rescue founder Randall Terry has left his wife and children for another woman. (2/28 *CN*).

FALWELL PAYS TRIBUTE TO BENNY HINN—[By Jackie Alnor ><http://www.cultlink.com>< adapted] On the "This is Your Day" program (12/28/99) Benny Hinn, in studio with his guests Steve Brock and a man named Ron, featured clips from his 25th ministry anniversary celebration (see 12/15 *CC*), highlighting several Christian leaders who came to pay tribute to him. Hinn's regular admirers appeared singing his praises, such as Rex Humbard, Paul Crouch and Oral Roberts. But a surprise guest was Jerry Falwell, who gave his own personal endorsement of Benny Hinn. Ron marveled about Falwell's comments, and beamed, "His students knew who you were," "And many of them were your partners! That shows me that the whole body of Christ is waking up to the fact that the Holy Spirit is doing something sovereign in the earth!" Here is the transcript of Falwell's tribute from the clip that was aired: "Pastor Benny and I are friends and I'm glad for every soul that comes and has come to Christ through your ministry over the past 25 years. A few weeks ago Pastor Hinn called, and one of his staff members, and said, 'Benny wants to come to Lynchburg and he wants your undivided attention for a day.'...He came and we had a wonderful day together. He met the 6,000 students on the campus of Liberty University as we walked from building to building, most of them knew him. Many...were your partners (applause). We spent a lot of time and conversation about what God is doing." Full-length videos of this celebration are available from >www.bennyhinn.org< Hinn has been called a false teacher, a charismatic who

spreads heresy.

LIGHTHOUSE MOVEMENT WARNING—GARBC's 3/00 *Baptist Bulletin* ran a letter by Continental Baptist Missions president Dr. Gerald Webber warning of the Lighthouse Movement's "great potential for snaring the unwary in a massive ecumenical net." We had a strong warning about this ecumenical coalition in the 11/1 CC.

CEDARVILLE FEATURES STOWELL—Moody Bible Institute president Dr. Joseph Stowell again spoke at the GARBC's Cedarville College Winter Enrichment Conference. We have often reported Stowell's trafficking with ecumenicals (see 12/15 CC). He is now on Billy Graham's board and has spoken at his Training Center.

INCLUSIVISM DEFINES NEW EVANGELICALS—ACCC Exec. Secretary Dr. Ralph Colas, in his regular column in the IBFNA's *The Review* (2/00), observes: "There are some new evangelicals who believe in many of the fundamentals of the Faith. What distinguishes them from us is separation. Fundamentalists believe, preach and practice separation. Those who say they are fundamentalists, but who fail to preach and practice separation, should drop the fundamentalist name and correctly identify themselves as new evangelicals...."

'BE CAREFUL IBFNA'—Independent Baptist Fellowship of No. America moderator Dr. Charles Dear warns in the 2/00 *The Review*: "As a fellowship we [IBFNA] have contended with the compromises and defections from fundamental Baptist principles and organizations for nearly ten years now, but we have been so focused upon what is outside of ourselves, we may fail to honestly appraise our own churches and ministries from within. It ought to be painfully clear that many of our departed brethren were friends who once stood where we are and that the seeds of our own declension threaten us now, if we will permit them to flourish. Good churches are at risk at any time so long as believers still possess fallen natures. Good churches are not just corrupted by their leadership; they are also brought low by congregations infected with a greater love for the world than they have for Christ...."

VAN IMPE COZIES WITH CHARISMATICS—Jack Van Impe used to be a dynamic "fundamentalist" evangelist, but in recent years has praised the Pope and Catholicism, and appears on the Trinity Broadcasting Network with a coterie of charismatics. So it is no surprise to now see him listed as a speaker in full-page ads for International Prophecy Conference 2000, April 5-8, in Orlando. Other speakers include: Morris Cerullo, Hal Lindsey, Chuck Missler, J.R. Church and Zola Levitt.

HINN'S 'HEALING PARK'—Benny Hinn plans a \$30 million healing park on a 50-acre site near his new Dallas headquarters (1/00 *Charisma*). Contributors can have their names recognized on plaques in various sections of the theme park, such as at the Healing Hall of Faith, in the Healing Gardens, the Fountain of Healing, the Healing Stream or maybe at the Eternal Flame of Healing.

SBC MASONS—Masonry is a religion. It is a works-righteousness religion of the Law. It conducts worship services and funeral services. Its god is not the Holy Trinity, the only God who exists. (2/28 *Christian News*) An estimated 400,000 to 500,000 Southern Baptist men are masons. A 7/3/95 *CN* article put the estimate at 1.3 million.

ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE ON BBFI MEETING—BBF pastors Drs. John Waldrip and R.L. Hymers gave the following assessment of the recent Baptist Bible Fellowship meeting (see 3/15 CC): "This was one of the most conservative BBFI meetings we have attended in years. Every speaker was conservative in his message and all preached from the KJV Bible. The music was among the most conservative in a national BBFI meeting."

TIPPIT'S ECUMENICAL TIES—Evang. Sammy Tippitt is said to shun the charismatic label, but has many of those tendencies (see 3/1 CC). He also has ecumenical links. MBI President Joseph Stowell wrote the

Foreword to Tippitt's 1988 book, *The Prayer Factor*, and John MacArthur did the Foreword to his 1987 *Fire in Your Heart* book from which we glean most of the following. MacArthur wrote: "He [Tippitt] has worked hand in hand with men like Josif Ton [Tson], whom God raised up out of Romania..." Ton led in the formation of a new Evangelical Alliance in Romania which included Seventh-day Adventists (6/1/90 CC), and which invited Luis Palau for a crusade. Tippitt preached in Ton's large church and said Ton was "mightily used of God." He also said God moved mightily through Billy Graham in Ton's former church in Oradea where Tippitt had just preached. Tippitt is a listed speaker for a "Heart-Cry for Revival" conference (May 23-27), of which Life Action Ministries and Luther Rice Seminary (So. Baptist) are two of the sponsors. Our sinful nation needs revival, but can it come when Biblical separation commands are disobeyed?

DOCTRINE DIVIDES—Now *there* is a sound bite you hear a lot. Of course doctrine divides; it is supposed to. That is God's plan. "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and **doctrine**" (II Tim. 4:2). The Biblical Christian feels compelled to divide truth from error. To avoid that division, the Neo-Liberal approach is to identify everything denominational, or call it man's doctrine. In an effort not to offend, even the preaching of the cross is tailored to please man and make him comfortable. God's Word speaks to this also. "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness...." (I Cor. 1:18) Evangelical ecumenism is committed to erasing any obstacle to its human goal of uniting all peoples and religions. That would include redefining words, definitions and doctrines. [Dr. Clay Nuttall, >shepherdstaff@juno.com<]

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SO. BAPTIST TEENS ROCK/DANCE AT NEW YEAR'S YOUTHLINK 2000—A New Year's Eve celebration capped a 3-night, 2-day millennial festival at YouthLink 2000's seven sites. Sponsored by four SBC agencies, this event was the largest youth gathering in SBC history (2/18 *Sword of the Lord*). It drew over 46,000 SB teenagers who partied to ear-splitting, heart-pounding praise and worship music by nationally known "Christian" rock bands, cheering, singing, screaming and bounce-dancing until about 2 a.m.

'GUN SAFETY' CAUSED MILLIONS TO DIE—The Soviet Union established "gun safety" in 1929. From then until 1953, political dissidents unable to defend themselves were rounded up and exterminated. Germany established "gun safety" in 1938. From then until 1945, some 13 [?] million Jews, Gypsies, homosexuals, mentally ill and other mongrelized people, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated. China established "gun safety" in 1935. From 1948 to 1952, 40 million dissidents, unable to defend themselves, exterminated. Cambodia established "gun safety" in 1956. From 1975 to 1977, a million people, defenseless, were slaughtered. The U.S. Congress expanded "gun safety" in 1968 in direct violation to the Second Amendment of our constitution. How many will die under our gun laws? (2/00 *VITW*)

HOMOSEXUALS SEEK A STATE—Homosexual activists desperately need at least one state to permit same-sex couples to marry so they could challenge the federal Defense of Marriage Act. After failing in Maine, Hawaii and Alaska, they have a potential victory in Vermont whose liberal Supreme Court recently directed the state legislature to either allow homosexuals to "marry" or to establish some form of domestic partnership that would create a quasi-marital relationship (Dobson Ltr). Letting homosexuals marry weakens the legal basis for the family.

CATHOLICS COVER UP PRIESTS DYING OF AIDS—The 2/14 *USN&WR* said: "Since the mid-1980s, hundreds of Roman Catholic priests in the U.S. were reported to have died of AIDS, with a death rate four times that of the general public....The widely circulated report last week by the *Kansas City Star* raised the disquieting specter of a church hierarchy more intent on covering up than coping with the problem." A.W. Richard Sipe, a former priest who has spent over 30 years studying sexuality issues in the RC Church, thinks about 750 priests nationwide have died of such illnesses. This means an AIDS-related death rate eight times that

of the general population (2/7 *Chr. News*). Joseph Barone, a NJ psychiatrist and AIDS expert, puts the number of U.S. priests who have died at 1,000—nearly 11 times the rate of the general population.

CYBERNET PORN—With 75 million adults and 25 million children online, Internet pornography is a huge industry with an immense audience. Currently there are over 1 million easy-to-find pornographic Web sites (3/00 *Charisma*). Porn addiction is a growing problem especially among men and youth, and "blocking" software is only a partial solution. The power of lust/temptation is the root.

CHARACTER & REPUTATION—Character is what a man is in God; reputation is what he is thought to be by others. Character is always real; reputation may be false. A preacher may have good character and a bad reputation; however, he may have a good reputation and a bad character. Most men are more anxious about their reputation than they are about their character. [*Straightway*]

INTOLERANCE NOT TOLERATED...OR IS IT?—The intolerant person today is the one thing that can't be tolerated—i.e., if he is a "right-winger." Such people are said to be too sick ("mentally ill") to be entrusted with certain rights, such as freedom of speech/religion. Surgeon Gen. David Satcher recently published a report claiming 22 percent of all Americans suffer from a "diagnosable mental disorder" at any given time, and that "up to half the population will suffer from mental illness...at some time in their lives." (2/14 *New Amer.*) A baseball player must undergo counseling for expressing his politically incorrect opinions, while the Braves owner (leftist Ted Turner) can use "hate speech" against Christians and escape the sensitivity training counseling of the "tolerance" police.

DECEPTION: 'WHAT KILLED THE RAT?'—The thing that killed the rat was 98 percent hamburger. Only 2 percent of the mixture was poison but the rat died (*Gospel Std.*). A mixture of truth and falsehood is usually far more deadly than pure falsehood which can be isolated and discerned. Yet today, Christians often say, "But there's so much GOOD in it!" ALL false systems contain elements of truth—in fact, the more truth mixed with deadly error, the more dangerous it is for deception. To be effective, a deception must appear to be essentially true. Over 90 percent of what is conveyed to the "target" must be true. Even in deceptive days, Christians have no excuse for being deceived. God's Word and Spirit are sufficient to expose error/errorists of our day (Isa. 8:20).

NCC'S NEW PRES. ANDREW YOUNG ON ECUMENISM: "It's not just that people are losing interest in the ecumenical movement. They're losing interest in their own denominations and in the mainstream local churches."

For BJU reply to recent attacks, see: <http://www.bju.edu>

BILLY GRAHAM TRAINING CENTER SPEAKERS—A new Year 2000 schedule of conference speakers for the Billy Graham Training Center (Asheville, NC) includes the following: David Jeremiah, Joe Stowell, Kay Arthur, Anne Graham Lotz, Woodrow Kroll, Warren Wiersbe, Henry Blackaby, Buster Soaries, Franklin Graham, Larry Crabb, Jill Briscoe, Alistair Begg, and Dennis Kinlaw. These conferences and retreats are said to be "A Ministry of the Billy Graham Training Center at The Cove."

JIM BAKKER BACK ON TV?—After the PTL scandal, prison, divorce and remarriage, charismatic evangelist Jim Bakker says he is ready to go back on television with a new message (3/00 *Charisma*). He has renounced the "prosperity gospel" message of many charismatic preachers, but his "theology" is still dangerous. On Jan. 25 Larry King Live, Bakker stated (with no Scriptural basis): "I believe personally that every person who died in the Holocaust is in heaven." (2/14 *C. News*) His former wife, Tammy Faye Messner, is back in NC. She "wants to speak in churches but has no plans to seek stardom."

PK RESTRUCTURES AGAIN—Two years ago Promise Keepers had to lay off much of its staff, but a bailout allowed it to recall them (2/21 *C. News*). In another major restructuring it has now closed its eight regional offices, resulting in layoffs. The ecumenical PK says this is not a sign the end is near and plans rallies in 15 cities in 2000.

MAINLINE CHURCHES DECLINE—From 1967 to 1997 four major NCC/WCC denominations have declined by 25 to 51 percent. In some liberal denominations, bishops have ordained homosexual clergy and allowed witches to teach in seminary (3/00 *Charisma*). A departure from Scriptural authority has created same-sex marriage and radical feminism. These and other heresies are rapidly emptying the pews of liberal churches where apostasy is rife. But sadly, many of those leaving the liberal churches are flocking in droves to charismatic churches.

FUNDAMENTALISM'S NEXT GENERATION—Alan D. Cole (Assoc. Prof. of Bible & Theology, Faith Bapt. Theol. Sem.) discusses "Three Perils of Fundamentalism's Next Generation" in the Feb. *Faith Pulpit*: The Peril of Persecution, The Peril of Pride, and The Peril of Pluralism. 1. On **persecution**, he comments: "This country which was formed to protect religious freedom has moved from tolerance of religion toward a position of intolerance. 'Religion' is viewed as a good thing as long as it does not get in the way of the social agenda of multiculturalism...." 2. On **pride**: "The new generation of Fundamentalists faces the peril of thinking that they are superior to the founders of the movement. There is the temptation to look at foibles of past men and respond with disdain toward them and [their] positions...." 3. On **pluralism**: "The next generation faces the temptation to avoid controversy under the guise of toleration. There is an attitude that affirms that one's salvation is all that matters and that doctrinal distinctives are insignificant. ...When one attends ecumenical conventions for male leadership, when one uses 'Christian Rock' or CCM to build his youth group, when one is unwilling to defend and declare personal and ecclesiastical separation, he is guilty of religious pluralism...combining the world with the Word and clouding the lines of distinction between them...."

JOHNSON TO HEAD GIBM—Rev. Jerry Johnson is the new Exec. Dir. of Grace Ind. Baptist Mission, Sellersville, Pa. GIBM Pres. Dr. Richard Harris says Johnson will work closely over the next few months with Missionary Rep Rev. Joel Weaver to ensure a smooth transition. Johnson resigned as pastor of Hope Baptist, Hanover, Pa.

CELEBRATE JESUS 2000—This super ecumenical event features several Catholic and charismatic speakers, at St. Louis, June 22-25. The list includes: Pat Robertson, Kenneth Copeland, Jack Hayford, John Arnott, Richard Roberts, Steve Hill, and Ted Haggard. There will be separate programs for 10 denominations (RC, Episcopal, Methodist, etc.) in the morning sessions, but all the different "streams" will meet together for the afternoon and evening sessions. Fr. Tom Forrest (RC) is featured in one evening session. Nine Catholics are on the Steering Committee, which also includes Church of Christ, American Baptist, and other liberal denomination reps. The various denominational rivers are fast flowing into the one ecumenical stream of the one-world church of the Antichrist. God commands faithful Christians (Rev. 18:4) to "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."

BBF MEETING—The Baptist Bible Fellowship met last month in Jacksonville, Fla. We had reported last year (see 3/15 & 12/1 *CCs*) that some states were voting out, or being voted out, of the BBF due to a division over the Bible translation issue and a concern that the BBF's stand on ecclesiastical separation was eroding. The only report we have seen thus far on last month's meeting cited the "disgraceful music." The reporter stated that the host church "had a wide variety of styles of music but the rock music and country music were about as worldly as anything I have ever seen or heard in an independent Baptist church." He also noted that several preachers didn't carry their Bibles to church services.

HISTORIC BBF CHURCH DROPS 'BAPTIST' NAME—Following the teaching of Bill Hybels and Rick

Warren, many Baptist churches of all stripes are dropping the name "Baptist" from their name. Temple Baptist (near Detroit) is the latest casualty. Its new name is "NorthRidge Church." This is the old J. Frank Norris and G.B. Vick Baptist Bible Fellowship church. An article in the Feb. *Plains Baptist Challenger* states: "The BBFI is now in the process of breaking up, because of doctrine and practice."

ADVICE FOR SEEKER-FRIENDLY CHURCH—Seeker-friendly churches are popular in our day, thanks to Bill Hybels, Rick Warren, and Ed Dobson. The 2/00 *Baptist Bulletin* warns: "Fearful that confronting the seeker with the reality of sin will cause the church to lose contact with seekers, the seeker-friendly church will often soften its message so as not to offend....A church must be extremely careful not to limit itself to a 'feel good' message...." A church that is a true friend to seekers will design its services to make the unbelieving seeker see his sin, God's holiness, and his need of a Savior.

WARE CONFERENCE FEATURES ECUMENICALS—Baptist Bible College (Indianapolis) President Dr. Charles Ware is hosting a 4th national Multiracial Ministry Conference, Apr. 5-7. Most of the speakers are ecumenical and/or new evangelical. Included are: Crawford Loritts (PK speaker with ties to Campus Crusade), John Perkins (social action activist who has called for redistribution of wealth), Raleigh Washington (a PK v-p and PK speaker), Alex Montoya (Masters Sem. prof.), and Tom Mahairas. Paul Dixon, president of Cedarville University (a GARBC-approved school), is also a keynote speaker at this event. Ware is on the board of ABWE, another GARBC-approved entity, and spoke at the national conference of the NARBC (2/00 *Bapt. Bulletin*). [For more on Dr. Ware's ministry associations, see 10/1/96, 3/15/97, & 2/15/98 CCs] If disobedience to Biblical separation commands is wrong for Billy Graham ecumenical evangelism crusades, then it is also wrong for racial reconciliation meetings.

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AIDS EPIDEMIC HITS AFRICA HARD—AIDS has become the No. 1 killer in sub-Saharan Africa, last year claiming 2.2 million lives, 10 times the death toll from all of Africa's civil wars (2/14 *USN&WR*). AIDS is the fourth-leading cause of death worldwide. In developing countries, it is the fastest-growing cause of adult deaths and these are projected to increase fourfold (2/7 *CT*). At a Lusaka, Zambia school, half the 250 pupils are AIDS orphans.

ROCK ARTISTS BECOME MUSIC DIRECTORS—Per the *Chicago Tribune*, more and more churches are hiring popular recording artists to be their music directors. Rock concerts are common, with stage smoke and bright lights. Gospel Music Association president Frank Breedon said they not only minister to their flock spiritually but "also to their entertainment needs." (1/00 *Bapt. Bulletin*). The latter more and more takes precedence over the spiritual.

CATHOLICS LIKE ALPHA COURSE—The Roman Catholic hierarchy in the USA and Great Britain is accepting, with increasing favor, the "Alpha" evangelism course. 50 parishes in Baltimore have used its curriculum. "Alpha for Catholics" North American coordinator said "while Alpha is not a full presentation of the RC faith, there is hardly anything in the 14 videos that Catholics would find objectionable." *Fundamentalist Digest* editor Dr. Don Jasmin notes: "Alpha is 'pseudo' evangelism using some Biblical terminology but deleting/subtly changing imperative Bible truths regarding Salvation."

NRB HONORS DR. LAURA, SWINDOLL, McPHERSON—National Religious Broadcasters awards this year went to Dr. Laura Schlessinger (Jewish non-Christian), Aimee Semple McPherson (twice-divorced, adulterous, lying woman preacher), Chuck Swindoll (Dallas Seminary Pres.), and to Thomas Kinkade (artist). The NRB has heavy charismatic representation, so the notorious McPherson, founder of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, is no huge surprise. Jack Hayford and Pat Boone are famous members of this charismatic denomination. Wayne Pederson (v-p, Northwestern College Radio) replaces David Clark as NRB chairman.

JUBILEE 2000 DEBT RELIEF FOR POOR NATIONS—The G-7 nations—bowing to pressure from the

World Council of Churches, Catholics, and other liberals (see 8/1 *CC*)—have agreed to write off over \$50 billion in debts of poor countries (2/7 *C. Today*). The U.S. commitment is \$970 million, plus a large part of the 2.3 billion from the IMF's gold reserves is from U.S. taxpayers. Forced redistribution of the wealth to Marxist dictators, etc., will soon have all of us at the lowest common denominator.

NCC FAVORS SENDING CHILD BACK TO CASTRO—If the 6-year-old boy is returned to Cuba, custody will not go to his father. It will go to the state, per a Cuban-American activist (2/5 *World*). He will be indoctrinated so that he can serve the communist state and the will of Castro. His mother gave her life to free him from wicked Castro's clutches. *World* accuses the National Council of Churches of misusing Scripture, and asks it to plead publicly with Castro to allow the boy's father to travel to a courtroom here to resolve the custody battle. There is no such thing as a courtroom, as we know it, in Cuba.

CHINA RESTRICTS RELIGION—*Foundation* (1-2/00) states: "Registration of churches is vitally important to the Chinese government, for only then can it control what is taught so as to hinder any words of protest against the godless communist system. The communist government bases church registration on the 'three-fix' policy which requires each church to possess a TSPM-approved pastor, a fixed meeting point and a restricted area of ministry and activity. Yet even after a congregation becomes an official, registered church, the government still carefully scrutinizes the activities...and controls the 'ministry' of the pastor." Even the official churches are not free at all.

SPONG IS AN 'A-THEIST'—Episcopal bishop John Spong, who retired Jan. 29 (see 2/15 *CC*), says he now considers himself an "a-theist." He rejects almost every Christian doctrine (2/7 *Chr. News*). He said "I don't want a God that would go around killing people's little girls. Neither do I want a God who would kill his own son." He said he doesn't want to be in a church that keeps "gays" in the closet and women out of the priesthood (1/27 *Daily Record*, NJ). Spong's successor as bishop of No. New Jersey is John Croneberger. He battles quietly, but has waged many of the same battles as Spong (1/30 *Star-Ledger*, NJ). His church hosted the 1990 ordination of a "gay" priest.

AMY'S TRAGIC FAILED MARRIAGE—Two families have been torn apart against their wills, resulting from Amy Grant's and Vince Gill's divorces. They were recently seen hugging and kissing in public at Scottsdale, AZ. Amy, CCM/rock icon, says: "[I]f you have two people that are not thriving healthily in a situation, I say remove the marriage. Let them heal." (2/7 *Chr. Today*).

'GREATEST THEOLOG' DENIED TRINITY—Many called Catholic priest Karl Rahner the "greatest theologian of the century." While he claimed to believe in the Trinity, his Trinity and his Christ is not the Trinity and Christ of Holy Scriptures (1/31 *C. News*). He denied other doctrines and did not believe that Jesus is the only way to heaven.

LIFE ACTION RE-VISITED—The Feb. 1 *CC* reported a May 23-27 Heart-Cry for Revival conference in Asheville, NC. Sponsors include Life Action Ministries and Luther Rice Seminary (SBC). Participants include "charismatic bridge-builder" Sammy Tippit, Richard Owen Roberts (not Oral's son), Dennis Kinlaw, and Ralph and Lou Sutera. Kinlaw (Francis Asbury Society) was a listed speaker at the Billy Graham Training Center (The Cove) for July 1994, May 1995, and May 1998. Sadly, Life Action pursues a new-evangelical or ecumenical course (also see 6/1/94 *CC*) while seeking to promote revival.

TIPPIT A CHARISMATIC WHO SAYS HE ISN'T—We had an article by this title in the 10/15/94 *CC* which quoted from the 10/94 *Charisma* concerning Evang. Sammy Tippit. He was said to have the reputation of a bridge-builder, bringing charismatic and non-charismatic groups together, but he shuns the charismatic label. He said he has cast out demons, had several charismatic experiences, and has received three distinctly charismatic gifts including healing and words of knowledge. In private, he received the gift of tongues which he

said "blessed me in my own devotion and praise to God." Billy Graham is said to be his inspiration. Charismatic churches have participated in his ecumenical evangelism crusades.

WHO IS RICHARD OWEN ROBERTS?—In the "Life Action Weakens" article in the Feb. 1 *CC* we mistakenly assumed that Richard Owen Roberts was the charismatic son of Oral Roberts. He is not, though Oral indeed has a son named Richard. Upon further research we learn that Richard Owen Roberts is a Reformed Baptist bookseller and publisher with a revival-based ministry. He is the founder and president of International Awakening Ministries formed in 1985 by Chicago-area men. Its facilities are adjacent to the Billy Graham Center on the campus of Wheaton College (per IAM's Web site). If he is a "separatist," as claimed by a defender, then why associate with new-evangelicals or quasi-charismatics?

T.D. JAKES A ONENESS PENTECOSTAL?—Last year the *New York Times* included T.D. Jakes in its list of the five preachers likely to succeed Billy Graham. Jakes pastors the huge Potter's House church at Dallas. Critics point to his flashy wardrobe, Mercedes-Benz, and \$1.7 million house and say he peddles a prosperity gospel. (2/7 *Chr. Today*). He has a message about women and healing. But he has come under heavy fire for his Oneness non-Trinitarian view of the Godhead. He revised his doctrinal statement to sound more closely Trinitarian, but he still tries to have it both ways. When pinned down, he says he usually baptizes in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, but he admits when he's with Oneness folks, he will baptize in Jesus' name alone. Shades of hypocrisy?

STOTT'S NEW BOOK—A *Christianity Today* reviewer (2/7) of John Stott's new book *Evangelical Truth* expressed concern that "one looks in vain for a complementary exposition of God's revelation of himself in Jesus Christ," and that Stott treats the Resurrection as little more than a "validation" of the Cross. The reviewer notes Stott's plea for unity in diversity on such things as charismatic manifestations, the sacraments, social action, and competing eschatologies but says he does show some resistance to the signs and wonders movement. Stott for years has encouraged women's leadership, including ordination, in the Church of England. Concerning hell Stott says in biblical imagery, fire's main function is to destroy and that while the fire of hell may be eternal and unquenchable, "it would be very odd if what is thrown into it proves indestructible." (2/15 *CC*) The Bible is clear that hell is a literal place of everlasting fiery torment.

BGEA RESPONDS TO GRAHAM'S WORRY THAT HEAVEN MIGHT BE WRONG PLACE FOR HIM—Ken Holmgren of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association expressed an understanding of concern over Dr. Graham's comments about heaven in a recent interview with Tony Snow of Fox News [see 1/15 & 2/15 *CCs*]. He said: "As the transcript shows, Mr. Graham made some statements that have resulted in misunderstanding. However, we want to assure you that he has no doubts about his personal salvation...." He said Graham's comments were his feelings about himself, reflecting his humility. BGEA Pres. John Corts blames chronic tiredness, personal pressures, aging, Parkinson's, confusion, etc., and said: "Under the pressure of live media, Mr. Graham may acknowledge something which he does not truly believe. In the crush of that moment, he has misspoken and conveyed an idea different than his true beliefs." Corts said media reporting is also sometimes at fault. However, in this case, the *CC* editor personally saw the interview, and reported the exact conversation from Fox News' Web site.

DISOBEDIENT BROTHER FORCES SEPARATION—Doctrinal differences necessitate division. However, it is not those who separate who cause the division, but those whose doctrine or behavior necessitates the separation (2/00 *Frontline*). The Fundamentalist (who, by definition, practices Biblical separation) does not cause division between believers. Divisions are caused by the brother who does not hold to sound doctrine (e.g., separation), and the Lord requires separation from that errant brother (2/00 *Foundation*). The Fundamentalist thus is forced to choose between the fellowship of light (obey God, 1 John 1:7) and the fellowship of darkness (disobey God, Eph. 5:11). It is not unloving for the Fundamentalist to choose light over darkness, God over a disobedient brother. The disobedient brother by not practicing separation (abiding in light) is the one who is

unloving (1 John 2:10) and the one who causes division. If he loved his Fundamentalist brother he would abide in the light.

LOFTIS TO REPLACE KEMPTON AT ABWE—Rev. Will Davis of the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism board announces that Dr. Michael Loftis is to be the fourth president of ABWE. He becomes Pres.-elect Sept. 1, then Pres. March 1, 2001, succeeding Dr. Wendell Kempton. Loftis has been ABWE's Exec. Admin. for Central and Eastern Europe for the past 12 years.

WARNING ON BLACKABY'S *EXPERIENCING GOD*—Thomas Williamson has a helpful paper on the false teachings of Henry Blackaby's **Experiencing God** book. Available free from him at: 3131 S. Archer Ave., Chicago, IL 60608. We suggest you send \$1 to help cover expenses.

BIBLE STUDY AIDS—Rev. Nolan McFadden has several studies/overviews "to help disciple, educate and inform God's people, on a variety of topics such as the New Age and Charismatic movements. Sample packet free (sugg. send \$1) from him at: 9651 S. 485 Road, Miami, OK 74354.

FREE PROPHECY PAPER—A complimentary copy of the *Herald of Hope*, a 40-page publication relating World Events to Bible Prophecy is available from: Herald of Hope, P.O. Box 216, Marayong, NSW 2148, Australia.

BOOKLET ON SBC—A 24-page booklet titled *Southern Baptists: Trend-Setters or Traditors (or Possibly Both)* by Ken Johnson is available from: The Baptist Pulpit, P.O. Box 4020, Wichita Falls, TX 76308, \$1.75 postpaid.

GEORGE CAREY, ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY: "Unlike the birth of Christ and the crucifixion, Christians cannot know with the same certainty that He was resurrected...we cannot know that He was raised..." (WITW)

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SECOND THOUGHTS ON ABORTION—Some crisis pregnancy centers have found that when a woman thinking about abortion sees a sonogram of her unborn child, the image frequently creates a bond and gives a troubled woman new courage (1/22 *World*). Many women and their partners change their minds about aborting their child when they see their child's image on the sonogram screen.

NO SANCTITY OF LIFE—Residents of Houston found 13 discarded babies over a period of 10 months. Three were dead (1/26 *World*). A Web site for the U.S. National Institute of Health includes a notice offering aborted baby parts for research purposes (1/00 *Bapt. Banner*). Big money is to be made in selling baby body parts. This is technically illegal, but they get around it by "donating" organs and then receiving a "site fee." Abandoning babies, harvesting body parts, how low can we sink?

FCC REVERSES RULING—Last month the Federal Communications Commission abruptly reversed its controversial decision that limited Christian preaching and worship services on noncommercial TV stations.

HELL IS NOT A LITERAL PLACE? —*U. S. News & World Report* for Jan. 31 quoted a Jesuit magazine with close ties to the Vatican as saying: "Hell is not a 'place' but a 'state,' a person's 'state of being,' in which a person suffers from the deprivation of God." Pope John Paul II told a Vatican audience that "rather than a place, hell indicates the state of those who freely and definitely separate themselves from God." He said hell is "not a punishment imposed externally by God" but is the natural consequence of the unrepentant sinner's choice to live apart from God. The *USN&WR* article said: "While Martin Luther and John Calvin regarded hell as a real place they believed its fiery torments were figurative." Billy Graham has questioned the fire of hell. Clark Pinnock asks, "How can Christians possibly project a deity of such cruelty and vindictiveness" as to inflict "everlasting torture upon his creatures, however sinful they may have been?" He said a God who would do such a thing is "more nearly like Satan than like God." John Stott said in biblical imagery, fire's main function is to destroy and that while the fire of hell may be eternal and unquenchable, "it would be very odd if what is thrown into it proves indestructible." The Biblical hell is a literal place of everlasting fiery torment.

BOOKLET—Dr. Cathy Burns has a new 24-page booklet that explains occult terms. Order from: Sharing, 212

E. 7th St., Mt. Carmel, PA 17851. She has books on Masonry, Mormonism, and books/booklets on a variety of subjects.

DUMB TO GIVE NEEDLES TO DRUG USERS—Since 1994 the Baltimore City Needle Exchange Program has distributed over two million syringes to some 10,000 addicts. There is plenty of evidence that it didn't work as it was supposed to. Many addicts share their clean needles with others, and sell them to buy drugs (2/00 *R. Digest*). In Vancouver's program, HIV rates among drug users soared from 2 percent in 1988 to 23 percent in 1997. One drug addict said he was glad the exchange exists, but that what he needed was help breaking his habit, not easier access to more needles. "This program is not helping your addiction," he said, "It's just giving you an endless supply of clean needles with which to put the drugs into your veins."

PRIESTS DIE OF AIDS AT HIGH RATE—Roman Catholic priests in the U.S. are dying from AIDS-related illnesses at a rate four times higher than the general population and the cause is often concealed on their death certificates (1/31 *HT*). Several hundreds have died since the mid-1980s and hundreds more now live with HIV. Most priests with AIDS contracted it through same-sex (homosexual) relations. Catholics forbid priests to marry heterosexually. "Forbidding to marry" is linked with "doctrines of demons" (1 Tim. 4:1-3). 1 Cor. 7:1-9 teaches, to avoid fornication, if a person cannot have self-control, then it is better to marry than to burn with sinful lust.

WHY NOT TO SUPPORT COLSON—In a recent book Chuck Colson said: "The most hopeful words from any Christian leader today have come from Pope John Paul II." (Jan-Feb *Proclaiming the Gospel*) A California couple gave the following reasons for withdrawing support from Chuck Colson and his Prison Fellowship: "1) Mr. Colson's high view of Roman Catholicism and the Pope; 2) His inclusion of Catholics as Christians in his writings and statements; 3) His participation in the Evangelicals and Catholics Together accords; 4) The inclusion of Roman Catholics in the leadership of Prison Fellowship; and 5) The obfuscation of PF's statement of faith [where 'justification' is designed to be acceptable to RCs]."

SPONG RETIRES BUT WON'T SHUT UP—Episcopal bishop John Shelby Spong retired last month, but will lecture for the next few months at Harvard. He dismisses "old notions of heaven and hell" and eternal punishment or reward. He has debunked the virginity of Mary and the resurrection of Jesus, declared all morality relative to time and place, and said that God as a being to pray to "is dead." (1/29 *H. Times*). Spong has said he "would choose to loathe rather than to worship a deity who required the sacrifice of his son." (6/15/98 *Chr. Today*) He ordained the nation's first openly homosexual priest.

MacARTHUR CANCELS AS MOODY SPEAKER—Dr. John MacArthur was listed in a full-page ad in the Jan-Feb *Moody Monthly* as a speaker for the Moody Bible Institute's Founder's Week conference (see 2/1 *CC*). But a Jan. 28 e-mail from Moody stated: "Mr. MacArthur canceled his appearance at Founder's Week recently due to his doctor's recommendation [recent knee surgery]. ...James MacDonald and Larry Crabb will be taking over his spots on the schedule." MacArthur spoke at the 1996 Moody Founder's Week conference (12/95 *Moody*). In addition to ecumenical speakers listed in the 2/1 *CC*, the MBI Web site also listed Renald Showers and Jim Cymbala (a "charismatic" per Sept. 15 *CC*) as speakers.

HEAVEN WRONG PLACE FOR GRAHAM? —Dr. Billy Graham voiced this concern in a Jan. 2 interview with Fox News' Tony Snow (see 1/15 *CC*). George Zeller observes: "1. Graham is indicating by these statements that he does not have or enjoy full assurance of his salvation. How can a true believer think that God may someday say to him, 'You are in the wrong place.' How different from Paul's statements of assurance found in 2 Tim. 1:12, Phil. 1:6 and 2 Tim. 4:7-8. 2. I can imagine a true believer saying this: 'Lord, I know that I am in the wrong place. I deserve to be in the lake of fire to suffer eternal punishment and to be separated from you forever. But by Your wonderful grace you have saved me and redeemed me and I belong to You forever.' But this is not quite what Graham said. 3. Graham, by his words, totally misrepresented the true gospel of God's grace. He gives the impression that whether or not a person gets to heaven depends on how good or how saintly

the person has lived. Graham is to be commended for acknowledging his lack of personal righteousness and his lack of goodness but a true believer should also be quick to confess that by the grace of God he is clothed in the perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ, and it is only because of Christ that he is fit for heaven. 4. 'I'm not a Mother Teresa.' How can we point to Mother Teresa as an example of someone who is saintly enough to enter heaven? Graham regrets that he has not measured up to her standard of saintliness. This again misrepresents the true gospel. Mother Teresa was a woman who devoted her life to helping those who are poor and needy and suffering and she was a remarkable woman in many ways, but such good works do not contribute in any way to one's salvation or entrance into heaven (see Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:5; Rom. 4:1-5). Also if Mother Teresa holds firmly to Roman Catholic doctrine, then it is certain that she herself is not saved and will not qualify for heaven. Why would any Bible believer point to a good Roman Catholic as an example of a person good enough to get to heaven? What the Roman Catholic Church teaches about how a person can get to heaven and what the Bible says about [it] are diametrically opposed. 5. What an opportunity Graham lost! He was being interviewed on a national network and asked about heaven, and he totally failed to point out God's simple plan of salvation. He failed totally to point to Christ and Him alone as the sinner's only hope. He failed to clearly define God's so-great and so-gracious salvation. The interview was a disaster and totally muddled the true gospel of grace. Can we perhaps blame this on senility or dementia caused by old age or is Graham really this unclear about the gospel in his own mind?"

GODSEY'S UNBELIEF—Mercer University (SB) Pres. Kirby Godsey argues in a book that "Jesus is not God; Jesus did not have to die;" dismisses the virgin birth as unimportant; rejects repentance and accepting Jesus as "the basis for salvation;" and claims that "doctrinal soundness is arrogant theological nonsense." (1/00 *Bapt. Banner*). The liberal CBF is housed in a Mercer building.

ANOTHER CHURCH LEAVES GARBC—Middletown Road Baptist Church [Pittsburgh—Jeff Kistler, pastor] voted Jan. 26 to withdraw from the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches. A resolution which passed unanimously stated: "This action is taken after years of study, discussion, and prayer. It is our observation that this fellowship of churches no longer stands Biblically and doctrinally, on the historic principles on which it was originally established. Noticeably weak and almost nonexistent is the organization's position and practice of Biblical separation. Likewise, we have seen the Association minimize the Biblical importance and primacy that the Lord has placed upon the ministry and mission of the local church. We take this action with great sadness and deep regret. However we must, for as a church we are determined and committed to maintain the Biblical stand that was once very evident in the GARBC but is currently lacking. We will currently maintain our fellowship with the PARBC and with the Association of Independent Baptist Churches of W. Pennsylvania with due vigilance."

CORNERSTONE SPEAKERS INCLUDE ED DOBSON—Cornerstone University, still a GARBC-approved school, has the following speakers for its Bible conference Feb. 21-25: Drs. Ed Dobson, Dick Gregory (IFCA), Charles Ware, and Bill Rudd. Ware platform-shares with ecumenicals (see 2/15/98 *CC*). Rudd served on the GARBC's Council of 18. Busloads of men from his church attended a Promise Keepers rally (see 8/1/96 *CC*). Dobson's new-evangelical associations are a matter of long record (e.g., see 4/15/94, 10/1/95, 5/15/96 *CCs*). He is pastor of Calvary Church (Grand Rapids), and a former assistant to Jerry Falwell. He (& Catholics) is listed as an Advisory Editor of *Christianity Today*, whose founder and board chairman is Billy Graham. Dobson was MBI's 1993 Pastor of the Year. The GARBC still tolerates inclusivism.

PINNOCK AN APOSTATE?—Clark Pinnock, professor of theology at McMaster Divinity School (Canada), has been called an apostate (see 4/15/92 *CC*), and perhaps for good reason. In the 1960s he was a conservative professor at New Orleans Baptist Seminary (SBC), but underwent a change in the 1970s and 1980s which led to a highly unorthodox understanding of such doctrines as biblical inspiration and the nature of hell. He presented a paper at the recent Evangelical Theological Society calling for a "more inclusive" evangelical understanding of last things which includes the salvation of many who never come to faith in Christ (1/00 *Bapt. Banner*). He said "God has more than one covenant and more than one people." He spoke of "various paths to Jesus Christ,"

and said many pagans already belong to God's kingdom. Rejecting justification through faith alone, he said God's standard of judgment is the individual's "participation in Christ's loving way of life which manifests itself in the service of others."

CRISWELL CHURCH EXAMINES SBC TIES—First Baptist Church (Dallas), which counts Billy Graham as a member, was pastored for almost five decades by Dr. W. A. Criswell. Mac Brunson the current pastor recently presented the results of a year-long study by an FBC deacon committee (1/00 *Baptist Banner*). The 18-page report contains 100 documented sources linking nearly 100 Baptist General Convention of Texas leaders to the moderate/liberal Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and Texas Baptists Committed, two organizations of SBC liberals/moderates opposed to the main "conservative" SBC, and a host of theologically and politically liberal groups also critical of the SBC's conservative stances on biblical and moral concerns. First Baptist-Dallas voted Nov. 17 to loosen its ties with the BGCT and join the new more conservative Southern Baptists of Texas Convention.

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JESUS & DEATH PENALTY—The Roman Catholic Church opposes the death penalty. Pope John Paul II last year pressured the Missouri governor to commute the death sentence of a triple murderer. Now in Alabama the Equal Justice Initiative legal group has erected eight billboards around Montgomery asking "What would Jesus do?" and including "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone." (1/17 *HT*). This verse does not apply to capital punishment, but to a self-righteous mob, not a civil authority. "What would Jesus do?" He did not dispute Pilate's authority to deliver Him to death (John 19:10) but reminded Pilate that the source of his power was from above. God likewise is the source and authority for the death penalty today (Rom. 13:1-4, Gen. 9:6, e.g.).

ABORTIONS DECLINE, FRENCH PILL WILL ALTER DEBATE—The number of abortions in the U.S. dropped to its lowest rate in 20 years in 1997. Experts say reduced access to clinics, more use of contraceptives, and attitude changes are causes. But after years of wrangling, RU 486, the French abortion pill may change things as American women finally gain access to it this year. But drug-induced medical abortion is still abortion. Planned Parenthood is the world's largest orchestrator of abortions.

MOON'S SON DIES—A son of Unification Church leader Sun Myung Moon, Young Jin Moon, fell to his death from the seventeenth floor of a Reno, Nevada hotel, Oct. 27 (1/10 *C. Today*). It was ruled a suicide, but Moon says God allowed his son to die as a sacrifice. Last year, Nan-sook Hong caused intense media attention with her expose of her former marriage to Moon's oldest son, Hyo Jin. She charged him with physical abuse, adultery, cocaine addiction, alcoholism, and neglect of their children (11/16/98 *Chr. Today*). She accused Sun Myung Moon of adultery, and complicity in his son's behavior.

MORMON TEMPLE 'SEALING ROOM'—Mormons reportedly now have 61 temples in operation and 54 more planned or under construction. A temple has a "sealing room" where Mormon couples are sealed in their marriage for eternity (12/99 *The Discerner*). This helps in their "exaltation," the right to become gods and goddesses and have their own planet in eternity (and privilege to continue to have children). A tithe of income is expected for the right of "sealing." A Mormon man can be "sealed" to any number of women who will be his wives in eternity. He can be sealed to the wife of another man in this life if she has not been sealed to another

Mormon man. But if a sealed Mormon woman's husband dies, and she somehow becomes sealed to another Mormon man, then "whose wife will she be in the resurrection"?

FCC RULES THREATEN BROADCAST FREEDOM—Ironically, Pres. Clinton proclaimed Religious Freedom Day last month in the very week his FCC issued new regulations which could seriously affect religious TV broadcasters. Last month, without consulting Congress, it announced that non-commercial TV broadcasters have to re-configure their programming so that at least 50 percent of all air time is devoted to "educational" or "cultural" programs. The FCC ruled that "programming primarily devoted to religious education, proselytizing or statements of personally held religious views and beliefs would not qualify as educational or cultural programming." Church services—vital to homebound elderly and handicapped—are also ruled taboo. The FCC's rules are said to be "horrendous" and possibly unconstitutional. The NRB is asking Congress to reverse them, saying they single out religious broadcasting for new standards.

CATHOLICS MAY NAME KING 'MARTYR FOR THE FAITH'—Former FBI director J. Edgar Hoover called "Martin Luther" King "the most notorious liar in the country." But King is honored with a holiday and is a candidate to be proclaimed a martyr for the faith by the Roman Catholic Church (1/14 *H. Times*). Archbishop Tutu paid tribute to him at a Dec. WCC meeting. But an article in the Jan. 3 *Christian News* said: "A great body of facts establish beyond doubt that King was a conscious collaborator with the Communist Party, a liar who obtained his Ph.D. degree by plagiarizing ..., a practicing adulterer..., and a traitor to America who gave aid and comfort to an enemy nation....He emerged from seminary denying the real Deity and literal virgin birth of Jesus... [and] was not a believer in historic Christianity." He told a friend he was a Marxist. In his new book, *I May Never Get You There: The True Martin Luther King Jr.*, Michael E. Dyson [an African-American] confirms some of the above [plagiarizer, adulterer, etc.] and said by the time of his death King had come to believe the answer to American inequality rested in democratic socialism (1/17 *H. Times*).

CLINTON'S SYNCRETISTIC PRAYER—Pres. Clinton offered a "new millennium" prayer in a service at the Washington National Cathedral (1/10 *C. News*): "...[W]e are all your children. Our Constitution tells us you created us all equal. Jesus told us to love our neighbors as ourselves. The Koran says we must do unto all men as you wished to have done to you, and reject for others what you would reject for yourself. The Talmud instructs us, should anyone turn aside the right of the stranger, it is as though he were to turn aside the right of the most high God. ...[T]he most important fact of life... is our kinship as brothers...and our oneness as children of God...."

BWA LEADER REACHES OUT ECUMENICALLY TO CATHOLICS, CHARISMATICS?—Baptist World Alliance General Secretary Denton Lotz says: "All of our denominations need a re-examination. When Pope John XXIII called for 'opening windows' he shook the foundations of Catholic ecclesiology and did open the windows of the Vatican to new ideas and more cooperative relations with other [sic] Christians. In the same way, we need a Baptist opening of the windows, not only to let the old and worn air out, but to allow a fresh blowing of the Holy Spirit in our midst." (*Bapt. World*) Lotz said there are 500 million charismatics in the world and the Christian Church has to come to terms with this movement. He said "We must open ourselves up to new things that the Spirit would have us do...." The Southern Baptist Convention is a main member of the apostate BWA.

MOODY FEATURES ECUMENICAL SPEAKERS—Moody Bible Institute's Jan. 31 - Feb. 5 Founder's Week conference features new-evangelical or ecumenical speakers. Included are: John MacArthur, Greg Laurie, Crawford Loritts, Joseph Stowell, David Jeremiah, Bruce Fong, Joni E. Tada, and E.K. Bailey. Last year's roster included Luis Palau, Bill Hybels, and Franklin Graham.

A DOBSON ERROR—The following is part of a reply (1997) by Bro. David Cloud, to a Dr. James Dobson defender. "I fully understand your thoughts about Dr. Dobson. He has done much good, and I will gladly and

readily acknowledge that. I have often prayed for him. You gave an excellent list of some of his accomplishments, which have benefited many people. In my estimation, though, Dobson's error is not a matter of failing in one or two matters. His error strikes at the very heart of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Of many concerns I have about his ministry, my chief concern is that he refuses to clearly identify the Gospel and refuses to warn of false gospels. That is why he can be so widely popular among Roman Catholics, members of liberal denominational churches, etc. On Oct. 12, 1995, I wrote to him and asked two questions: (1) What is the Gospel, and (2) has he ever warned of the false Roman Catholic sacramental gospel, and if not, why? I said, "The eternal destiny of millions of people depends on whether Roman Catholic doctrine is correct. Could you plainly state Focus on the Family's position? Do you believe the Roman Catholic gospel is biblical? Has Focus on the Family ever issued a statement warning its listeners of false gospels and identifying the same?...". After a couple of weeks Bro. Cloud received a letter dated Oct. 26 from Diane Passno, V-P of Ministry Correspondence, Focus on the Family, not answering his questions, but attacking his motives and ministry. He adds: "I realize that many who could benefit from my preaching are 'turned off' because I mention key Evangelical leaders in a negative manner, and they therefore refuse to listen to what I say. I can assure you that the temptation to refrain from dealing with these men directly is always very powerful. I could have a much larger ministry, humanly speaking, and it would be much easier for me if I could deal with issues of ecumenism and compromise in a general sense and not name names. The problem is that I must name the names of those who are leading the way in the various compromises if people are to understand what I am saying and who I am warning of. A general warning is insufficient. When I name a man, it is because he is a leader, and he illustrates the particular error about which the Lord has urged me to lift the voice...." [Bro. Cloud has a 351-page book, *Evangelicals & Rome* with a directory of 100 Evangelical and Charismatic leaders and organizations that are ecumenically yoked with Rome. Check his Web site: <http://wayoflife.org/~dcloud>

SBC CHURCH HOSTS ECUMENICAL MEETING, CULTS INVOLVED—A Jan. 15 *Huntsville Times* article began: "Where will you find a Catholic priest speaking in a [So.] Baptist Church, with music being performed by Seventh Day Adventists and members of a Church of Christ? At the Festival of Christian Unity for the Great Jubilee Service....[T]he Christian community will gather for a time of worship and praise at First Baptist Church on Jan. 23...." Organizers hope this will be the beginning of a new ecumenical movement here. The Catholic speaker said it is not only important that the Christian "streams" of Roman Catholicism, Orthodox, Protestant and Evangelicals/Pentecostals come together for dialogue, but that they do so with people from all of the world's major religions or "we will never have peace." An SDA pastor said: "It is our hope that all barriers of divisiveness will be moved, and we will focus on the things that unite us and draw us together." God's holy Word commands separation from cultists and false-gospel adherents. "It is better to be divided by truth than united in error."

HOW DOES A MOVEMENT OR CHURCH GO INTO APOSTASY?—The remarks below are adapted from a discussion of this question by Dr. Clay Nuttall (1/8 *Shepherd's Staff*). History demonstrates that apostasy occurs over a period of time and not overnight. You have heard it said "a church is only two pastors away from liberalism." The first pastor comes to soften it up and the next to lead it into apostasy. There are many ways to identify churches, etc., that are moving toward modernism, but those on that road don't want to hear warnings from friends. They thus move toward apostasy because they are willing to be led there. Men won't face the obvious even when you show them that their denomination gives credence to such liberal doctrines as no literal heaven, hell or fire. They turn on faithful warners and make it a personal matter rather than dealing with the false doctrine. They call us "unloving" and "mean spirited." How does one get to apostasy? Judges 2:10 says "...there arose another generation after them, which knew not the Lord, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel."

LIFE ACTION WEAKENS—Life Action Ministries is a sponsor of a May 23-27 Heart-Cry for Revival conference in Asheville, NC (1/2 *Moody*). Luther Rice Seminary (SBC) is also a sponsor. Charismatics (e.g., Richard Owen Roberts, son of Oral) are listed as participants. Evidence of Life Action's new-evangelical course was seen in its April 1994 *Spirit of Revival*, as reported in the 6/1/94 *CC*.

SBC HELPS VENEZUELA—So. Baptists have given \$80,000 to Venezuela after flooding in Dec. left thousands dead or homeless. Alabama Baptists are working with the SBC's Int'l Mission Board in relief efforts and has formed a "partnership" with oil-rich Venezuela (1/13 *Ala. Bapt.*). Meanwhile Venezuela's pro-Castro Pres. Chavez recently said, before meeting with Red China's leader, "I have been very Maoist all my life." Mao was history's greatest mass murderer (1/17 *New Amer.*). We can help (with emergency needs, evangelism, etc.) those who suffer under communist tyranny, but need to keep in mind that God judges those nations who choose/tolerate evil rulers. We owe all the Gospel, and can minister to some other needs, but need to be wary of "partnerships" with pro-communist leaders who often divert church funds.

RECENT LITERATURE—Brad Gsell's popular book *The Legacy of Billy Graham*, Dr. Ed Oliver's "Should Protestants and Roman Catholics Join Together to Save the World?", and other literature items are available from: Fundamental Presbyterian Publications, P.O. Box 26164, Charlotte, NC 28221. E-mail address: fpp@bpc.org

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TRAGIC END FOR ATHEIST O'HAIR—Police say Madalyn Murray O'Hair and a son and adopted daughter were robbed and killed by three ex-cons, including her former business manager; their bodies were cut up and buried in barrels at a remote Texas location (1/8 *World*). The FBI and police haven't found the bodies but found her diaries and other writings that portrayed a sad, lonely woman. "I hope I live my life in such a manner that when I die, someone cares—even if it is only my dogs.... I think I want some human being somewhere to weep for me." The three, and \$500,000, disappeared in 1995.

CLINTON: EVANGELISM A HATE CRIME?—President Clinton's press secretary was asked at a Dec. 16 press briefing about a Southern Baptist campaign to pray for and share the Gospel with Hindus, Jews, and Muslims. He said: "I think the president has made very clear...his views on religious tolerance, and how one of the greatest challenges going into the next century is dealing with intolerance...and religious hatred....So I think he's been very clear in his opposition to whatever organization, including the Southern Baptist, that perpetuated ancient religious hatred." This is implied untrue slander against Baptists and a serious threat to religious freedom. Christians are "debtors" to evangelize the world (Rom. 1:14-16) and have a commission to do so (Mat. 28:19-20).

CLINTON HONORS MUSLIM FALSE PROPHET'S CALL FOR PEACE—President Bill Clinton, a member in good standing of a Southern Baptist Convention Church, offered Ramadan greetings on the White House Web site (1/1/00 *World*). He said: "As the followers of Islam celebrate the revelation of God's word to Muhammad, we join you in honoring his call for harmony and peace."

NO EVIDENCE FOR EVOLUTION—Creationists have won hundreds of formal scientific debates with evolutionists precisely because they have produced scientific evidence supporting the creation model of origins while their evolutionist opponents are unable to present any proof of evolution. Evolution has never been observed to occur in the present, the ubiquitous absence of transitional structures in the fossil record indicates that it never occurred in the past, the universal law of increasing entropy...shows that it probably could never occur at all (Dr. Henry Morris, 1/00 *Acts & Facts*). No one has ever documented a single example of macroevolution.

FOSSIL FACTS & FANTASIES, new book by Joe Taylor, has 80 large pages, over 300 color photos. Not familiar with author's background, but he is committed to young earth and a global flood. To order, call 1-800/367-7454.

POPE IS GRAHAM'S 'MAN OF THE CENTURY'—Evang. Billy Graham said in a recent interview that he would pick Pope John Paul II as the man of the century (12/20 *Religion Today*). He said the Pope "has brought the greatest impact of any pope in the last 200 years. I admire his courage, determination, intellectual abilities, and his understanding of Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox differences, and the attempt at some form of reconciliation."

PUBLIC SCHOOL EFFORT PROMOTES 'GAY' LIFE—Activist groups, led by the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN), teamed with at least 10 mainstream public-education organizations to send a pro-homosexuality pamphlet to the nation's 15,000 public-school districts (1/1 *World*). The 11-page "factsheet" is authored by unionists, gay activists, and educators. The booklet repeatedly tells school officials homosexuality is normal and healthy, and that any contrary messages place students at risk of physical and emotional harm.

CAMPUS CRUSADE'S ECUMENICAL TRIBUTE TO JESUS—The Jesus Film Project is a ministry of Campus Crusade. Paul Eshleman is its Director, and his letters often report miraculous visions and dreams in foreign lands. But his 12/6 newsletter also reported "A Millennial Tribute to Jesus" global broadcast and an all-out effort to enlist world-famous celebrities to record a "tribute to Jesus." A wide variety of mostly liberals and ecumenicals were featured for 18 minutes of the 2-hour "JESUS" film special to break down resistance to the broadcast. Included were: Jimmy Carter, Gerald Ford, Andy Young, Billy Graham, Pope John Paul II, Jesse Jackson, and presidents of India, Nigeria, Ecuador, and Uganda. How can the ungodly give honor and tribute to Jesus?

BLACKS COMMIT 'HATE CRIMES' TOO—Black professor and columnist Walter Williams is a bold and savvy conservative. Last August he wrote a "politically incorrect" article by the above title. He quoted statistics from a Dept. of Justice National Crime Victimization Survey on interracial crime: In 1994, there were about 1,700,000 interracial crimes, of which 1,276,030 involved whites and blacks. In 90 percent of the cases, a white was the victim and a black was the perpetrator, while in 10 percent of the cases it was the reverse (8/18/99 *H. Times*). Another NCVS finding is that of the 2,025,464 violent crimes committed by blacks in 1994, 1,140,670 were against whites – slightly over 56 percent. Whites committed 5,114,692 violent crimes; 135,360, or 2.6 percent were against blacks. Williams noted that in 1997, percentage-wise, blacks were twice as likely to commit so-called hate crimes. Race cannot justify criminal violence.

GRAHAM WORRIES HEAVEN MAY BE WRONG PLACE FOR HIM—In a Jan. 2 Fox News interview, Tony Snow asked Billy Graham: "When you get to Heaven, who's going to speak first, you or God? Graham replied: "When I get there, I'm sure that Jesus is going to say that he will welcome me. But I think that he's going to say: 'Well done, our good and faithful servant.' Or he may say: 'You're in the wrong place.'" SNOW: "You really worry that you may be told you're in the wrong place? GRAHAM: Yes, because I have not – I'm not a righteous man. People put me up on a pedestal that I don't belong in my personal life. And they think that I'm better than I am. I'm not the good man that people think I am. Newspapers and magazines and television have made me out to be a saint. I'm not. I'm not a Mother Teresa. And I feel that very much." The basis of getting to Heaven is muddled in this interview, and is manward instead of Godward. Earlier in the interview, Graham's testimony of salvation made no mention of the Gospel, but was about knowing Christ in his heart, and a big change.

'NO SAVED ROMAN CATHOLICS'—An article by the late Alex Dunlap (1/00 *Gospel Standard*) states: "It

is just as impossible to be a saved Roman Catholic as it is to be a saved Buddhist, a saved Mormon, a saved Jehovah's Witness, a saved Atheist,...a saved Muslim, a saved Humanist, a saved Communist,...a saved Unitarian,...a saved Devil-worshiper, a saved Hindu.... To say a Roman Catholic is saved in spite of the teachings of his church is nonsense....[The justification by faith alone] doctrine has been declared *anathema, accursed*; and all who hold it are condemned to damnation by the Council of Trent of the Roman Catholic Church." [See 12/1 CC] This holds true today, and has never been reversed. It cannot be reversed since the RCC claims to be the authoritative voice of God and therefore declares its doctrines can never be changed. Thus the basis for salvation is condemned by the Roman Catholic Church. [Dunlap says some saved—children, e.g.—are IN the RCC but are NOT Roman Catholics.]

CATHOLIC-LUTHERAN UNITY—Representatives of the Catholic Church and the Lutheran World Federation (liberal Lutherans) met Oct. 31 to sign their ambiguous Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification (see 12/1 CC). But the Roman church continues to affirm the heresies that were made official church dogma in the 16th century Council of Trent. Since Rome claims its infallible dogmas are "irreformable," agreement could only mean that the Protestant partners no longer believe what their forebears believed or necessitated (1/1 *World*). Catholics teach a works (different) gospel (Gal. 1:6-9), that grace and Christ's righteousness are infused into believers and that a person has to actually BE righteous for God to count him as righteous. And Pope John Paul II, hailed as a great Christian pastor by evangelicals like Billy Graham and Charles Colson, recently declared the millennial year as a "jubilee," complete with the issuing of indulgences (for time off in purgatory). Do not be misled: Rome has not changed one whit on things that really matter!

MODERNISTS AMONG 'GREATEST' PREACHERS—*Preaching* magazine has named the greatest preachers of the 20th century, with Billy Graham and Martin L. King among its top ten (12/20 *Chr. News*). The list also included Scottish preacher James Stewart, George Buttrick, Harry Emerson Fosdick, G. Campbell Morgan, Wm. Sangster, John R.W. Stott, Martyn Lloyd-Jones, and Clarence Macartney. The "second ten" were Leslie Weatherhead, George Truett, R.G. Lee, Norman Vincent Peale, Peter Marshall, E. Stanley Jones, Donald Grey Barnhouse, Ralph Sockman, W. A. Criswell, and Gardner Taylor.

BLACKABY'S DANGEROUS TEACHINGS—*Christian News* has a long article evaluating aberrant teachings of Southern Baptist prayer and spiritual awakening leader Henry Blackaby. He is co-author of the best-selling *Experiencing God* book and audio series (see 5/15/97 CC). Blackaby believes that God speaks directly to individuals today and that it can be a normal experience for all Christians. The article concludes: "Based on Blackaby's low view of Scripture, his flirtation with neo-orthodoxy and his incorrect presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ, Christians must reject this emotional fad as heresy. In an earlier long review of Blackaby's *EG*, Pastor Gary Gilley in the 5-6/97 *BDM Letter* said Blackaby's teachings are "a dangerous mixture of Biblical truth with mysticism, neo-orthodoxy, and good old-fashioned misuse of Scripture."

PRAGMATISM IN THE 20TH CENTURY CHURCH—A 12/99 *Voice* article states: "Much of the church...has substituted programs for prayer, personalities for power, entertainment for genuine worship, prosperity for purity and organizational unity for fidelity to an unadulterated Gospel...Pragmatism has so overtaken the thinking of the people of God that enlarging the numbers in the church is regarded as the criterion of blessing and whatever it takes to accomplish this end is justified. Thus we have great emphasis on removing anything that will hinder this process of attempting to include people in the family of God. A Christian is redefined as 'Anyone believing in Jesus.' Definitions of justification are carefully crafted so that Roman Catholics are not excluded from the effort to bring the church together. Understanding of holiness is adjusted so that lifestyle does not indict one as being out of harmony with an acceptable Christian life. The common cause of 'Reaching the World for Christ' becomes the foundation of the church's unity in spite of the doctrinal differences in essential theological areas...."

MOLTMANN WINS \$200,000 AWARD—German Lutheran theologian Jurgen Moltmann was given the 2000

Louisville Grawemeyer Award in Religion (12/27 *Chr. News*) by Louisville Presbyterian Seminary and the U. of Louisville. The 1/11/93 *Christianity Today* called him "one of this century's most influential theologians." (See 2/15/93 *CC*). But the 1/23/93 *Christian News* said Moltmann rejects the Trinity and the historic Christian faith and opens the door for a Marxist liberation theology.

CORNERSTONE'S RELAXED RULES—Cornerstone College (Grand Rapids) has its first national basketball championship. An AP article (1/1 *H. Times*) from an interview with Coach Kim Elders stated: "But it's not all straight and narrow at Cornerstone. Cheerleaders wear short skirts, unlike those at some other Christian schools. And some of the male basketball players wear earrings, something that Elders says is OK although he wouldn't wear one." Elders said: "We're not nearly as legalistic as we used to be." Cornerstone and GRBS are still GARBC approved schools and feature new evangelical speakers.

WCC DOCUMENTATION—*Foundation* has a new 50-page booklet entitled *World Council of Churches: The Shaky Ship Sails On...* It gives a firsthand analysis of the liberal agenda of the WCC during the past 20 years from articles edited and compiled from *Foundation*. Order it from *Foundation Magazine*, PO Box 6278, Los Osos, CA 93412, \$1 + postage. The American Council of Christian Churches has a Special Report pamphlet by Dr. Ralph Colas on the 50th Meeting of the WCC Central Committee Aug. 26-Sept. 3. Dr. Colas covered this important Geneva, Switzerland meeting and gives a firsthand analysis. Order from: ACCC, P.O. Box 5455, Bethlehem, PA 18015, \$1 + postage. [Other lit. also available from both above sources]

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MARRIAGE STATISTICS MISLEADING—The idea that 50 percent of American marriages are doomed to divorce is a specious piece of statistical nonsense. The 11/ 27 *World* said this legend began when the Census Bureau one year reported that there were 2.4 million marriages and 1.2 million divorces. Someone did the math without calculating the 54 million marriages already in existence.

DRUG WAR GETS WORSE—Mass graves of enemies of the drug cartel were discovered last month near Juarez. Mexican drug gangs still operate with impunity along the border. Since the mid '90s, jumbo jets ferry multi-ton shipments of drugs to the border (12/13 *USN&WR*). Mexico is the primary corridor for all drugs entering the U.S., accounting for about 70% of the flow. It is frustrating but predictable that corrupt police officers are involved with Mafia leaders in kidnapping and killing people.

GLOBAL GUN CONTROL—The U.S. anti-gun lobby will not be content until only criminals have access to guns. The UN is seeking to mandate a three-stage global disarmament plan. Just as domestic gun control does not mean the total elimination of all firearms, neither does global disarmament mean the total elimination of all armies and weapons (11/22 *New Amer.*). With both, what is really being proposed is the transfer of control over all weapons to an all-powerful central police-state government.

IS IT 'BOOK BURNING' TO NOT SUBSIDIZE FILTHY 'ART'?—The Brooklyn Museum hosts an exhibit that has a painting purportedly of the Virgin Mary, adorned with clumps of elephant dung. Some supporters of this publicly funded anti-religious display say that yanking the taxpayer subsidy is like burning books. But book burning may violate the book owner's liberty, whereas abstaining from subsidizing art violates no one's liberty (12/6 *Chr. News*). Artists and museums have no constitutional right to taxpayers' money. If the painting only featured Mary, without the grossly offensive "adornments," would there be a clamor for taxpayer subsidies, or would that be government funding religion?

ABORTION A NECESSARY EVIL?—While many Americans see legalized abortion as an evil, they see it as necessary—a key tactic of pro-abortionists. But this myth explains why 49 percent may believe that abortion is "murder" without translating this into social or political mobilization. Middle Americans agree there are too

many abortions (5/24 CT). But the myth of abortion as a necessary evil has serious implications for public debate, and it means that pro-lifers have won the essential debate that the unborn is a human being and not mere tissue.

ISLAM & VIOLENCE—Islamic scholars agree it is the sacred duty of every Muslim in every age to wage *jihad* (holy war) whenever possible to force the entire world to submit to Islam. There are over 100 verses in the Koran about fighting and killing in that quest. A Libyan cabinet minister explained, "Violence is the Muslim's most positive form of prayer."...Islamic countries are dictatorships, led by ruthless murderers and international terrorists such as Iraq's Saddam Hussein, Libya's Kaddafi and Syria's Assad. In the name of Allah they imprison, torture and kill tens of thousands of their own citizens and train and finance worldwide terrorism. [*Berean Call*]

DALAI LAMA'S 'GOD-FREE RELIGION'—Tibetan Buddhist leader the Dalai Lama was the keynote speaker at the 1999 Parliament of the World's Religions (12/15 CC). His message of spirituality without a deity is now said to be "the perfect way to satisfy the spiritual hunger of people living in a scientific and secular age" (12/6 C T). Buddhism, which has 358 million followers world-wide, is non-theistic. A Buddhist teacher says, "Now it's becoming the in thing to be spiritual. It's more cool, modern, and progressive to be spiritual. But without God."

FALWELL TONES DOWN HIS 'GAY' RHETORIC—In an unprecedented event, Jerry Falwell recently made an about-face in his war of words with homosexuals and hosted 200 evangelical leaders and 200 homosexual activists at his Thomas Road Baptist Church. Homosexual leader Mel White said: "What we have here is a great moment for our country—gays and Falwell worshiping together." Falwell still believes homosexuality is a sin, but was careful not to offend his visitors during his sermon (10/25 HT). The 11/1 *Time* quoted Falwell: "If we are to have a real Christian witness to millions of gay and lesbian people," he says—abandoning such terms as "homosexual deviants"—"we have to use our language carefully." The Bible's language for "gays" is "sodomites."

THEOPHOSTIC COUNSELING: DIVINE REVELATION? OR PSYCHOHERESY? is the title of a new book by Martin & Deidre Bobgan. It is a critique of a psychotherapeutic system developed by Dr. Ed Smith which he claims is a divine revelation from God. The Bobgans examine its claims, cures and cases and show that Smith's system is an eclectic mixture of existent therapies, including elements from the inner healing, "recovered memories," and Freudian systems. Smith encourages clients to find Jesus in the memory picture and to interact with Him. You can get this 144-page book and a free newsletter for a special price of \$9 from: EastGate Publishers, 4137 Primavera Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93110, 800/216-4696.

HOW COULD MacARTHUR SIGN IFCA DOCTRINAL STATEMENT?—Since Dr. John MacArthur recently changed his position on the eternal Sonship of Christ [see 10/1 CC], the CC editor called his office and asked how he could sign the IFCA's "eternal Sonship" doctrinal statement all those years when he strongly denied this doctrine. We received a helpful reply (12/1 e-mail) from his personal secretary who pointed out that IFCA Executive Board president Richard Gregory was aware of the difference in view and allowed him to sign it. She added: "John has mentioned in a letter to someone else that the statement on sonship in the IFCA doctrine is simply that Christ is the eternal Son of God without any explanation." She said: "Even people who believe in an incarnational sonship, such as he used to, could affirm the statement that He is the eternal Son of God [with] qualification. Therefore, signing it was not a problem for the board or for John." MacArthur doesn't think his teaching created the rift in the IFCA but blames it on "divisive" people. George Zeller observes: "1) I know the men MacArthur is referring to, and these men are not divisive. It was never their desire to bring about a division in the IFCA. Their only desire was to defend and uphold the IFCA doctrinal statement and not to broaden its meaning so as to allow for contrary views. These men were not the ones who caused the rift. It was MacArthur's "incarnational Sonship" teachings that triggered the controversy and the whole problem could have been easily solved from the beginning if the IFCA leadership had simply enforced its own doctrinal statement.

2) The IFCA doctrinal statement simply says Christ is the eternal Son of God without any explanation because we believe exactly what these words mean....Such a clear statement of doctrine does not need explanation. The words mean what they say. MacArthur once taught the following: 'The Bible nowhere says that Christ is the eternal Son.' This denial of eternal Sonship is also very clear and needs no explanation. 3) The problem that we have had with MacArthur is his affirmation of our doctrinal statement 'with qualification.' [In essence he said:] 'I affirm that Christ is the eternal Son of God with the qualification that He did not become the Son of God until Bethlehem.' But what if someone said, e.g., 'I affirm the full deity of Christ with the qualification that I don't really believe He is God!' If the IFCA allows for such qualifications, then any person holding any deviant or heretical view could sign the IFCA statement!"

NRB 2000—The National Religious Broadcasters' 57th Annual Convention & Exposition is set for Anaheim, Ca., Feb. 5-8. Speakers include ecumenicals such as Billy Kim (newly-nominated President of the apostate Baptist World Alliance), Pat Robertson, Jack Hayford, Tony Evans, Cal Thomas, and Jill Briscoe. Campus Crusade sponsors its usual Public Policy Breakfast. Music will feature Michael W. Smith, Kathy Troccoli, Chris Smith, and the Ralph Carmichael Big Band. Exhibitors include Catholics.

F. GRAHAM FESTIVALS—*Plains Baptist Challenger* editor E.L. Bynum writes (11/99): "The Franklin Graham Festival will soon begin in Lubbock and the publicity continues to build for this event. Billy Graham called his meetings Crusades, but Franklin has chosen a less suitable name. In defining 'festival,' the dictionary uses [these] words to describe its meaning, 'pertaining to a feast, entertainment, merrymaking, and mirthful.' What we need today is not a Crusade, or a Festival, but a Revival. Ecumenical evangelists no longer use the term Revival, because they are promoting something entirely different. They are promoting all denominations getting together in an ecumenical meeting, where there will be entertainment from worldly people who perform in night clubs [etc.]....

NCC A SINKING SHIP?—The National Council of Churches threw a \$750,000 party for its 50th anniversary in Nov. It faces the worst financial and management crisis in history, and has begun radical restructuring (see 12/1 *CC*). Over the last 50 years, most NCC member bodies have suffered a dramatic loss in membership. It made headlines by coming to the defense of radicals such as the communist anarchist Angela Davis, supporting the treasonous Panama Canal giveaway, opposing the Vietnam war, and promoting the "inclusive language" for both human beings and God (12/4 *World*). It is high time to pull the plug and give the liberal NCC the burial it deserves.

HAYFORD MOVES FROM PASTOR TO SEMINARY—Prominent charismatic pastor, author, and songwriter Jack Hayford moves from senior pastor to founding pastor of The Church on the Way (Calif.) and becomes president of The King's Seminary. His Foursquare Gospel Church has had Pat Boone as an elder for the past twenty years.

DIXON TO SPEAK AT SBC SEMINARY—A Cedarville College publication notes that its president, Dr. Paul Dixon, will be at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (Southern Baptist) March 28 at Wake Forest, NC. Southeastern's president, Dr. Paige Patterson, gave a chapel message at Cedarville (a GARBC-approved school) and spoke to its board of trustees April 7 (7/1 *CC*).

DANGERS OF ECUMENICAL UNITY—The call for ecumenical unity and interfaith dialogue and relationships is becoming increasingly common as the world prepares to embrace a one-world religious system as prophesied in the Scriptures. No longer are Orthodox Protestants, Catholics and Anglicans pushing for a unified mega-church or global denomination, but rather, they are striving for unity through tolerance and consensus on key issues and doctrines. Rev. 17 describes the apostate one-world church to be formed as well as God's judgment on such a monstrosity. Believers today must be aware of the dangers of ecumenical unity and separate from that which will one day be judged by God. To be "blameless" at Christ's appearing, every believer

must be separate from unbelief and compromise and separated unto Him. [*Foundation*]

TODAY'S APOSTASY is the title of a new 224-page book by Dr. R. L. Hymers Jr. and Christopher Cagan, a sequel to their earlier book reviewed in the 10/15 *CC*. The book further develops the theme of how "decisionism" of Charles G. Finney is destroying churches. The authors delve deeper into the theology of Finney, scrutinize his "testimony," and say he was "apparently" unconverted and a false prophet. (Some Finney quotes may surprise!) Conversion and a historical study of revivals are major topics. We assume the authors would not endorse all the men they quote. The book is provocative and, maybe surprisingly, praised by Drs. Lee Roberson, D.A. Waite, Carl McIntire, and James Combs—but, conversely, Dr. Jerry Falwell has called *Finney* "one of my heroes and a hero to many evangelicals, including Billy Graham." The book is available from Dr. Hymers at: 10068 McBroom Street, Sunland, CA 91040. Phone 818/352-0452. \$15.

MASTER'S MISSION UPDATE—Dr. John MacArthur was listed as a board member on the letterhead of a Sept. 20 letter from Master's Mission, but his name is missing from the letterhead of an Oct. 18 MM letter (see 11/15 *CC*). We are told that he is no longer on MM's board.

ROMANISM IS WICKED—David Cloud writes: "Rome preaches a false gospel which is cursed of God (Gal. 1:6-9). Romanism is even more wicked than paganism because [it] comes under the guise of Christianity." [*O Timothy*]

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HATE CRIME AMENDMENT DROPPED—Congress recently rejected an amendment that would have added "sexual orientation" to federal hate crime laws (11/99 *Wash. Watch*). Sen. Lott reportedly thought it wrong for Congress to suggest that "someone's [e.g., homosexual's] murder or abuse is more important than someone else's." (11/1 *CN*). It would have expanded federal jurisdiction over criminal cases and made some opinions (thoughts) illegal.

GOSPEL HIDDEN IN CCM/ROCK—"Evangelical" bands like Petra, Stryper, and Whiteheart (1980s) sought to baptize heavy metal, in a "me too" approach to secular music (11/15 *Chr. Today*). The justification was that these "evangelical" musicians were simply preaching the gospel in a new medium and that we should just give attention to the lyrics. But the lyrics tended to be superficial, sometimes a mere reworking of pronouns so that the pining "I love you" secular songs became "He loves you." But critics insisted that the "gospel message" was so buried under the beat and the pyrotechnics and keening guitars that it would take the FBI weeks to unearth it.

AIDS DEATH TOLL, 2.6 MILLION THIS YEAR—Africa with 10 percent of the world's population has 70 percent of the world's 40 million people infected with HIV. It has 5,500 AIDS-related funerals every day, per the Fall '99 *Record*. This year, 5.6 million people will be newly infected with HIV, and 2.6 million will die as a result of AIDS (11/28 *HT*). AIDS causes one in every 20 deaths worldwide.

GET TV OUT OF CHILDREN'S BEDROOM!—And some would add, "and out of the house, period!" The 11/29 *USN & WR* reported a survey of kids showing that they spend 5 hours and 29 minutes on an average day using some sort of media (TV, computer, video games, Internet) outside of school. It said kids are much more isolated than ever. "They just disappear into their rooms and spend all of their time with [these] media." We have a generation of loners. In 1979, 6 percent of sixth graders had TVs in their rooms, compared with 77 percent today.

FORGIVE DEBT OF POOR COUNTRIES?—There are many pressures in various quarters to cancel the debt of some of the world's poorest countries. Jubilee 2000, the Pope, and the WCC are pushing this idea. But many third world countries would revert right back to poverty since it was caused, in many cases, by dictators

stealing funds given to ease poverty. Socialism, heathen religions, and poverty often go hand in hand. The best way to help victims is to reach them with the Gospel and help them change corrupt governments. To forcibly "take from the haves and give to the have-nots" is socialism, and theft.

1999 PARLIAMENT OF THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS was scheduled to convene in South Africa, Dec. 1-8. As in 1993, this year's "parliament" brought together experts on exotic faiths—including Scientologists, Zoroastrians, Wiccans, and Theosophists—to discuss the role of religion in modern society and to continue to hammer out a new one world religion (12/6 *New Amer.*). Conferees were invited to create a new "sustainable" Earth-centered faith and to provide "leadership to assure that the Earth is respected, revered, and protected." The Dalai Lama (Tibetan Buddhist) was the keynote speaker. Other listed speakers included liberal Catholic theologian Hans Kung, folk singer Arlo Guthrie, actress Goldie Hawn, and a full slate of Hindus, Buddhists, and New Age practitioners. [Charles Colson accepted the Templeton prize at the 1993 Parliament (1/1/94 *CC*) and the 11/93 *Moody Monthly* said it was "right" for him to do this!]

BAD DECISION ON SCOUTS—The New Jersey Supreme Court recently ruled against the Boy Scouts for dismissing a homosexual scoutmaster. It bluntly rejected the Scouts' moral stand against homosexuality, dismissing it as "little more than prejudice." (11/15 *Chr. Today*) If upheld, this ruling could be dangerous. For if government can tell private groups what their own creeds "really" mean, what is to prevent it from telling Christian ministries and churches what *their* creeds "really" mean.

POKEMON FRENZY—Dungeons and Dragons, Pokemon, and many other role-playing games are dangerous and often lead to a deeper curiosity and fascination with the occult. Some schools have banned Pokemon cards due to the occult link. Christian parents must show tough love and become censors. They dismiss the Pokemon craze as harmless fun and innocent fantasy at their own, and their children's, peril. Be warned, be wise, beware!

ANNE GIMENEZ PASTORS LARGE CHURCH—Anne Gimenez was named senior pastor of the 4,000-member Rock Church (Va.), the nation's largest church pastored by a woman, Oct. 17. (12/99 *Charisma*). She crusades for gender equality and says she sees no basis for barring women from clergy roles. She has been co-pastor with her husband John and helped found the charismatic Rock Church in 1968. John spearheaded massive charismatic Washington for Jesus prayer rallies in 1980, 1988, & 1996.

SUDAN GENOCIDE—The West is going all-out to rescue the Muslim Albanians in Kosovo, but ignores a far more brutalized class of victims—the Christians being raped, enslaved, murdered, bombed, starved and even crucified in the religious genocide in Sudan. (11/99 *Charisma*).

STOWELL NOW ON GRAHAM BOARD—Moody Bible Institute President Joseph Stowell and Dennis Lotz (Baptist World Alliance) were added last month to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association board (11/11 *Ala. Bapt.*). Stowell is an Advisory Editor of *Christianity Today* where Billy Graham is the founder and Board Chairman. Stowell speaks at Billy Graham's Training Center, and Graham spoke at MBI's 100th Anniversary celebration. Stowell is a member of the NAE (National Association of Evangelicals) and has spoken at Promise Keepers and SBC-related events [also at an ABWE conference in Portugal and at Cedarville College a few years ago]. We grieve at the accelerated pace Stowell has taken Moody into new evangelicalism and ecumenism in recent years.

LIBERTY U. JOINS SBC—Liberty University, led by Jerry Falwell, is now linked with the Southern Baptist Convention. It established a formal affiliation with the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia, Nov. 15 (11/17 *Relig. Today*). The new relationship encourages Southern Baptist students to attend Liberty and makes financial support of the school possible by the 47,000 SBC churches. Liberty's entry into the SBC "is an answer to prayer for us all," said SBC president Paige Patterson.

WCC ON VERGE OF COLLAPSE?—An 11/1 *Christian News* article stated: "After 30 years of controversy, the World Council of Churches may stand on the verge of collapse." Over the last three decades the WCC became increasingly identified with radical movements worldwide, even providing financial support for Marxist terrorists in the 1960s and 70s, and their own financial support has gradually declined. Theology also, is in short supply for these global ecumenists. They perhaps will feel at home in the newly-being-formed United Religions, which could soon evolve into the one-world church of the Antichrist.

BWA HEROES—The SBC is a major member of the Baptist World Alliance. Desmond Tutu spoke at a 1998 BWA meeting (see 8/15/98 *CC*). BWA's Oct-Dec *Baptist World* had an article praising Billy Graham as the "greatest evangelist of this century," and termed as "Twentieth Century prophets" the likes of Bonhoeffer, King, and Oscar Romero. Billy Kim was recently nominated to be President of the BWA from 2000 to 2005.

COMPROMISERS DESPISE WALLS—Promise Keepers and other ecumenicals today place a strong emphasis on tearing down denominational walls. A SB pastor, quoted in the 11/25 *Ala. Baptist*, warns against building walls. He said: "A wall is a divisive feature. A wall separates." He added: "[W]alls shut people out, make people choose sides..." He said Jesus' manner was universal love, and was inclusive. But God's Word erects walls, *designed* to divide/separate, and force a "choosing." The pastor had a point, but failed to stress the importance of Divine walls.

BENNY HINN'S 'ANOINTING'—TBN's Paul Crouch interviewed Benny Hinn, Sept. 13 on TBN. In the opening exchanges, Hinn appealed to Kathryn Kuhlman for his "cursing and blessing" pronouncements at a recently held Healing Crusade in Denver. He said: "I place a curse on every man and woman that will stretch his hand against this anointing. I curse that man who dares to speak a word against this ministry. But any man, any woman that raises his or her hand in blessing toward this ministry, I bless that man..." The New Zealand paper, *Contending Earnestly for the Faith* (9/99) mentioned "a dangerous trend toward Catholic-type worship and ecumenical unity" in recent Hinn programs. It said a number of third wave charismatics were recent guests, and that Hinn is assuming the apostolic father figure of the healing ministry.

BENNY HINN SAYS DEAD IN CASKETS WILL BE RAISED TO LIFE AT TV SETS—Charismatic leader Benny Hinn on Paul & Jan Crouch's TBN said people are going to be raised from the dead watching TBN. He said "People are going to be canceling funeral services and bringing their dead in their caskets, placing them before a TV set, waiting for God's power to...touch them." He said they would be raised from the dead by the thousands (11/22 *Chr. News*). BDM editor Rick Miesel said the listed speakers for a 12/3 \$100/plate Benny Hinn 25th anniversary dinner in Anaheim, CA included Paul Crouch, Jack Hayford, Oral Roberts, E.V. Hill, and Rex Humbard. Hinn mentioned, at the start of his 10/99 Denver Healing Crusade (TBN tape), that Tim LaHaye and Jerry Falwell would also be dinner speakers. In a phone call to Falwell's office, a Mr. Westover told the *CC* editor that Falwell "may be there, but he's not going to be speaking." Falwell and Hinn were featured speakers at a 4/96 Washington for Jesus rally (6/15/96 *CC*). Hinn said he recently had a long meeting with Falwell. He has left his Orlando church and moved to Dallas. In Jan. he breaks ground for a \$30-\$35 million Healing Center in Dallas, which will operate 24 hours a day when opened in 2001.

FIRM FOUNDATION MEETINGS—Firm Foundation student conferences, founded by Gene Wolfenbarger, are scheduled for many key cities next year. These big events mainly feature Southern Baptist speakers (Jerry Falwell, Jay Strack, Jerry Johnston, e.g.), but we note with sadness that independent Baptists such as Dr. Ralph Sexton are also sometimes involved. Orlando Baptist Church (independent), pastored by David Janney was listed to host a Firm Foundation conference, Dec. 3-4. We were told (by FF) that Wolfenbarger, Jay Strack, and Ritchie Miller (World Quest Min.) were the speakers.

PARADOX OF SEPARATION—We don't separate from obedient brethren just because they are friends with apostates or from those who claim to be Fundamentalists who don't agree with us on matters of opinion and

interpretation. We separate from unrepentant sinners who claim to be obedient Christians....New Evangelicals avoid us on rational grounds; we avoid them on Biblical grounds. We separate from them because we love Christ; they separate from us because they want the world to love them....[In separating from a disobedient brother], we separate from the man who will not separate from his sin in order to help separate him from his sin.... [Excerpt from Dr. John Vaughn's article, Nov.- Dec. *Frontline*]

DOCTRINE OF SEPARATION & IT'S IMPORTANCE—[In recent years] we have seen Evangelicals and Catholics signing documents of agreement with one another to eliminate the wall of separation set in place by God the Father Himself. Self-professed Fundamentalists and New Evangelicals are also finding common ground on which they might stand together. Yet God's command to "come out from among them and be ye separate" continues to stand firm. It is still forbidden for truth and error to dwell together as one. God's purpose for the doctrine of separation is to protect those who belong to Him by the regeneration of the Holy Spirit. Amos 3:3 asks, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" The Scriptures teach us that Judas walked among Christ and the disciples, but he was not of them. Paul referred to the Judaizers as wolves because they added to the doctrine of grace. It is impossible for a born-again believer to yoke himself together with non-believers or compromisers without being unfaithful to the Lord. Disobedience is sin. ...Faithful adherence to the doctrine of separation preserves the holiness and purity demanded by God for His children. [Excerpt from 10/99 ACCC resolution]

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GUNS SAVE LIVES—Guns are used more frequently in the U.S. by law-abiding citizens to deter crimes than by criminals to commit crimes. Defensive uses of firearms by citizens total 2 to 2.5 million times per year and between 25 to 75 lives are saved by a gun for every life lost to a gun (11/22 *New Amer.*). Medical costs saved by guns in the hands of law-abiding citizens are 15 times greater than costs incurred by criminal uses of firearms. Knowledge that citizens in public could be armed would deter crimes.

MAO THE WORST MASS MURDERER EVER—The greatest massacre in human history, per the *Guinness Book of World Records* (20 years ago), is that of 26,300,000 Chinese during the regime of Mao Tse-tung between 1949 and May 1965. The 1971 Walker Report (by U.S. Senate), more in line with other more scholarly studies, placed the death toll at between 32.25 and 61.7 million. Yet an AP reporter describes Mao as a positive force for change and a "great" man (11/8 *New Amer.*) Red China receives/steals our technology but prohibits Christians from meeting in homes. It allows them to only meet in designated places, prohibits evangelism in public, and demands its government be recognized as head of the church (11/1 *Chr. News*). For the officially recognized TSPM "church," the government is the final authority, and this "church" must agree to uphold/promote the teachings of Marxism.

MORE GOLD DUST, GOLD FILLINGS—Charismatics around the world say gold dust has appeared on their faces, hands and clothing during worship (11/99 *Charisma*). In some cases it is said to be a kind of plastic film or glitter. There are also claims of supernatural dental healings where silver amalgam fillings or crowns and whole teeth have turned to gold (see 6/15 *CC*). Church growth expert C. Peter Wagner says miracles like these are not new.

POPE KISSED KORAN—Pope John Paul II over and over has said Muslims, Jews and other non-Christians worship the true God and can get to heaven without saving faith in the merits of Jesus Christ. According to the Pope, the god of Islam's Koran is the same true and living God whom Christians worship. Last May during his audience with three Muslims at the Vatican, Pope John Paul II bowed to the Koran and kissed it (10/18 *CN*).

JIM BAKKER'S PRODIGAL SON—Jay now runs a hip "ministry" in Atlanta, the Revolution Church. He

began drinking at 13, the night after his dad was sentenced for defrauding PTL investors of \$158 million (11/8 *Relig. Today*). He later began taking LSD, smoking marijuana, and hanging out with punk rockers. The first time he spent the day alone with his father was when he was incarcerated.

NED GRAHAM LOSES WIFE & BOARD MEMBERS—Within the last year, East Gates Ministries saw a string of board members and staff leave. This began soon after the wife of East Gates President Ned Graham, son of Billy and Ruth Graham, sued her husband for divorce a year ago. Early 1999, East Gates quietly resigned from the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (11/6 *World*). East Gates works in cooperation with Red China's official China Christian Council and Amity Printing Co. Ned Graham is said to have built good relations with these Communist Party religion-control officials. Carol Graham accuses her husband of infidelity, domestic violence, and drug and alcohol abuse. His church stopped supporting East Gates and revoked his ministerial license. We derive no joy in reporting such a tragic situation.

FASTING REMOVES UNBELIEF?—A Tacoma, Wash. church's members fasted 165 days in the first year of a "revival." The pastor said: "Fasting causes unbelief to come out of our lives." In 90 weeks, 700 new converts reportedly were baptized. The 11/99 *Charisma* again quotes the pastor: "I am not in control of everything that happens, so I know it is of God." This is a dangerous and unreliable way to test whether something is of God.

HARRY POTTER BOOKS—These are at the peak of popularity in schools today, but the Biblical God doesn't fit into Harry's world of wizards, witches, and other gods (10/18 *CN*). *World* had reviewed and recommended the books as wholesome, good-versus-evil fantasy as with Tolkien or C.S. Lewis, but it now (11/6) warns: "The fact that the books are not Christ-centered and further evidence that they are not written from a perspective compatible with Christianity have led us to retract [them]."

COLSON SAYS BRADLEY IS APOSTATE—A 1960s American Tract Society's pamphlet, *I've Made My Choice* was by NY Knicks star Bill Bradley. He wrote of giving his life to Christ and was active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He now disavows his Christian beliefs and is running for president. He still considers himself a Presbyterian, but has a more liberal creed (10/30 *World*). Per *Investor's Business Daily*, he says he "now embraces all religions" from Buddhism to Islam, if they seek "inner peace." Chuck Colson says he "has either renounced his faith entirely, or he has decided for political reasons to renounce it publicly." [10/5 *Breakpoint Comm.* # 91005]

ABORTION HARVEST—Congress and the Clinton administration's lifting of the fetal-tissue research ban has turned human-remains into a big business (10/23 *World*). Abortion labs cut up and part out dead children.

NCC: NEW LEADERS, NEW WOES—The National Council of Churches' largest member, the liberal United Methodist Church, has suspended financial support of the ecumenical agency because of concern over the NCC's debt and fiscal practices (10/25 *C. News*). The NCC is in a state of financial and administrative chaos (11/10 *Relig. Today*). Andrew Young (see 1/15-99 *CC*) was installed Nov. 11 in the Catholic Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Cleveland as the NCC's new president, succeeding Robert Edgar, who succeeds retiring Joan Brown Campbell as Gen. Secretary (12/31). Desmond Tutu was a keynote speaker. The new staff includes a Roman Catholic as interim general manager. Interest in the NCC has waned somewhat, in part due to its support of radical causes. The 11/15 *USN&WR* said: "It's not just that people are losing interest in the ecumenical movement. They're losing interest in their own [liberal] denominations...."

BBFI SPLIT?—According to various reports [in *Plains Baptist Challenger*, *Sword of the Lord*, etc.] some states are voting out, or being voted out, of the Baptist Bible Fellowship, Int'l. A Washington state BBF resolution said the BBFI has eroded its stand on ecclesiastical separation "as evidenced by the receiving of Jerry Falwell in the fellowship with open arms" [see 3/15 *CC*], and the "increasing involvement with Promise Keepers

and other charismatic and ecumenical activities within [BBFI]." It cited a departure from the King James Bible by the BBC and among BBFI churches. With these stated concerns, Washington state BBF rescinded its affiliation with BBFI and changed its name to Northwest Baptist Fellowship.

SBC CONSERVATIVE LEADERS ARE ECUMENICAL—The Southern Baptist Convention has for two decades been under "conservative" control. Yet SBC leaders are often major participants in ecumenical endeavors such as Billy Graham or Promise Keepers meetings. SBC's theology is largely fundamentalist but its practice is new evangelical, as evidenced by its Executive Committee's recent vote to affirm its mission board's participation in the ecumenical Mission America. *Sword of the Lord* editor Dr. Shelton Smith comments: "An SBC pastor once told me that he was 'conservative in theology but liberal in fellowship and ministry.' In many ways that is even more dangerous because it is talking one way and walking another. When men in leadership talk 'conservative' but walk 'liberal,' they mislead the sincere folks in the pews... Prayerfully we make an appeal to good, godly men: don't be ensnared by carefully crafted rhetoric appealing to loyalty to a denomination that has long since made a left turn and doesn't appear even to be thinking about turning around..." Our loyalties must be to Christ and the Bible.

'ARM'S LENGTH' SEPARATION—IBFNA Moderator Dr. Charles Dear writes in the 11/99 *The Review* [754 E. Rockhill Rd., Sellersville, PA 18960]: "...It is a dangerous and faulty conclusion that being fundamental is a matter of distance, not position, when in fact the exact opposite is true. Given the continuous change of apostasy, what fundamentalists should really see is a growing gap between themselves and all compromisers. The distance between (i.e., arm's length) cannot remain the same unless we, too, are changing and moving in the same direction having silently joined their parade to spiritual oblivion. While we may find some small comfort that we are blocks, even miles, behind the Neo-evangelicals in this parade, we must also concede that we will soon find ourselves parading past milestones we had once marked as anathema to us in the past. Separation must always be a matter of doctrinal position and never a measure of distance in relation to someone else. It is not measuring ourselves by ourselves, which the Apostle Paul warned us is unwise..."

LUTHERAN-CATHOLIC ACCORD—Representatives of the Lutheran World Federation and the Roman Catholic Church met in Augsburg, Germany and signed a Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification, Oct. 31. Over 240 Protestant theologians in Germany signed a petition criticizing the agreement. Dr. A. L. Barry, President, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, called it "an ambiguous statement whose careful wording makes it possible for the Pope's representatives to sign without changing, retracting or correcting anything that has been taught by the RCC since the 16th century Council of Trent." The Catholic "clarification" says "eternal life is, at one and the same time, grace and the reward given by God for good works and merit..." This contradicts Eph. 2:8-9, etc. [*Christian News, & HT*] The accord brings Catholics and Lutherans a step closer to reunion. Rome today seduces evangelicals (especially charismatics) by saying they proclaim the same gospel and the same Jesus.

COUNCIL OF TRENT CURSED JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH ALONE—Rome still rejects justification by faith alone. Liberal Lutherans, in their zeal for unity, yielded to deceptive wording and betrayed the Gospel in signing the ambiguous accord with Catholics Oct. 31. The Council of Trent, meeting in three periods under three different popes 1545-1563, codified and reaffirmed the Catholic doctrine that anyone saying he is justified by faith alone was to be anathema. Canons IX, XII, and XIV said faith alone in what God has done for us in Jesus Christ is not sufficient to justify a sinner (10/25 *Chr. News*). Something more (good works) is needed. Rome has not budged from this and it is the liberal Lutherans who have compromised.

D. L. MOODY THE MAN—The Nov-Dec *Moody* praised D.L. Moody's many achievements as an evangelist, disciple-maker, missionary, and educator. But it said he refused to take sides on divisive doctrines and issues that mark various denominations. He insisted on keeping men like George Adam Smith and Henry Drummond on the Northfield speaker's roster long after their theology shifted outside the mainstream of orthodox

Christianity. He advocated filling vacant church pulpits with women and urged little churches to call single women from his schools to serve. He at times displayed violent outbursts of temper, and once pushed a heckler down a flight of stairs. MBI chancellor Dr. George Sweeting (see 6/15/88 CC) said a result of the 1870s Moody campaigns was the formation of the Christian Labor movement in Britain.

HELL DENIERS—Skepticism regarding Hell usually takes three forms: questioning the nature of its fire, the reality of its place, and the length of its punishment. Annihilationists and universalists deny the biblical Hell. Pope John Paul II denies it's a place of fiery torment. Billy Graham questions the literal fire. Robert Schuller says a person is in hell when he has lost his self-esteem. Clark Pinnock thinks that hell as endless torment is an outrageous doctrine. [These are excerpts from a 6-page *O Timothy* article by David Cloud. He discusses the views of over 20 people on Hell. He has books on Evangelicals & Rome, CCM, etc. Order at: Way of Life Literature, 1701 Harns Road, Oak Harbor, WA. *O Timothy* is \$20/yr.

GOD'S LEADING HAND is a new autobiography that chronicles the life story of Dr. & Mrs. J.B. Williams as missionaries in W. Africa, later as an evangelist, speaker and author. Get this 99-page book from Dr. Williams at: P. O. Box 915, Ringgold, GA 30736, \$8 postpaid.

PROMISE KEEPERS REPORT—Over 306,000 attended the 15 Promise Keepers rallies this year. PK plans 12-16 conferences for 2000. It will soon announce dates/locations.

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MOMS WITHOUT MARRIAGE—"Young men father children whom they have no intention of caring for, by women whose welfare checks support them...." But the 10/25 *Christianity Today* says the real emergency is not the teen pregnancy crisis, but is really about the decline of marriage. Unwed teen moms (under 18) account for only 13 percent of children born out of wedlock. In one recent year there were 376,000 births to single teen mothers (under 20) , but 439,000 births to single moms in their early 20s. Our culture stigmatizes early marriage.

ALCOHOL USE INCREASING—Alcohol is the gateway drug to illicit drug use and abuse—the great scourge of our culture. In families where parents use alcohol as a beverage, 66 percent of the children experiment with it sometime in life, but only 16 percent from families who abstain try it (8/99 *Light*). An estimated 13.9 million Americans use illegal drugs at least once a month, and at least 31.9 million could be classified as binge drinkers.

ALABAMA VOTES 'NO' ON LOTTERY—Alabama voters solidly rejected a lottery bill last month. It would have been a regressive tax hurting the poor most. The 9/30 *Ala. Baptist* said an in-depth study "found that lottery players with incomes below \$10,000 spend more than any other income group, an estimated \$597 per year. Further, high school dropouts spend four times as much as college graduates. Blacks spend five times as much as whites...."

HARVARD APOSTASY—Harvard University, founded in 1636 as a training school for ministers, has become the icon of American higher education with a \$13 billion endowment and an annual income of \$1.6 billion. Of 18,000 students attending, undergrads pay a hefty \$32,000 a year in tuition, fees, and expenses (10/9 *World*). Liberal positions—pro-abortion, anti-military, racial preferences, radical feminism, and religious relativism—are considered gospel on campus. The Harvard Divinity School, headed by a Roman Catholic priest, prides itself on liberalism and open-mindedness, diversity (but there's no diversity in those issues), and political correctness. A prejudice against Christianity is said to pervade Harvard.

RENO QUOTE A HOAX—We first saw the quote where Janet Reno implies that fundamentalists are cultists

in the 2/10/95 *Sword of the Lord*, and carried part of it in the 3/15/95 *CC*. Soon after, we were told that her acting Asst. AG denied she said it. We ran a retraction (5/1/95 *CC*) entitled, "Reno Quote a Hoax." We haven't mentioned it since, but it keeps being reported, partly because it sounds like something she would say! But until proven that she said it, we will continue considering it a hoax.

PETER WAGNER, SPIRITUAL WARFARE—Longtime Fuller Seminary professor and church growth guru C. Peter Wagner is more well-known in recent years for his "third wave" Power Evangelism, and demonic stronghold deliverance ministries. His current Colorado-based ministry, Global Harvest, sponsored an Oct. 1 praise and worship event in Ephesus, Turkey for the final stage of spiritual warfare (8/99 *Charisma*). Participants were to declare the lordship of Christ over the ground where pagans once protested Paul's preaching. The "Operation Queen's Palace" event was to underscore the breaking of the power of the "strongest ruling demonic spirit" still blocking the spread of the gospel—the Queen of Heaven ("the force most responsible for the population of hell"). Wagner, who convened the event, is also coordinator of the AD 2000 & Beyond's United Prayer Track and is one of the world's leading authorities on spiritual warfare. The 6/99 *Vanguard* said that in spiritual warfare preferably two or more "lock ourselves" into a hotel room and "discover the name of the 'principality' in charge over the city then bind that principality and then the city will be released to be evangelized...." We believe in the Eph. 6 spiritual warfare, but not Wagner's charismatic version.

'HATE CRIMES' LEGISLATION—Since Cain murdered Abel, all crimes of violence have been "hate crimes." True Christianity has always been known for its lovingkindness —never for a hateful spirit....Christians do not believe in approving sinful behavior....Scriptures command those that "...love the Lord to hate evil" (Psalm 97:10). The homosexual lobby backs "hate crime" legislation, which goes far beyond dealing with crimes of violence. Their real target is...those who would criticize their ungodly way of life. The White House and various members of Congress have backed this legislation, much of which is aimed at "thought control" rather than crime control....If a serious effort was made to enforce the death penalty much of the violent crime would disappear....This legislation could threaten the church's freedom to proclaim biblical precepts which expose and condemn sin and are contrary to currently acceptable political correctness... [Adapted, ACCC resolution] Why should an assault against a homosexual be punished greater than one against a heterosexual? The Constitution provides for equal protection under the law. This is not the time to tone down denunciation of any sin, nor to "dialogue" with sinners—in our churches of all places, as Dr. Jerry Falwell recently did! Until pressure came, he also planned to break bread in his church with the 200 "gays." How can he now effectively fight dangerous hate crime legislation and, at the same time, maintain a "bridge of friendship" with "gay activists" and not provoke them?

WHY DO COLSON AND EVANGELICALS THINK CATHOLICS ARE SAVED?—Why are over 70 percent of Chuck Colson's Prison Fellowship chaplains Roman Catholic? Why did Colson, a co-developer with Catholic priest Richard John Neuhaus of the "Evangelicals and Catholics Together" accord recently turn over the reins of Prison Fellowship to Michael Timmis, a practicing Roman Catholic—and why is Timmis a Promise Keepers board member? Why would Dallas Seminary have William Bennett, a founding director of Catholic Campaign for America, as a keynote speaker last month? (10/99 *Berean Call*) Graham, Bright, Robertson, Dobson and other new evangelicals consider Catholic leaders as brothers. They [and Falwell and Van Impe] have praised the Pope, and worked alongside RC leaders in evangelism crusades or other endeavors. Pity the poor, deceived RC cultists! How can they be evangelized and freed from false-gospel bondage, when their leaders are deemed as partners in evangelism? Cultists are objects of evangelism and not to be partners with the evangelizers. [Some Catholic laity may be saved, but if so, they will not remain in the RCC.]

CHARISMATICS HELP BUILD WORLD CHURCH—The charismatic movement has divided many churches and caused much confusion. It builds ecumenical bridges between Protestant churches and the Roman Catholic Church. Former Catholic priest Bart Brewer says "the charismatic movement is being used worldwide by the leaders of the ecumenical movement for...questionable purposes....The two movements have been

channeled into the same furrow. Why? Because many charismatics and ecumenical leaders claim that through the Holy Spirit the differences between denominations disappear and become meaningless. The present ecumenical movement toward a super one-world church [to be headed by the Antichrist] is gaining momentum from the charismatic movement..." [Adapted from Jeffrey Khoo's new *Biblical Separation* book, \$6, from febcbkrm@singnet.com.sg]

MBI'S STOWELL SPEAKS ON NEW EVANGELICAL PLATFORMS—Moody Bible Institute President Joseph Stowell's Sept.-Feb. speaking itinerary includes (*Moody Alumni* magazine): Promise Keepers, Bill Hybel's Willow Creek Community Church, Billy Graham's The Cove, NRB, Dallas Seminary, Word of Life, Cedarville College (GARBC-approved), and Louisiana Baptist Convention. By quiet progression, Stowell erects an ecumenical legacy.

MASTER'S MISSION, MASTER'S COLLEGE LINK—The Master's Mission (Robbinsville, NC) is a "Prewrath" mission. Marv Rosenthal, and others, have gone with this group. Bob Van Kampen funds this and other Prewrath ministries. These are Reformed theologians, as is Dr. John MacArthur. MacArthur and Paul Teasdale (Exec. Dir. of MM) serve on both the MM and MacArthur's Master's College boards. Roger Best (former GARBC), a Prewrath convert, also served on the MC board (see 6/1/96 CC). Dr. Clay Nuttall (Piedmont Baptist College), who provided the above information and verified with Master's Mission that MacArthur is still listed on its board, asks: "How could anyone who says they believe in the 'any moment return' officially link up with Prewrath?"

GOOD SOURCE FOR BIBLE-CENTERED LITERATURE—The Middletown Bible Church has hundreds of helpful literature items including pamphlets, tracts, booklets, books, SS materials, doctrinal studies, studies for new believers, etc. These deal with a wide variety of subjects, including separation, new evangelicalism, evangelism, dispensationalism, Christian life, etc., all available at cost. Request a literature list from: George Zeller, 349 East St., Middletown, CT 06457 (e-mail: georgezeller@juno.com).

FULLER SEMINARY AND NEO-EVANGELICALISM—Neo-evangelicalism is an attitude or spirit of compromise popularized by Harold J. Ockenga in 1948. He positioned it between modernism and fundamentalism. It differed from modernism in its acceptance of the supernatural and its emphasis upon the written Word as inerrant. ... It differed from fundamentalism in its repudiation of separatism and its urge to engage itself in the theological dialogue of the day.... Fuller Seminary, begun in 1947, became the school to train a whole new generation of ministers with this new compromising mindset and spirit. It wanted to be known as a school of high "scholarship." Fuller neo-evangelicals wanted to impress the modernists and go about converting the neo-orthodox, modernists, agnostics, and atheists by way of infiltration instead of separation. Fuller today is modernistic, ecumenical, and charismatic. [From Jeffrey Khoo's *Biblical Separation* book: FEBC Bookroom, 9A Gilstead Road, Singapore 309063, \$6.00 postpaid. Web address: www.lifefebc.com]

ACCC REPORT—The CC editor attended the Executive Committee meeting and 58th convention of the American Council of Christian Churches, Oct. 26-28, at Hardingville (NJ) Bible Church. Pastor Mark Franklin and his people did a super job as hosts. Speakers included Drs. David Beale, John Ashbrook, Duane Brown, Morris McDonald, George Youstra (Pres., Clearwater Christian College), Frank McClelland, and John McKnight. We served on a panel chaired by ACCC Exec. Secretary Dr. Ralph Colas on, *Has the Battle for Truth Become Passe?* Resolutions on the following topics passed unanimously: Opportunities in a new Millennium, "Hate Crimes" Legislation, Shrinking Influence of Biblical Christianity, Final Opportunities of This Century, Is the Protest Over?, New Evangelicalism, The Doctrine of Separation & its Importance. Next year's convention is scheduled for Toronto. Special Prayer Request concerning major physical/medical needs for Dr. Colas, ACCC president Dr. Dick Harris, Dr. Jim Singleton, and Bill Worrilow.

SBC CHURCH FACES OUSTER OVER HOMOSEXUALITY—Oakhurst Baptist Church (Decatur, Ga.)

will become the first congregation removed from the Georgia Baptist Convention in its 177-year history if the GBC approves an exec. comm. recommendation at its Nov. 15 meeting. Oakhurst is "a welcoming and affirming place [where] lesbian/gay Christians are embraced as full members...."

NOT LOVE—Some Fundamentalists today are embracing a false view of love, claiming that love is always positive and never negative. In the name of love, the Christian soldier is asked to put down his sword; the watchman is instructed to be silent; the shepherd is told he must not warn about the wolves in the flock who draw away disciples after themselves. In the name of love, the Scriptural ministry of reproof and rebuke is placed "off limits."... [T]rue Fundamentalists must once again say, "This is not love—this is disobedience. [M.H. Reynolds (1980), May-June, 1999 *Foundation*] If you are FOR sheep you will be AGAINST the wolves who would devour them.

FOUNDATIONS COLLEGE HAS NEW PRESIDENT—Dr. H. Talmadge Spence, II was installed Sept. 26 as the second president of Foundations Bible College (Dunn, NC), succeeding its founder, his father, Dr. O. Talmadge Spence (voice problem) who resigned Aug. 20 after 25 years.

NEW FBF DIRECTORY—The 1999-2000 Fundamental Baptist Fellowship directory, listing over 1400 individuals and their worldwide ministries, is available from: FBF, c/o Faith Baptist Church, 500 W. Lee Road, Taylors, SC 29687, \$8 for members, \$12 for non-members (+ \$1 s&h).

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HALF OF CATHOLIC CLERGY ARE 'GAY'—This is from the 9/27 *Christian News*, quoting a Roman Catholic publication: "Thomas Plante, an associate professor of psychology at Santa Clara University who counsels priests, claims that 50 percent of Catholic clergy are gay, even though 'they're not all acting on it.' Perhaps, this is an exaggeration. But, as the number of priest scandals continues to mount, one has to wonder. After all, it's no secret that some of the most liberal seminaries in America have long been rumored to be hotbeds of homosexuality."

PERSECUTION IN COLOMBIA—Since 1995, around 50 pastors have been murdered in Colombia—25 evangelical pastors murdered in the past six months allegedly by guerrillas, and some 300 evangelical churches have been forced to close (10/4 *Chr. Today*). The 10/2 *World* gives lower figures and says Colombian evangelicals are under attack by both guerrillas and paramilitary forces, but that news of attacks on churchgoers is overshadowed by drug war headlines.

HALLOWEEN & ATS—Dr. Bill Jackson of Christians Evangelizing Catholics in an e-mail last month quoted from a letter from the American Tract Society: "...So when we minister in Christ's name on Halloween, we are reclaiming the Christian roots of this holiday." Jackson comments: "This is just another in a series of evangelical surrenders to Roman Catholicism. Anyone with a knowledge of the history of Halloween knows it is basically a Roman Catholic holiday, and that what the Catholics failed to include was generously supplied by the Druids."

BAD BOY BOONE—Pat Boone is at it again. He had a recent heavy-metal album, and now his next one is rhythm and blues rock. An unabashed tongues-speaking charismatic, he was expelled long ago from the Church of Christ (10/4 *CT*). He's been an elder in Jack Hayford's Foursquare Gospel church for the past 20 years. But even Fuller Seminary president Richard Mouw said: "Pat Boone's leather-and-tattoos masquerade was not unforgivable, but neither was it a harmless spoof." He called the heavy-metal culture's "flaunting of promiscuity and satanic imagery" deeply repulsive and blasphemous.

IS ALPHA COURSE BIBLICAL?—The controversial popular Alpha Course presents a weak guiltless gospel and a feeble Christ (4/1 *CC*). A 5/99 *Evang. Times* article says half of the lesson on Spirit-filling is on speaking

in tongues. The Holy Spirit's biblical role is to glorify Christ, but in the charismatic Alpha Course the Holy Spirit eclipses Christ (5/99 *Austr. Beacon*). In overall emphasis, Christ is displaced by the Holy Spirit as the center of attention.

WILKERSON BLASTS WORD-FAITH PREACHERS—David Wilkerson blasted fellow charismatics' prosperity doctrines, "holy laughter," and the flamboyance of Benny Hinn in an April 11 sermon to his 7,000-member Times Square Church. He told members to burn books written by any propagators of these doctrines, and to stay away from evangelist Rodney Howard-Browne's Good News NY crusade (10/99 *Charisma*). He leveled blasphemy charges at Kenneth Copeland's prosperity doctrines.

DAVID RICE & BIBLE STUDENT MOVEMENT—In September big ads appeared in our local paper for a "Bible Prophecy Seminar," sponsored by Huntsville Bible Students at a Holiday Inn. We tried to learn more about it by calling a listed number, but got evasive answers ("we're nondenominational," etc.). Per a flyer, the speaker was David Rice, who "has served the San Diego Bible Students for 25 years as an elected minister and Bible teacher." Watchman Fellowship wasn't familiar with any of this, but after checking on the Internet, said Rice and SDBS were an offshoot of Jehovah's Witnesses. We pursued this and got some of their literature that stated they were non-trinitarian. Satan is so very subtle. Be warned, be wise, beware!

BOTH POPES CAN'T BE INFALLIBLE—Pope John Paul II recently rejected the reality of hell being a literal physical place of eternal torment (10/15 *CC*). But Pope Paul VI in the 1970s termed hell a reality and reminded people of the "terrible truth of a possible eternal punishment called Hell, about which Christ minced no words." *Canadian Revivalist* editor Dr. Frank McClelland comments: "It is obvious that there is a world of difference between Paul VI's view of hell and that of the present pope." Will the real infallible pope please stand?

PP'S SEX ED INCREASES ABORTIONS—Planned Parenthood sex education programs can directly contribute to the number of abortions (*Heartlink*). PP tells teens to be "responsible." Then it defines responsibility as "using birth control when you have sex to avoid getting pregnant and, if you do get pregnant, having an abortion." Those who engage in sexual activity provide millions of dollars to PP. Chastity provides none. PP thus uses its sex ed programs to increase its customer base and sees abstinence education as a threat to its income and survival.

THE DISCERNER is an interdenominational heresy-exposing quarterly. The 28-page Jul-Aug-Sep edition had such timely topics as Witchcraft in U.S. Military, New Age Influences on Catholic Church, and cult of Oneness Pentecostalism. To subscribe (\$4/year), call 1-800/562-9153.

SDA HELPED SPONSOR F. GRAHAM CRUSADE?—Ted Olsen (10/4 *Chr. Today*) said "The largest Protestant denomination [in Jamaica] is the Seventh-day Adventist Church." It has nearly 500 congregations in Jamaica. One of Jamaica's biggest problems is said to be disunity among churches. But the Celebrate Jesus '99 crusade there in March, with Franklin Graham as the main speaker, was sponsored by all of Jamaica's umbrella organizations: the WEF evangelicals (JAE), the liberals (JCC), Full Gospel churches (JAFG), the Church of God in Jamaica, the Jamaican Pentecostal Union, and the Seventh-day Adventists. So, put it all together and you have new evangelicals, charismatics, liberals and cultists all united in a hodgepodge of ecumenical evangelism. [Jamaican missionary Joe McKnight phoned the main SDA body there and it denied crusade involvement. Bro. McKnight said it would not surprise him if several SDA churches took part in the Graham meetings without Conference sanction. *CT* writer Ted Olsen (by phone) thinks he got the SDA involvement information from the Graham camp, but would check and call me. He never did.]

FALWELL LENDS A HAND TO HABITAT—Habitat For Humanity has built 26,000 homes for poor people in the U.S. and over 45,000 worldwide. HFH founder Millard Fuller is a former missionary with the most liberal

United Church of Christ. His "theology of the hammer" has a global religion goal (6/15/98 CC). In the 6/14 C. Today he says: "Here's what Christianity is about. Let us get together and build houses for [people living in squalor] so they'll have a good place to live, and you'll see the kingdom." He said Jerry Falwell's church is "building a house every year, and they take up the Christmas offering for HFH." *Fundamentalist Digest* editor Dr. Don Jasmin rightly concludes: "HFH is rooted in ecumenism, centered in ecologism, and slanted toward socialism."

HICKEY'S UNSCRIPTURAL TEACHINGS—Charismatic healing evangelist Marilyn Hickey says it is always God's will to heal and God does not chasten us by sickness, disease or poverty (5/15/91 CC). At recent meetings in Pakistan, where anyone trying to convert Muslims faces imprisonment or death, Hickey said the key to avoiding offense there is to not talk about conversion. She believes one day God will transform Islamic nations (e.g., Pakistan) into Christian societies (10/99 *Charisma*). "Pakistan is not going to be a goat nation. It's going to be a sheep nation."

KHOO'S NEW BOOK ON SEPARATION—Dr. Jeffrey Khoo has a new book titled *BIBLICAL SEPARATION: Doctrine of Church Purification and Preservation* which traces this command through various Old Testament books and New Testament ones. He then gives its theological basis and practice. He notes the inroads made by false "isms" today, such as: Modernism, Ecumenism, Neo-evangelicalism, and Charismaticism, and the need for separation from these. Get this good 120-page refresher course book from: FEBC Bookroom, 9A Gilstead Road, Singapore 309063, \$6.00 postpaid. Net: www.lifebec.com

NEW PAMPHLET ON GRAHAM, NCC/WCC/ECT—A new 8-page pamphlet entitled *Dr. Billy Graham, The WCC & NCC and Evangelicals and Roman Catholics Together* is available from Bible Believers News Service, 702 Hastings Dr., Harrisburg, PA 17109. Suggest you send \$1.

MILES STANFORD'S HOME-GOING—George Zeller and others notified us of the September 21 home-going of Miles J. Stanford at age 85. A prolific writer, two of his main topics were dispensationalism and spiritual growth. His best-known book was *The Green Letters*. He sent us several Position Papers on various men and movements.

LIGHTHOUSE MOVEMENT IS HUGE!—Small prayer groups from over 200,000 local churches and 300 national ministries believe they can reach every person in America with prayer, friendship, and a video depicting Jesus' life by the end of December 2000. Ministries range from Jerry Falwell's, SBC, Moody Church, Ravi Zacharias, and Kay Arthur, to Crystal Cathedral, Willow Creek, and the Episcopal Church (10/4 CT). Mission America's Paul Cedar is chair. Other key organizers were Bill Bright and Billy Graham. The Lighthouse Movement is coordinated by AD2000's Mission America, Harvest Evangelism (Ed Silvano), and the World Prayer Center (Peter Wagner and Chuck Pierce). This ecumenical coalition predicts 3 million lighthouses by the end of next year. Prayer is much needed today, but any attempt at common doctrine (which is vital—see Amos 3:3—for uniting in corporate prayer and fellowship) would split this conglomeration asunder. Ecumenical coalitions such as this could be laying the groundwork for the "evangelical" wing of the United Religions, the world church of the Antichrist.

CAMPUS CRUSADE'S NEW CAMPUS—Campus Crusade is moving into a \$45 million 285-acre home base for its expanding ministries. Founded in 1951 by Bill Bright, it is now the world's largest new evangelical organization. The new facility will be at Lake Hart in Orlando. CC now has over 20,514 full-time staffers and over 663,000 volunteers in 68 ministries in 181 countries (10/6 *Religion Today*). Bright won the \$1.1 million notorious Templeton Prize in 1996 and donated it to his Fasting & Prayer ministry. His New Life 2000's goal is to help lead at least a billion people to become Christians by year 2000's end and to help plant a million churches of all denominations. Charismatics and Catholics are warmly embraced by Bright, who signed the 1994 ECT.

GRAHAM AT HARVARD PRAISES DALAI LAMA—When Dr. Billy Graham spoke at Harvard last month at the behest of its homosexual Chaplain Peter Gomes, he maintained that the way to God is through Jesus Christ but expressed tolerance for other religions (10/2 *H. Times*). He lauded the Buddhist Dalai Lama for his peace efforts and emphasized the similarities between the Christian and Islamic scriptures. This is a serious, grievous error.

SCHULLER AGAIN FEATURES CATHOLICS, LIBERALS—The Robert H. Schuller Institute for Successful Church Leadership, Jan. 24-27, at his Crystal Cathedral, includes the following speakers (10/4 *CT*): Tony Campolo, Bill Hybels, Luis Palau, John Maxwell, William Bennett (RC), "Father" Michael Moynhan, Roberta Hestenes (a senior pastor), Kent Hunter, Bishop Charles Blake (COGIC), H.B. London (Focus on the Family), Bishop T. Garrott Benjamin Jr., Juan Carlos Ortiz, and Bishop Sundo Kim.

HOW-TO-DO-IT SEMINARS A WASTE OF TIME?—A preacher who had been to countless "How-to-do-it" seminars wrote: "I've been to Hyles' pastor's school, where I learned to preach against long hair. MacArthur's Shepherd's Conference, where I learned about Elder rule...John Maxwell's Leadership Seminar, where I learned to exalt me. Bill Gothard's Pastor's Seminar, where I learned just how unimportant the local church is; Narramore's conference, where I learned to pull myself up by my own bootstraps. Financial seminars, where I learned how to fleece the flock ('you'll never get all their money'); Bus seminars, soul-winning seminars, church growth seminars, ad infinitum, ad nauseam." He listed motivational books he had read, and said: "I have found most were a waste of time and money!" [This from Dr. R. L. Hymers' new book, *Preaching to a Dying Nation*, free to pastors, \$7 others, PO Box 15308, Los Angeles, CA 90015.]

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HUMANIST MANIFESTO 2000 is a call for mankind to save itself through a philosophy known as "Planetary Humanism." This new document goes far beyond the four previous humanist declarations, and declares that religious fundamentalism of any kind is a threat to the ideals and principles of secular humanism. The Fundamental Evangelistic Association (P.O. Box 6278, Los Osos, CA 93412) has written a 24-page pamphlet evaluating this "New Planetary Humanism." Send 25 cents plus postage.

KANSAS DID NOT BAN EVOLUTION—*Time* and *U.S. News* got it wrong when they declared that evolution had been expunged from Kansas public schools' curriculum (9/13 *CN*). What the board decided was that it would not test students at the state level on evolution but local districts could do it. The state won't mandate teaching of origins but instructors may teach evolution if they choose.

DISNEY BETRAYED—*Disney: The Mouse Betrayed* tells an unsavory story of how Disney has been subverted in recent years. It exposes Disney's promotion of pay-per-view porn; its underwriting of movies (via its Miramax subsidiary) with themes of violence and sexual perversion, or with a militantly anti-Christian bias; its recording company that pushes rock songs with violent, Satanic, pro-suicide, pro-drug, sex-saturated lyrics; its unprincipled arrangements with Communist China to market its products; and its courting of the homosexual "community." (9/27 *New Amer.*) The book also discloses shocking facts of rampant pedophilia and other child abuse--and adult sexual abuse rife at its theme parks.

ANIMAL RIGHTS RADICAL SINGER AT PRINCETON—Peter Singer was recently appointed to an endowed chair in bioethics at Princeton University (7/1 *CC*). To him, a newborn has no greater right to life than pigs, cows, and dogs. He would give patients and doctors the right to kill (not just withhold treatment) newborns with Spina Bifida, hemophilia, etc. (9/27 *NA*). Per the 10/99 *Reader's Digest*, he says "killing a disabled infant is not morally equivalent to killing a person. Very often it is not wrong at all."

GAMBLING HURTS POOR MORE—Gamblers with household incomes under \$10,000 wagered nearly three times more than those with household incomes over \$50,000 (9/11 *World*). Gambling takes from losers money they can't afford to lose. It hits hardest those with the least ability to pay. It produces a subliminal

conscience of covetousness, greed, pride, despair, and a false sense of pleasure. No winners in gambling—eventually all are losers!

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CATHOLIC TO HEAD HARVARD DIVINITY SCHOOL—Bryan Hehir is the new head of Harvard Divinity School, the first Roman Catholic priest at this post (9/13 *C. News*). He succeeds Ronald Thiemann (ELCA) who recently resigned after computer technicians found thousands of porn sites on his personal computer at his university residence after he requested technical assistance (7/1 *CC*).

CATHOLICS SPEND \$1 BILLION IN SEXUAL MISCONDUCT CASES—Three times in a little over a year, sex scandals have driven high-ranking members of the Roman Catholic hierarchy from office, costing U.S. dioceses an estimated \$1 billion in payments to victims (*Proclaiming the Gospel*). A Santa Rosa, CA bishop (1999) became the eighth of his rank or higher to leave office this decade over sexual misconduct. Others were a Santa Fe, NM archbishop (1993) and an Austrian cardinal (1998).

GLAAD DEMANDS MORE PRIME TIME TV FOR HOMOSEXUALS—The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation has complained that TV entertainment is too straight, even with the 28 homosexual, bisexual, or "transgender" characters in the fall lineup (9/27 *New Am.*). GLAAD wants a glamorized, politically useful portrayal of homosexuality instead of a realistic portrayal which would require immersion in its pathologies—disease, violence, relentless promiscuity, and premature death.

POPE DESCRIBES PURGATORY AS A PROCESS—Pope John Paul II recently rejected the reality of hell being a literal physical place of eternal torment (9/1 *CC*). Then a few days later (Aug. 4) he described purgatory not as a place but a "process of purification" that removes man's earthly imperfections so he may enter God's kingdom (9/13 *Chr. News*). He said purgatory, like heaven and hell, is not a place but a spiritual state of being. He added: "But before we enter into God's kingdom every trace of sin within us must be eliminated; every imperfection in our soul must be corrected [in purgatory]"

FFBC RESOLUTIONS—The Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches met in annual session August 16-20 in Montague, NJ and passed good resolutions on the following issues: Gender-Neutral Paraphrases (Zondervan, IBS, NIV); The Scarlet Woman: One World Religion (United Religions); False Pride- The President again openly endorsing perversion by proclaiming June as "Gay and Lesbian Pride Month" in an attempt to pay off the political debt he owes the homosexual lobby; Remembering Our Heritage- The 60th Anniversary of the FFBC; Hate Crimes Legislation- Since Cain murdered Abel, all crimes of violence have been "Hate Crimes."

WCC IS WOOING CATHOLICS & EVANGELICALS—[Dr. Ralph Colas, executive secretary of the American Council of Christian Churches, attended the August 26 - September 3 50th Meeting of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland. Below are a few excerpts from the first draft of his Special Report, available soon from: ACCC, P.O. Box 5455, Bethlehem, PA 18015.] The WCC continues its "courting process" to bring "people of other faiths" under its umbrella. Its ecumenical machine is in high gear as it embraces gullible evangelicals and their entities. George Vandervelde, a leader in the World Evangelical Fellowship, was a major speaker at the WCC's 50th Assembly, Dec. 1998, in Harare, Zimbabwe, Africa. It appears his participation has been rewarded by being given a position serving on WCC's Commission on World Missions and Evangelism. (The WEF claims to represent 200 million evangelicals in 600,000 churches.) The WCC leadership also extended an "olive branch" to Rev. Kurt Bangert of the Lutheran Church in Germany, World Vision's official representative at this WCC's Geneva meeting. (WV is an EFMA member with a relief ministry in over 90 countries.) Bangert said he had an unusual private meeting with the WCC's Gen. Sec'y, Dr. Konrad Raiser. Numerous Roman Catholic leaders are serving on various WCC Commissions and Committees and the WCC is opening up to the Roman Catholic Church as well as developing further

relationships with Pentecostal and Evangelical groups with a new dynamos of dialogue.

WCC: MARXIST & ECUMENICAL—During the 1970s and 1980s the World Council of Churches' Special Fund to Combat Racism made grants totaling some \$4 million to armed insurgent forces in southern Africa that were Marxist-Leninist or heavily influenced by Communism (8/99 *Schwarz Report*). South Africa's African National Congress government (headed by Mandela's successor, Thabo Mbeki) is run by Marxists, strongly affiliated with the South African Communist Party but presented by our media as moderates. Zimbabwe president Robert Mugabe addressed/praised (12/8/98) the WCC Assembly in Harare for having supported his armed [Marxist] revolution. The WCC hypocritically says it opposes violence. It meets in Atlanta Dec. 9-11 on a theme of reconciliation, with Archbishop Desmond Tutu as a major speaker. Rev. Kathryn Bannister, 29, one of the WCC's eight presidents, will be installed as moderator of the U.S. conference. Ecumenical worship and prayer are planned.

PREACHING TO A DYING NATION is the title of a new 250-page book by Dr. R. L. Hymers, Jr. and his associate Dr. Christopher Cagan. [This book is free to pastors and deacons, and available to others at \$7 postpaid, from Dr. Hymers at P.O. Box 15308, Los Angeles, CA 90015, phone 818/352-0452.] Chapter 1 is entitled, "The Barbarians are Coming." Issues discussed include homosexuality, TV, abortion, Internet porn, and other signs that our pagan nation needs revival: "Western culture is rapidly declining into uncivilized savagery," our speech is becoming "crude and coarse," and "over 3,500 churches close each year." The book attributes much of the blame for all this on sham conversions resulting from Charles G. Finney's "decisionism" teachings (and later by Billy Graham). It calls for a "violent break" with this, and also faults Dr. John MacArthur's "Lordship salvation" and some of his other teachings. It lists Graham's "six [contradictory] ways to be saved." This is a thought-provoking book, and you may not agree with all that is said. Some will disagree that "Certainly no New Testament Christian can commit murder..." [p98, context is David's sin], e.g., countering that our old fleshly sinful nature is capable of any sin. But get this book, read it, it is well-worth the \$7.

BWA LEADER WANTS NEW ATTITUDE TOWARD CHARISMATIC MOVEMENT—Baptist World Alliance Gen. Sec'y Denton Lotz urged Baptists to change their attitudes about the Charismatic Movement, during an address at Prague's Int'l Bapt. Theol. Seminary. He said: "We need to get over our hang-up of the use of the word 'charismatic'..." Lotz's two reasons for calling on Baptists to begin to accept the Charismatic Movement were its "sheer number" [over "500 million"] and its "rediscovery of the power and work of the Holy Spirit" (*Foundation*). The SBC is a major member of the apostate BWA.

MacARTHUR'S CONFUSING TEACHINGS ON 'LORDSHIP' & BLOOD—The following is taken from *Preaching to a Dying Nation*, a new 250-page book by Drs. R.L. Hymers and Christopher Cagan, available free to preachers, \$7 to others, by phone 818/352-0452. Popular teacher Dr. John MacArthur is quoted: "Saving faith is a commitment to leave sin and follow Jesus at all costs." "Salvation is for those who are willing to forsake everything." Hymers says this is "pure Romanism" and concludes: "Much of today's preaching does not emphasize the gospel (1 Cor. 15:1-4) simply because the gospel is *not needed* if man can save himself by making a Lordship decision, as advocated by MacArthur and his followers." [We have found that MacArthur confuses justification and sanctification, and salvation and discipleship (see 1/15/89 CC) —ed.]. MacArthur has said "The blood of Jesus could not save" and "the blood of Christ is a metonym for His death." In his *Study Bible* he wrote: "Blood is used as a substitute for death." But Cagan uses Rev. 1:5, "He has washed us from our sins in His own *blood*," and says we could not have been washed in His *death*. He uses the Lord's Supper as proof that MacArthur is wrong on the Blood, and says: "Why not just take the bread, if the Blood is nothing more than a metonym for the death? Why do we need two separate elements?"

ROCK MUSIC AT BISAGNO'S SBC CHURCH—Dr. John Bisagno's First Baptist Church (SBC) in Houston (TX) had an Elvis contest and Beatles music at a 1994 event in its Solid Rock Café (8/15/94 CC). Dr. R.L. Hymers, Jr. relates the following in his new 250-page *Preaching To A Dying Nation* book (available free to

preachers, \$7 to others, at P.O. Box 15308, Los Angeles, CA 90015): "A short time ago I was driving through Houston on a trip with my family. It was Sunday, so we dropped into the First Baptist Church...since we knew of no independent church in the downtown area. I can only describe this evening service as fully charismatic. The pulsating music went on at a deafening level for nearly an hour. The sermon, by...Louie Giglio, was replete with charismatic ideas, punctuated by waves of people holding their arms in the air. The ushers were men dressed in shorts and caps with rings in their ears....We felt as out of place as we would have if we had entered a night club, a rock concert, or an opium den!...It is considered one of the *conservative* churches in the Southern Baptist Convention."

UCC APOSTASY—When the United Church of Christ was formed in 1958 it adopted a non-Trinitarian statement of Faith which Unitarians find acceptable. The UCC officially ordains practicing lesbians and homosexuals (the first major denom. to do so). It supports abortion, euthanasia—and suicide in various situations. (9/13 C N)

SBC SEMINARY PRESIDENT FIRED OVER ANGER—Midwestern Seminary Pres. Mark Coppenger confessed "misappropriation of anger" to trustee leaders July 30 after reports that he became enraged and used profanity with seminary employees. He was fired last month after trustees determined his temper imperiled his leadership.

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FREEMASONRY EXPOSED—Freemasonry is a religion and is essentially incompatible with Christianity. Its "mysteries" are rooted in the pagan mystery religions of ancient Egypt, Greece and Mesopotamia. The Southern Baptist Convention is the first denomination to essentially bless the Masonic Lodge (12/1/97 CC). Of the 3.5 million or more Masons in the U.S., about 1.3 million are Southern Baptists (6/1/93 CC). And 14 percent of SB pastors and 18 percent of SB deacon chairs are Masons. Shriners (Masons who hold the highest degrees) do many good works, but its initiates make a blood oath and confession of the demon god Allah as God. A 1994 book by Ron Carlson and Ed Decker, titled *Fast Facts on False Teachings* has a revealing chapter on Freemasonry [Harvest House Pub., 1075 Arrowsmith, Eugene, OR 97402, 255 pages, \$11 pp].

GEORGETOWN NAMES FIRST MUSLIM CHAPLAIN—Georgetown University, the oldest Catholic university in the U.S., has appointed its first Muslim chaplain (8/28 *Dallas Morn. News*). He is believed to be the first Muslim chaplain at any major U.S. university. Georgetown has two rabbis and some part-time Protestant ministers (6/15 CC). Pornographer Larry Flynt lectured there last May.

CLINTON, THE FIRST POSTMODERN PRESIDENT—Postmodern man never lets himself be restricted by a single set of beliefs, relationships, or character traits. Rather, he is ever "reinventing himself." (9/4 *World*) Pres. Clinton, the first postmodern president, is unencumbered by ideology. He creates his own truth and reinvents himself. In postmodern fashion, Clinton defender Arthur Schlesinger said (1/11 *USN&WR*): "A question that has no right to be asked doesn't deserve a truthful answer."

FAST FACTS ON FALSE TEACHINGS is the title of a 255-page book by Ron Carlson and Ed Decker. It cites estimates that 50 to 60 million Americans are involved in some form of the occult, and that over 50 million read their horoscopes daily. But it seems to underestimate the number of Catholics worldwide (620 million – this seems low even for 1994 when the book was written, since in 1999 there are over 1 billion), quotes from the NIV, and omits Seventh-day Adventists from a short list of cults (p138). [We note the latter solely because the book is dedicated to Dr. Walter Martin who taught (along with Donald Barnhouse) that the SDA was not a cult.] But the book is still a very helpful reference tool. It has chapters on: Atheism, Buddhism, Evolution, Islam, Hinduism, Yoga, Reincarnation, Jehovah's Witnesses, Moon, Mormonism, New Age Movement, Prosperity

Theology, Catholicism, TM, and Satanism. Get it from: Harvest House Publishers, 1075 Arrowsmith, Eugene, OR 97402, \$11 postpaid.

ROCK CONCERT VIOLENCE—Thousands are injured each year at rock concerts—at least 5,711 in 1998 alone (9/6 *USN&WR*). Hard-driving acts in the newly popular "rap-rock" genre whip mostly male crowds into a frenzy. Misogyny seems on the rise in rock music. Rap-rock lyrics describe raping, beating, and dismembering women.

THE BIG HOMOSEXUAL LIE—The most fundamental lie, repeated over and over, about homosexuality is that homosexuals are born that way. There is no scientific proof that homosexuality is genetic (9/99 *Nat'l Lib. Jrnl.*).

AIDS IS STILL DEADLY—For a brief time drug combinations were dramatically reducing AIDS deaths, but now the number of new U.S. cases is static at 40,000 each year (9/13 *USN&WR*). AIDS deaths plunged 42 percent from 1996 to 1997 but only 20 percent from 1997 to 1998. Most who could benefit from newer drugs already receive them, while drug resistance and side effects force others off medication. AIDS is now the leading cause of death among 25-to-44-year-old black men.

A RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS—The Second Amendment does not *grant* a right to keep and bear arms, but rather *recognizes* that pre-existing right. "As the U.S. Supreme Court wrote in the late nineteenth century, the right to keep and bear arms is independent of the Constitution." (3/30/98 *New Amer.*) What anti-gun lobbyists ignore is that almost all gun owners are law-abiding (9/7 *Huntsville. Times*). With 230 million guns owned by Americans, only a tiny portion of these weapons are employed illegally.

BROTHER ANDREW'S OPEN DOORS—The *Australian Beacon* (5/99) says Fundamentalists should not support Brother Andrew's *Open Doors* since it accepts the premise of extra-scriptural revelation. It quotes a recent *Open Doors* paper as saying it "is no longer surprised when we hear...that a converted Muslim has been led to Jesus by means of a dream or vision." *Open Doors* linked last year with the ecumenical Global March for Jesus, and does not have a "standpoint on doctrinal issues." (10/15/98 *CC*) Brother Andrew, of *God's Smuggler* fame, guested with Robert A. Schuller in 1994 in the Crystal Cathedral.

SLAYING THE DRAGON OF EVOLUTION is the title of an excellent new 85-page book which is a 12-lesson study refuting the hoax of evolution. Isaac Manly, a retired surgeon and former theistic evolutionist [religious affiliation?], is the author. The recent Kansas school board ban on the mention of evolution makes this a timely topic. Get this helpful book from: College Press, P. O. Box 1132, Joplin, MO 64802, \$5.99 + \$1.59 p & h.

MacARTHUR LEAVES 'INCARNATIONAL SONSHIP'—Popular Bible teacher Dr. John MacArthur now says: "I want to state publicly that I have abandoned the doctrine of 'incarnational sonship.' Careful study and reflection have brought me to understand that Scripture does indeed present the relationship between God the Father and Christ the Son as an eternal Father-Son relationship. I no longer regard Christ's sonship as a role He assumed in His incarnation." We applaud his willingness to reverse himself and acknowledge that his earlier teaching did not square with Scripture, though he still denies that it is "rank heresy." Will "fundamentalists" who have defended his "serious error" teachings now do a sudden reversal? Will MacArthur now recant his teaching on the blood of Christ which many fundamentalists regard as heresy? His incarnational Sonship (and other) teaching caused a schism in the IFCA a decade ago (see 2/1/90 & 11/15/95 *CCs*). How now will IFCA leaders, who continued to promote him, and other MacArthur defenders react to his reversal? IFCA's *Voice* magazine for many years has kept right on promoting MacArthur ministries in full-page ads. Should MacArthur and IFCA leaders who sided with him now apologize to the IFCA for the great harm the "Sonship" error has caused to that fellowship?

SEPARATION FROM DISOBEDIENT BRETHREN—There is a basic difference between separation from religious apostates and separation from erring Christian brethren: separation from a brother is not irrevocable. Separation from a Christian brother should never be a total rejection which allows no place for repentance. Allowance should be made for ignorance, errors of judgment and momentary weakness. Nevertheless, when Christian leaders begin to steer God's people into disobedience and compromise they must be scripturally rebuked and their error exposed. This principle of rebuke and correction is often illustrated in the Bible: Lev. 19:17, Josh. 22:11-20, Pr. 25:12, Ezra 9-10, Neh. 13:13-29, Mat. 18:15-18, 1 Cor. 5:1-13, 2 Thes. 3:6, 14-15, Tit. 3:9-10, and in many other passages. [Dr. David O. Beale, *SBC House on the Sand?*]

HERESY & APOSTASY—Apostasy is a rejection of truth. Heresy is a perversion of truth. Of the two, heresy is in many ways the more dangerous...because it is harder to detect. By its very nature, heresy is closer to the truth than apostasy. The closer to the genuine the counterfeit becomes, the more insidious it becomes. No genuine believer would be tempted to embrace apostasy, but many have succumbed to the threat of heresy. For this very reason God clearly commands us to reject the unrepentant heretic. [Rev. Milton Jones, 8/15/89 CC]

CAMPOLO'S CONFUSING ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY—Tony Campolo in a letter to Jerry Falwell tries to explain his recent statement on Christ, judgment, and redemption (9/9 *Nat'l Lib. Journal*). He says: "Certainly I believe that Jesus Christ is the one and only Savior of humanity." He then says Rom. 2:14-16 "suggests that the work of Christ on the cross may be broader than some of us think", and quotes Billy Graham as saying that "on Judgment Day, there may be people who enter the Kingdom who have not called themselves Christians." Campolo stands by his statement on *The Charlie Rose Show* that "I am not convinced that Jesus only lives in Christians."

DUNN RECEIVES AWARD—Southern Baptist liberal James Dunn is the sixth recipient of the Religious Freedom Award from the Associated Baptist Press (8/28 *Dallas Morn. News*). He retired from an 18-year position as head of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. He becomes president of the BJCPA Foundation and joins the faculty of the new Wake Forest Divinity School.

MOODY & UNITY—Moody Bible Institute in recent years has become rather notorious for its ecumenical involvements and speakers. The theme of the Sep-Oct *Moody* is "Unity." Allen Ross rightly writes: "Unity cannot and should not be maintained when there is doctrinal heresy or persistent disobedience." But he seems not to follow this advice, else he doesn't recognize the "doctrinal heresy" and "persistent disobedience" of Promise Keepers, e.g. He mentions occasions that draw Christians together in a unified effort to help homeless, needy, or others in a crisis. He says: "At such times, our [denominational] differences do not seem to matter as much as ministering to people in Christian love." He says special projects [e.g., Bible translation committees] also draw believers together and help unite the church. He says: "Special movements also draw people together in Christ. For example, Promise Keepers has brought together believers who might otherwise have never done so. What draws them to unite is a shared need...."

SBC TO REVIEW DOCTRINAL STATEMENT—SBC President Paige Patterson recently appointed a 15-person committee to study the So. Baptist Convention's Baptist Faith & Message statement for possible rewrite (9/2 *Ala. Baptist*). Adrian Rogers is chairman. Jerry Vines, O.S. Hawkins, Albert Mohler, Richard Land, Charles Kelley, and at least two women are on the committee—along with a Hispanic evangelist and African-American pastor. The BF&M was originally adopted in 1925 and revised in 1963. Patterson does not expect to have a big rewrite.

DOBSON: FROM 'SEEKER SENSITIVE' TO 'SEEKER INSENSITIVE'—Ed Dobson writes (9-10/99 *Moody*): "Ten years ago we started a Saturday night service at Calvary Church in Grand Rapids. Over 1,000 people come on a Saturday night. One-third of them have never been to church in their lives. Another third of them had dropped out of church years ago. That means two-thirds of these people are unchurched." One-third of

them are in their 20s, one-third in their 30s, the rest are 40 and older. He says the [rock] music (alternative, blues, swing) is loud. He usually dresses in old blue jeans and a tee shirt. He said he has discovered in the past 10 years that people don't care about the music and drama, it's not why they come. He says the number one reason unchurched people come is for the sermon—to hear the Bible. He said: "We started out seeker-sensitive. Today you might say we are 'seeker insensitive' because we open the Bible and get in people's faces and tell them Jesus is the only way to heaven." If he dropped the rock music, he would find out in a hurry it really DID matter! Dobson's church hosted the 1988 IFCA convention (4/15/94 CC), and he was named 1993 "Pastor of the Year" by MBI.

ACCC MEETING SPEAKERS—The 58th Convention of the American Council of Christian Churches is set for Oct. 26-28, Hardingville Bible Church, Monroeville, NJ. Rev. Mark Franklin is the host pastor, and the theme is "Opportunities in a New Millennium." Speakers include: Drs. George Youstra, David Beale, John Ashbrook, Jim Singleton, Frank McClelland, John McKnight, Morris McDonald, Ron Cooke, David Natale and Tom Hamilton.

WAKE FOREST'S NEW DIVINITY SCHOOL—Wake Forest University's new divinity school (see 9/15 CC) will take a radical departure from its Baptist heritage, choosing among its faculty a Benedictine monk, a feminist biblical scholar and a theologian who calls God "our motherly father." (8/22 Raleigh *News & Observer*) This ecumenical school is premised on the belief that denominations don't matter. WFU in 1997 featured a Buddhist monk, a rabbi, snake handler, and Tony Campolo as speakers (10/1/97 CC).

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CREATION DAYS OF ORDINARY LENGTH—The Bible Presbyterian Church last month passed a resolution by this title which stated: "...Following the view that Scripture is its own best interpreter, we believe the six creation days in Genesis one...are days of ordinary length when we compare the same words used in the fourth commandment in Ex. 20....*For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is....*When the Hebrew word *yom* is modified by a number such as six days, or the third day, as it is 359 times in the Old Testament outside Gen. 1, it always means literal days...."

A PBS SCANDAL?—Several so-called public television stations, partially funded with our tax dollars, make a regular practice of sharing their mailing lists with liberal political groups and then stonewall when asked direct questions about it (8/14 *World*). In addition to the obvious liberal tilt of PBS programming, Boston's large TV affiliate, shared donor lists with Democrats. The large Washington, DC station admitted it has shared its mailing lists with liberal advocacy groups (e.g., Planned Parenthood). Congress (and maybe IRS) is investigating.

GORE CHANGES HER TUNE ON MUSIC—Tipper Gore, who over a decade ago led a crusade to require warning labels on raunchy rock records, now has severed her ties with this and has apologized to West Coast entertainment executives in a private meeting with her husband (8/22 *H. Times*). Her switch has helped husband Al Gore, who has raised more funds from the entertainment industry than any other presidential candidate this year. [She also recently helped raise big funds for the political coffers at a gay-lesbian fund raiser—7-8/99 *Fund. Digest*.]

WHAT DOES 'GOOD' MEAN?—Recently, Hillary R. Clinton described her philandering [lying, adulterous] husband as a "good husband and father." (8/21 *World*) Luciana Morad, the mother of rock singer Mick Jagger's latest illegitimate child, told Europe's *Hello* magazine that, even though Mr. Jagger has yet to meet his 4-month-old son, he is a "very loving father." [See Isaiah 5:20]

WHY TREAT COMMUNISTS BETTER THAN NAZIS?—When World War II ended, the Nazi Party ended. Today in Germany as in the rest of Eastern Europe trying to organize a Nazi Party would be a crime. Skinheads, like their avatar Adolf Hitler, are regarded as disreputable relics of a horrible past. But not the well-

funded Communist Parties in Russia and in Eastern Europe whose crimes in their pre-1991 heyday exceeded that of the Nazis simply because communism lasted for so many more decades than did Nazism... (7/99 *Schwarz Report*)

CHARISMA SAYS GET READY TO ROCK 'N' ROLL—*Charisma* Editor Lee Grady says he believes we're on the verge of another youth awakening, ala the Jesus Movement of the 60s and 70s (9/99 *Charisma*). He said: "We must speak the message of Christ in their language, and sing it in a musical style they can relate to." He added: "Let's bridge the generation gap in the church—and get ready to rock. Another Jesus movement is on the way."

PENSACOLA 'REVIVAL' GOES TO OTHER CITIES—Evang. Steve Hill, Brownsville Assembly of God pastor John Kilpatrick and worship leader Lindell Cooley took their Awake America crusade to E. Rutherford, NJ, June 28-29 (9/99 *Charisma*). The crusade was headed by an interdenominational steering committee of 15 local pastors. After the crusade, participating churches will continue working together on other evangelistic programs. "We've come together in unity, in the Spirit." said Father Joe Romanoski of Sacred Heart, a Catholic church in South Amboy, NJ. "This event is not an Assemblies of God event, a Lutheran event or a Catholic event—it's a Jesus event. We've put all the other stuff on the side...."

CHINA POISED TO TAKE CONTROL OF CANAL—Red China is now in position to take control of the world's most strategic waterway, the Panama Canal, after the U.S. turns it over to Panama Dec. 31, 1999. The Carter-Torrijos Treaties were fatally flawed, and a fraud. The ones signed by Panama were radically different from the ones our Senate ratified. To get Senate ratification Pres. Carter had to accede to the DeConcini Reservation, and Panama refused to include this in their version (8/2 *New Amer.*). This is all another example of our leaders betraying us to godless communism. The 8/9 *USN&WR* said more drugs are already entering Panama and that when our soldiers leave, traffickers could have a field day.

SAUDI ARABIA REPRESSIVE FOR CHRISTIANS—A new report by Open Doors, an organization that ministers to the persecuted church, said Saudi Arabia is the world's most repressive country for Christians (8/5 *Ala. Bapt.*). It is rated first on a top ten list of countries dominated by Islamic control. Others who made the top 10 include (in descending order): Afghanistan, Sudan, China, Yemen, Morocco, Iran, Libya, Tunisia, and Egypt.

FREE PAMPHLET—A single copy of a free 12-page pamphlet titled "Are We Going Full Speed Backward to Paganism?" may be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped, legal-size envelope to Florida Pro-Family Forum, P.O. Box 1059, Highland City, FL 33846. It discusses the New Age Movement, naturalism, spiritism, globalism, etc.

FALWELL MEETING FEATURES CHARISMATIC CYMBALA & SBC LEADERS AS SPEAKERS—Slated speakers for Dr. Jerry Falwell's Super Conference '99, Oct. 3-6, include the current and three former Southern Baptist Convention presidents. Also featured is Jim Cymbala, pastor of the huge Brooklyn Tabernacle, and his choir. After a positive review of his book *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire* appeared in the IFCA's July-Aug. '97 *Voice*, Pastor Gary Gilley termed Cymbala a "charismatic minister." In a short review in the Jan.-Feb. '99 *Voice* Gilley said he believed Cymbala's book to be "a largely unbiblical, quasi-Charismatic, mystical approach to Christian living." Cymbala was a listed speaker for a "Pentecost, Prophecy & Power" conference at Central Assembly of God (Springfield, Mo., March 8-10), which also featured AOG leader Thomas Trask, and Brownsville Assembly of God ("Pensacola Outpouring") Worship Leader Lindell Cooley (12/98 *Charisma*). How can Falwell continue cavorting with charismatics and Southern Baptists and remain in good standing with the BBF?

GRAHAM'S DISOBEDIENT MINISTRY—The following is a summary of warnings by *O Timothy* Editor David Cloud (1701 Harns Rd., Oak Harbor, WA 98277) against Billy Graham's teachings and practices. [The

complete article is under the Evangelical section of the topical database at the Way of Life Web site -- <http://wayoflife.org/~dcloud>] Graham accepts degrees from Catholic colleges and says the Catholic gospel is the same as his own. He has turned thousands of converts over to apostate churches. He thinks the pope is an evangelist and moral leader. He invites Catholic bishops onto his platform to bless those who come forward at his invitations. He thinks a miracle happens in infant baptism. He does not believe hell is a place of literal fiery torment. He allows that unsaved pagans will not go to hell. He praises Christ-denying Modernists. He promotes...perverted Bible versions.... He says the virgin birth is not a necessary part of the Christian faith. He refuses to defend the Bible as the inerrant Word of God. He agrees with heretic Robert Schuller's false definitions of the gospel. He says theology no longer means anything to him. He does not emphasize salvation through the blood of Christ. [He joins with the apostates instead of separating from them—see 2 Chr. 19:2]

MacARTHUR PRAISES HAYFORD—In Jack Hayford's 1997 book, *Pastors of Promise*, popular author and speaker John MacArthur praises Hayford, the hyper-charismatic pastor of the 9,000-member Foursquare Gospel Church on the Way. Robert Schuller, Bill Hybels, Chuck Colson, Bill Bright, and Greg Laurie also praised him in the same endorsement section. Hayford promotes Promise Keepers, serves on its board, and speaks at major ecumenical PK events... [Note: The above is a correction of the 9/1 CC article by this name. *The BDM Letter* (P.O.B. 679, Bedford, IN 47421) discusses this subject at length, and at its Web site www.rapidnet.com/~jbeard/bdm/Letter/]

A FULLER SEMINARY VISIT—Dr. Arthur Houk reports on a 7/27 visit to Fuller Theological Seminary, where he attended a class taught by popular Prof. John Goldingay of the School of Theology. Goldingay told the class that "there is no archaeological evidence that the city of Jericho was there and that the walls came tumbling down." He said, "Perhaps this is a parable." Heb. 11:30 indicates otherwise! Evidently, unbelief and denial of Scriptures is still prevalent at Fuller. Also, the *Fund. Digest* (7-8/99) reports: "Margaret Suster, a 'pastor, teacher, church-woman, scholar and writer' who teaches preaching at Fuller Theological Seminary, was one of the guest preachers for a SDA [Seventh-day Adventist] sponsored 'interactive seminar' via live satellite, 4/20/99."

WAKE FOREST OPENS DIVINITY SCHOOL—Wake Forest University Divinity School (NC) opens this fall with 24 full-time students (19 women, 5 men) from various denominational backgrounds (Catholic, Baptist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, etc.). Bill Leonard was named founding dean in 1996 (8/5 *Ala. Bapt.*). The faculty includes Benedictine monk Sam Webber. WFU is self-governing but retains a fraternal relationship with No. Carolina [So.] Baptists. The divinity school in three years expects to enroll about 110 students (7/31 *DMN*).

COVENANT COLLEGE & ROMAN CATHOLICISM—A resolution by this title passed by the Bible Presbyterian Church last month stated: "Covenant College, a school whose board of trustees is elected by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America, recently sent a choir on a tour of Eastern Europe. While there, the choir sang during two services in Roman Catholic churches. On one occasion they sang during the serving of the mass...."

HOWARD-BROWNE'S 'DREAM' DIDN'T WORK— "Laughing Evangelist" Rodney Howard-Browne scheduled Madison Square Gardens (NY) for a six-week soul-winning campaign last July, prompted by a 1998 "dream conversation" he supposedly had with Billy Graham (2/1/99 *CC*). But the average crowd of between 3,000 and 4,000 people a night in the 19,000-seat arena was disappointing (9/99 *Charisma*). Howard-Browne blamed the low attendance on strife and racism in New York's churches.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATICS IN ITALY—There are 250,000 Italian Catholic charismatics (9/99 *Charisma*). Pentecostal leader Remo Cristallo brands the Catholic charismatic renewal in Italy a fake. "By imitating our songs and our style of worship, the Catholic charismatics fool people into believing you can make do without the gospel," he told *Charisma*. He stresses that the unity being offered by the Catholic Church is

political: "Spiritually, nothing has changed." For him, fellowshiping with Catholics means compromising biblical Christianity because he believes two churches will emerge in the future—"a political church and an underground church."

COLSON, PALAU TO GORDON-CONWELL BOARD—Chuck Colson and Luis Palau were elected as trustees of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, effective May 1. As pro-Catholic ecumenicals, they should fit well with G-C's new-evangelical stance. Billy Graham has served as G-C board chairman, and G-C has received \$4 million in scholarship support from the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association over the past five years. G-C's *Hilltop* paper lists ecumenicals such as John Armstrong, Alistair Begg, and Kay Arthur as fall speakers. G-C in years past, has had liberal speakers (e.g., James Forbes of the ultra-liberal Union Theol. Seminary of New York - 3/15/91 CC).

PROMISE KEEPERS ATTENDANCE SLIPPING—Nearly 24,000 men crammed into the Charlotte, N.C., Coliseum Aug. 13-14 for a Promise Keepers rally (8/17 *Religion Today*). Men were challenged to be spiritual leaders at home and to promote unity in the body of Christ. Speakers included pastors Wellington Boone, Larry Jackson, Glenn Wagner, and ecumenical evangelist Greg Laurie. Promise Keepers officials acknowledge that attendance and fund raising nationwide have declined. Attendance has slipped from 1.1 million in 1996 to an anticipated 300,000 this year, and revenue declined from \$87 million in 1996 to a projected \$41 million this year. That a number of teen-agers came to the rally was seen as a sign of PK's strong future. Fifteen rallies are being held this year. PK is asking churches to hold "Light the Night" gatherings on New Year's weekend to usher in 2000.

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ROCK MUSIC CAN CAUSE VIOLENCE—Hard rock music is a "virus" in American culture that contributes to youth violence, charges a recent report released by Paul Weyrich's conservative think tank the Free Congress Foundation (7/22 *Ala. Baptist*). The report notes that the Columbine killers idolized shock-rocker Marilyn Manson, as did other recent perpetrators of teen violence. The music industry dismisses this as a coincidence. It says music reflects violence in culture but does not cause it. The report strongly disputes that. Studies indicate that some kinds of music can negatively affect behavior. Music surpasses television as an influence on teenagers.

AFTER LITTLETON SHOOTINGS, A PASTOR ASKS: "How can you expect orderly behavior from people who have never been properly disciplined? How can you expect orderly thoughts from people whose music is close to chaos? If you refuse to impose values, why are you surprised when [kids] act as if they had none?" (7/99 *BB*).

WOODSTOCK A RIOT—It took 700 riot-gearred police to clear the Woodstock '99, Rome, NY rock concert site last month, after concession stands were looted and burned (8/9 *USN&WR*). Workers said molestations and rapes were commonplace and often cheered by onlookers.

TODAY'S TEENS—Today's teenagers are more affluent and less rebellious. They have come to accept divorce as normal (8/7 *World*). Most of their parents are achievement-oriented Baby Boomers so, often sadly, teens don't see unconditional love or feel that anyone cares about them. They don't believe in absolutes, either. Over 80 percent of teens say there are no moral absolutes, no absolute truths, no definitive ethical realities. They need the Truth.

BLOCKBUSTER GOES HARDCORE—Blockbuster, the largest video rental chain and which had built its reputation on a family-friendly image, has apparently found the pornography business too lucrative to pass up (8/99 *A Chr. View of the News*). It stocks over 70 *Playboy* and *Penthouse* titles and is re-rating X and NC-17 movies.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS ENDORSE NEW ESV—Several prominent Southern Baptists recently endorsed an inerrancy-based edition of the Revised Standard Version (1971) to be published as the English Standard Version. (7/22 *Ala. Baptist*). It will be "more literal than the NIV" and "more readable than the NASB." Jerry Falwell is listed as one of "Southern Baptists on the new ESV's 51-member advisory council." It also includes: SBC Pres. Paige Patterson, Carl Henry, and Timothy George. Wayne Grudem and J.I. Packer are on an oversight committee.

PEGGY CAMPOLO AFFIRMS 'GAY' RELATIONSHIPS—Peggy Campolo recently spoke at a pro-homosexual Evangelicals Concerned event. Her opening prayer to the "God of love" did not mention Jesus. She said "We are standing on holy ground here," and later said the first homosexual wedding in her Central Baptist Church (ABC USA) was a "high and holy experience" for her. She called her church a "safe place" for homosexuals, where they are "welcomed and affirmed." Over and over she referred to "my gay brothers and lesbian sisters," and called them children of God. She stated her belief that homosexuals should have the right both legally and in the eyes of the church to marry whoever they choose as a life partner. She said, "My husband [Tony] got in trouble in 1985 for saying that God was inside every person whether that person was a Christian or not. [And] Tony said the place to find God was in loving service to other people....Tony was right about where to find God." She started her journey by feeling sorry for homosexuals, but then found she could enjoy their company. She and Tony have gone back to "P-town" (a "gay" summer Mecca on Cape Cod) every year for the last 19 years.

SCOUTS FORCED TO ACCEPT HOMOSEXUALS—The New Jersey Supreme Court ruled last month that Boy Scouts were forced to accept homosexual scouts and scoutmasters, even though they are a private group with moral objections to homosexuality (8/9 *H. Times*). Scouting depends on schools and religious organizations, especially the Mormon Church which sponsors almost three times as many Boy Scout groups as the second-ranked religious sponsor, the United Methodist Church. (8/1 *Chr. News*).

CANADA UPHOLDS LESBIANS AS FAMILY UNIT—The Supreme Court of Canada recently recognized two lesbians as a family unit. Dr. Frank McClelland in the 6/99 *Canadian Revivalist* notes that a main purpose of the family unit is procreation. Homosexuals can't reproduce, so those traits can't be passed on. Thus it is not an inherent but largely a learned behavior. Homosexual practices are both unscriptural and unnatural, condemned by both Bible doctrine and human practice. "Gay" is a misnomer: "98% of 'gay' people are desperately unhappy."

GAMBLING IS HAZARDOUS TO OUR HEALTH—Dr. James Dobson served two years on the National Gambling Impact Study Commission, and concludes: "Gambling is a destroyer that ruins lives and wrecks families. A [mass] of evidence...demonstrates a direct link between problem and pathological gambling and divorce, child abuse, domestic violence, bankruptcy, crime and suicide." Over 15.4 million meet the technical criteria of those disorders.

KIM NOMINATED AS BWA PRESIDENT—South Korean pastor Billy Kim has been nominated to serve as Baptist World Alliance president from 2000-2005. He served as BWA v-p from 1990-1995, and is the immediate past president of the Asian Baptist Federation (8/5 *Ala. Baptist*). He pastors the 7,000-member Central Baptist Church, and has traveled/spoken with David Yonggi Cho, the Assembly of God pastor of the world's largest church who has been said to use occultic mind techniques. The apostate BWA featured socialist Bishop Tutu at a 1998 BWA meeting (8/15/98 *CC*). Kim is also president of the Far Eastern Broadcasting Co. of Korea and is no stranger to new-evangelical pulpits in America. These include those of Billy Graham, Jerry Falwell, John MacArthur, and Moody Bible Institute (see 5/1/93 *CC*). Conservative SBC leader James Draper calls Kim a "great evangelist." The Southern Baptist Convention is a major BWA member.

ABC HAS CATHOLIC SPEAKERS—Matt Costella (7-8/99 *Foundation*) filed a firsthand report of the June

Biennial Meeting of the American Baptist Churches USA. He said the ABC wholeheartedly embraces and teaches a "social gospel," that the purpose of the church is to change society to advance the kingdom of God. He discussed the ABC's homosexual problem and its ecumenical inclusion of speakers from other denominations at the biennial meetings, including Roman Catholics. He said: "The ABC Minister's Council met during the first day of the biennial and heard Adrienne Kaufmann, a Benedictine Sister from the Mother of God Monastery in Watertown, SD, speak on the theme, 'Substantive Dialogue: A Tool for Congregations to Deal With Potentially Divisive Issues Without Becoming Divided.' (In a past biennial, a Roman Catholic cardinal preached at a plenary session)."

MAX LUCADO HAS 'BOOK OF THE YEAR'—Max Lucado's best-selling book *Just Like Jesus* was recently named the Christian Book of the Year by the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association (8/1 *Chr. News*). Yet he is pastor of Oak Hills Church of Christ (Campbellite—see 6/15 *CC*) near San Antonio. Lucado was a featured speaker at a Promise Keepers clergy meeting in Atlanta. He signed the ecumenical ECT (Evangelicals & Catholics Together) and ECT II (The Gift of Salvation) documents (3/1 *CC*). He wants to break down denominational walls.

MacARTHUR PRAISES HAYFORD—In Jack Hayford's 1997 book, *Pastors of Promise*, popular author and speaker John MacArthur praises Hayford, the hyper-charismatic pastor of the 9,000-member Foursquare Gospel Church on the Way. Robert Schuller, Bill Hybels, Chuck Colson, Bill Bright, and Greg Laurie have also praised him. Hayford promotes Promise Keepers, serves on its board, and speaks at major ecumenical PK events. The BDM Letter (P.O. Box 679, Bedford, IN 47421, \$4/yr.) has an in-depth report on MacArthur for \$4. George Zeller, 349 East St., Middletown, CT 06457, has a huge near 100-page report on MacArthur's unscriptural teachings for \$7. [NOTE: The above is a corrected version of this article.]

POPE SAYS HELL IS SELF-INFLICTED—Pope John Paul II said hell is a reality and eternal damnation is a self-inflicted punishment (7/31 *HT*). He said: "Hell is not a punishment imposed externally by God, but the condition resulting from attitudes and actions which people adopt in this life." He added, "Hell exists, [but] not as a place. ..." Some of this seems similar to Billy Graham's view. But the Bible teaches that hell is a terrible place of eternal unquenched fire and torment, and that God does impose it as a punishment for those who reject His salvation and offer of grace and mercy provided for by His Son.

LIARDON'S WACKO CHARISMATIC TEACHINGS—Roberts Liardon takes his name from Word-Faith heretic and huckster Oral Roberts. He claims that at age 8, Jesus took him on a tour of heaven where he saw a storehouse of unclaimed spare body parts awaiting believers' faith for their healing (6/15/96 *CC*). He promotes an unscriptural gibberish and says if you don't speak in tongues you're not normal. A 6/99 *Vanguard* article states: "If Roberts Liardon is not possessed by devils, he is surely deceived by Satan...If he is not deceived, he is a cynical manipulator of gullible church-goers...If he is none of these things, he is a vicious, brutal...bully who evidently takes pleasure in forcing his bulky frame into people's personal spaces, humiliating them and pushing them over."

WHY NAME NAMES?—Some say "criticize teachings, not the teachers," but we can't always separate the two. An article in the 6/99 *Vanguard* discusses this: 1. It is Biblical to name names. Paul did it positively to commend ministries (1Cor. 16, Phil. 2:25, Col. 4), and negatively to warn against ministries (1Tim. 1, 2Tim. 4). John also was specific (3 Jn. 9,10). 2. It is consistent to name names negatively if we are happy about praising people positively (e.g., biographies of Luther, Spurgeon, Wesley). Is it not equally just to speak as clearly about men who are instrumental against God? And when we write, we [identify men] not that you might hate them, but rather that you might "beware" of them (2Tim. 4:15). 3. It is practical to name names. Sadly, people often follow preachers [big name personalities] rather than preaching [and, thus to warn such people, we must name names]. 4. It is historical to name names. Throughout church history, men have not shrunk from clearly stating against whom they are objecting, as well as against what. But in our day, "not hurting people's feelings" often

seems more important than "speaking the truth in love."

BURNING BRIDGES AND BUILDING WALLS—This is the age of compromise. Instead of simplicity for clarity there is complexity for confusion. This is the age of bridge building, acceptance and a violent reaction to the old guard who still believe that some walls have purpose. Some believe that as long as the apostasy is a bridge away there is no real threat. I remember some friends in the ministry saying we had nothing to fear from "old liberalism" that it was an impotent vestige. They saw the conflict between liberalism and fundamentalism as an old issue. Now many of those men have embraced, or have closed their eyes, to the liberal doctrine in their midst. Most of these men would call themselves fundamentalist. However their practice includes elements of the apostasy. How could this happen?...The answer is really quite clear. They are going back because of the failure to destroy the bridges that would allow them to return. True, they did lay waste some of them but now these bridges are being rebuilt. Yes, there were some walls built by our forefathers but those walls are unpopular and obstacles to "Ecumenical Evangelicalism." They must be destroyed. Walls are hated, derided, despised. Bridges are fashionable despite the fact they lead the "New Liberalism" to the same destructiveness of the old liberalism. [For more on this subject the writer, Dr. Clay Nuttall (Piedmont Baptist College), has available a published series of articles on the "New Liberalism." You may request it from him by e-mail (shepherdstaff@juno.com) or from: 712 Rivertree Lane, Winston-Salem, NC 27103.]

ROBERTSON TO MAKE BIBLE READING 'COOL'?—Pat Robertson is spending \$7 million to advertise *The Book*, a contemporary "thought for thought" English Bible version. He says, "We want to make Bible reading cool in America." Promo ads will use rock music stars.

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VOUCHERS COME WITH STRINGS ATTACHED—Some schools are refusing the school voucher program for fear of losing control of doctrine. The headmaster of a 1,200-student Christian academy in Florida says it would no longer be allowed to accept only students whose parents are born-again Christians, nor could Bible class or chapel attendance be mandatory (7/12 *CT*). Applicants must be taken on a first-come, first-served basis with no screening allowed. Washington runs what It funds!

PBS CRITICIZED FOR AIRING PRO-GAY FILM—The pro-homosexual film, *It's Elementary: Talking About Gay Issues in School* is a slick propaganda production meant to instruct public school teachers how to teach children—as young as elementary age—that "gay is O.K." (7/99 *AFA Jrnl.*) PBS's decision to air this has met with controversy.

TING PRAISES SOCIALISM, BLASTS CHRISTIANITY—Retired Protestant Three-Self Patriotic Movement leader Bishop K.H. Ting recently criticized evangelical theology in a Chinese communist government paper. He said "socialism is the best social system which has appeared in human history" and suggested that any theology that is "incompatible with socialism should not be preached." The Red Chinese communists own church properties and permit no evangelizing off church properties (7/19 *CN*). The Lutheran Laymen's League, the LCMS, the SBC, and Billy (& son Ned) Graham have sent millions of dollars to Communist puppets such as Ting and his successor.

EVANGELICALS & CATHOLICS CONFUSION—We had ECT (Evangelicals & Catholics Together), ECT-2, and now comes a new declaration titled "The Gospel of Jesus Christ: An Evangelical Celebration" (See 7/15 *CC*). This document was endorsed by leading new evangelicals to clearly define the biblical gospel. But it vigorously testifies (without naming it) that the Roman Catholic way of salvation is false, says T.A. McMahon (7/99 *Berean Call*). He adds: "Yet 15 signers (4 drafters, 11 endorsers) *also* signed ECT-1 and/or ECT-2, which accept Roman Catholics as 'brothers and sisters in Christ' and propose a partnership with Rome for spreading the gospel!" Some of their ministries (e.g., Promise Keepers, Prison Fellowship, and Campus Crusade) are staffed with Roman Catholics in leadership positions. What goes here?

DON'T CALL SCHULLER A CHRISTIAN—Robert Schuller long ago bid good-bye to Paul's teaching on sin and no longer wants to be called a "Christian" because it cuts him off from Hindus and Muslims (6/99 *The Discerner*). He does not preach that Christ is the only way to heaven and that Christianity is the only saving faith (7/19 *C. News*).

N.O.W. IS WORSE NOW THAN EVER—The 1999 National Conference of the National Organization of Women drew only about 800 attendees, a low turnout for a group that claims half-a-million members. NOW clings to a pro-abortion, pro-lesbian stance on the left-wing fringe of radical feminism. The 7/24 *World* cover story stated: "While it's well known that NOW embraces lesbianism, few realize that the organization is awash in a Romans 1:26 subculture. At the Beverly Hilton [NOW conference], female couples held hands in the ballroom..."

MAINLINE LIBERAL CHURCHES DIVIDED OVER HOMOSEXUALITY—The United Methodist, and other liberal denomination churches, are in big trouble (7/19 *USN&WR*). There are growing movements within these churches to permit the ordination of self-avowed homosexuals and the performance of same-sex weddings by clergy. The deep divisions prompted one U. Methodist minister to predict: "Within a couple of generations, you'll find three Christian churches: Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and evangelical Protestant." He said the liberal mainliners will be gone. Other experts foresee liberals from various mainline churches joining forces under some common ecumenical banner. Liberals are "ripe picking" for the one-world church of the Antichrist.

FALWELL PAPER DROPS CAL THOMAS—Dr. Jerry Falwell's *National Liberty Journal* will no longer carry a syndicated column by Cal Thomas due to what its editors believe is his "repudiation of Christian activism." (7/12 *Chr. News*). Thomas recently joined with Ed Dobson in a book which said churches should not be involved in politics. He resigned in 1985 as a v-p of Falwell's Moral Majority. He writes many good articles, but his discernment at times is seriously flawed (see 4/15/90 *CC*).

TED TURNER PRAISES COMMUNISTS—Over the years Ted Turner has made outrageously flattering comments about communist nations such as Cuba, the Soviet Union, and China (9/98 *R. Digest*). He has praised Fidel Castro, and after a duck-hunting trip, pronounced him a "great guy." He became an ardent cheerleader for then-top Communist Mikhail Gorbachev. He has supported and defended the Red Chinese communists.

UN OVERPOPULATION MYTH—Pro-abortion groups and radical feminist organizations got more than they dreamed of last month when the United Nations General Assembly agreed to an aggressive global plan for increasing access to contraceptives and abortion services among poor women (7/17 *World*). The zero-population-growth crowd spreads the hysteria of the myth of overpopulation.

NAE CHIEF WANTS TO EMBRACE CHARISMATICS, CATHOLICS, & THOSE FROM LIBERAL GROUPS—Kevin Mannoia took over at the NAE last month, replacing Don Argue who resigned in 1998. He says evangelicals "have lost spiritual power," and wants the NAE to "call the church to become a movement in transforming our culture." He said the NAE needs to "grow around the edges" to embrace other like-minded Christians. He said "The term 'evangelical' applies to more people than have felt welcome [7/21 *Religion Today*]. On one side we have mainline [liberal] denominations like the Presbyterian Church (USA) and others. Then we have charismatic Catholics and Episcopalians. I want to make them feel welcome. There are other groups like the Vineyard [which birthed Promise Keepers and the laughing revival]. They believe they are evangelical but feel they are not accepted as such.... We want to be inclusive. Of course there are absolutes – we can't compromise Scriptural authority. I am looking for any way we can include more churches and leaders...."

BIBLE STUDY DRAWS CROWD TO BAR—*Charisma* editor Lee Grady (8/99) told of Catholic priest John Zenz's "Theology on Tap" Bible study in a Birmingham, Mich. pub. He said: "Apparently this mixture of booze and Bibles was a hit with tavern patrons, as 150 people crammed in the back of the bar to hear Zenz while they

sipped Guinness and Bass Ale." Grady said: "I hope Zenz's philosophy sparks a trend. Imagine what could happen if compassionate Christians took Bible studies into every bar.... You don't think Jesus would take His message into a pub? Actually, He spent most of his time there, hanging out with tax collectors, prostitutes and the riff-raff...." He suggests that readers "Invade your local bar with your own version of 'Theology on Tap.'"

CHARISMA: 'HOW TO REACH HARD-CORE SINNERS'—Rules for this as listed by an evangelist with the Christian Motorcyclists Association include (8/99 *Charisma*): "Don't rush to make a convert, you must make a friend first.... Don't be ashamed to use the name of Jesus without being 'preachy.' Don't perpetuate the image that Christians are 'hunting' converts. Don't use religious words or phrases such as 'atonement' or 'washed in the blood.' Just talk like a normal person and use relevant language."

SEEKER WORSHIP—The seeker worship service is geared to the consumer. If he doesn't want to be "preached to," then "share" with him. If he is sensitive about what used to be called sin, then empathize with him about his needs, his brokenness, his hurt. If he doesn't want to be put on a "guilt trip" at church, then don't mention God's law, judgment, responsibility or accountability. If he mainly wants what religion can do for him, then give him an upbeat talk about how Christ can enrich his life (7/17 *World*). Be afraid to offend, baptize pop-psychology with a Bible verse or two, put together a contemporary rock band and you will send him home entertained but empty.

20th CENTURY CHANGES—FBF President Dr. Rod Bell writes in the May-June *Frontline*: "The 20th century will be known in church history as 'The Age of Change.' It will be known as an era when (1) Biblical thinking was changed to psychological thinking, (2) Christ-centeredness was changed to self-centeredness, (3) the needs of others were changed to our own personal needs, (4) mental attitudes changed to become feelings, (5) humility and favor with God were changed to self-esteem, (6) sacrifice and service were changed for a 'health-and-welfare Christianity,' and (7) faithfulness and loyalty changed to convenience. The end result in the church has been an acceptance—no, an *embracing* of the world's philosophy."

NEW BOOK ON BIBLE'S TEXT & TRANSLATION—A new book entitled **From the Mind of God to the Mind of Man**, subtitled "A Layman's Guide To How We Got Our Bible," sold 1,300 copies during the week of the World Congress of Fundamentalists last month. It was produced under the oversight of Dr. James B. Williams (General Editor), Dr. Randolph Shaylor (Managing Editor), and The Committee on the Bible's Text and Translation. In addition to the editors, chapter authors include Drs. Mark Minnick, John Ashbrook, and John Mincy. Dr. Ernest Pickering states in the Preface: "The authors of this work have presented their information objectively and without attacks on the character of their opponents. It is a clear commitment to biblical infallibility. While acknowledging the variances between ancient manuscripts and the problems of translation attendant to that, there remains a definite commitment to the full inerrancy and authority of Scripture." The book includes a thumbnail sketch (and warnings) of 26 modern English versions and a helpful 13-page Glossary of terms. With so many writers, one may not totally agree with one or two of them (association-wise, or who one of them quotes, e.g.), but we appreciate the vital contribution this book makes toward clarifying the mass of misinformation promulgated by extremists. We also liked the kind tone, and grieve at the often unnecessary hurt being caused by extremists. The "two-text-families" dispute may never be solved. We use only the KJV, but, can't we disagree with those who don't always use it without making this a test of fellowship? We have warned against Ruckman, and unreliable modern versions (NIV, RSV, NRSV, Living Bible, etc.). This timely 231-page book is a very helpful resource. Order it from: Emerald House, 1 Chick Springs Road, Suite 203, Greenville, SC 29609, \$12.50 postpaid.

ABC HOMOSEXUAL 'CHURCHES'—There are 37 congregations in the liberal American Baptist Churches USA that belong to the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists, a caucus that encourages participation by homosexuals (7/22 *H. Times*). Rev. Esther Hargis, the pastor of one of four churches recently expelled (see 8/1 *CC*), has now been notified that due to several protests, the expulsions have been frozen, a step

toward a reprieve.

CHIPCHASE IS NEW CALVARY PRESIDENT— Dr. Elwood Chipchase is the new president of Calvary Bible College/Seminary, Kansas City. He has been Senior Pastor of Cicero Bible Church (Ill.), a prominent IFCA International church, for 14 years. He is a past president of the IFCA which, along with Calvary, sadly takes a weak stance in the area of practicing biblical separation.

DR. McLAUGHLIN HONORED FOR 20 YEARS AT CBC—Congratulations to Pastor Greg & Shari McLaughlin for a 20-year tenure at Calvary Baptist Church! He serves on Boards of Maranatha Baptist Bible College, Baptist World Mission, and the FBF (also as National Secretary of the latter). MBBC conferred an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree on him in 1991. He later earned a Doctor of Ministries degree from Bob Jones University. Dr. Arno Q. Weniger, his mentor, was the scheduled speaker. Perhaps the best indicator of the degree of God's blessing on his ministry here is the large number of young couples sent out from here into full-time service for our Lord.

CAMPOLO WON'T SAY JESUS ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN—On CNN's *Crossfire* with Jerry Falwell, Tony Campolo refused to say Jesus is the only way to heaven. He said, "I am not convinced that Jesus only lives in Christians."

ERRATUM: Our 7/15 "Letis" article implied Wesleyan University is linked with The Wesleyan Church. It is not.

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HATE CRIME BILL IS BAD FOR CHRISTIANS—Our President, homosexual activists, and radical liberals are pushing for special laws to favor homosexuality and punish those who criticize it (5/15 CC). Sen. Kennedy, the chief sponsor of this legislation, said in May that some rapes are not hate crimes (6/99 *Wash. Watch*). Clearly the intent is to silence and punish those who would preach that sodomy is a sin, according to the Bible. Murder of homosexuals is already covered by laws against murder.

LUTHERAN LEADER HITS 'GAY PRIDE' DECREE—Dr. A.L. Barry, president of the 2.6-million-member Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, is "concerned and disappointed" by Pres. Clinton's proclamation making June "Gay and Lesbian Pride Month." (6/28 *C. News*) He said: "I think it's the president's use of the word 'pride,' more than anything else, that gives me pause....In invoking the notion of 'pride,' he is publicly advocating homosexuality as an appropriate, even a commendable, orientation for one's life." His own SBC sharply rebuked him at its Atlanta meeting. One SBC pastor said: "The president is proclaiming a sinful lifestyle not only as moral and acceptable but that we ought to have pride in it."

UNITED RELIGIONS BY NEXT JUNE—Episcopal Bishop William Swing is working hard to set up a united body of world religions, paralleling the United Nations (see 4/1 CC). At a recent interfaith conference in Jerusalem he attended, along with Tibetan Buddhist leader the Dalai Lama, he said: "...[R]eligions have to meet on a daily, permanent basis. The problems, among religions and in religions, are everyday problems, and they are not going to be solved...or helped, until we finally have some kind of 'United Religions,' that will parallel the United Nations, so that we can carry out negotiations." (6/28 *Christian News*) Swing believes the Catholic Church will cooperate with, though not join, a body of world religions. His goal for the UR is next June.

IBFNA RESOLUTION ON THE PROTECTION OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT (Paraphrased excerpts)—The liberal media seeks a scapegoat on which it can blame school shootings and other bizarre and malicious acts, and scorns our Second Amendment right to bear arms. The Bible says it was not Cain's weapon, but Cain who murdered his brother. It does not condemn inanimate objects such as guns for the violence in our sin-sick country, but rather the individuals with depraved sin natures. Old Testament saints rebuilt Jerusalem's walls with a sword in one hand and a tool in the other, and the New Testament recognizes the right to own and

bear arms (Lk. 22:36-38). Armed citizens are a deterrent to crime.

ABC EXPELS HOMOSEXUAL CHURCHES—The recent convention of American Baptist Churches USA ended with deep division caused by the decision to cast out four California churches for their pro-homosexual leanings (7/5 *Chr. News*). The liberal ABC-USA and the SBC are members of the apostate Baptist World Alliance.

JUBILEE 2000: FORGIVE THIRD WORLD DEBT?—A debt-relief plan to bail out the world's poorest nations calls for rich nations to cancel the \$127-200 billion debt. The World Council of Churches at its eighth meeting in Zimbabwe last Dec. noted "the urgent need" to cancel the debts to enable poor countries "to enter the new millennium with a fresh start." Forced redistribution of wealth (steal from haves and give to have-nots) is communism. Some of the poor nations are/were led by dictators and thugs who borrowed heavily to finance Marxist revolutions.

WORLDLY MUSIC—Gordon Sears (6/25 *Sword of the Lord*) says: "It is surprising to me how many Christians ask 'what do you mean by *worldly*?' when speaking of today's music. Only a few years ago Christians didn't ask that question—they knew exactly what worldliness meant. The entrance of Contemporary Christian Music has brought a great amount of confusion as to what *worldly* means....Worldly simply means 'of or like the world.' Satan is called 'the god of this world.' It is his purpose to blind the minds of people so that they do not understand nor receive the truth of the gospel of Christ."

WCF RESOLUTION ON CLINTON ADMINISTRATION—We, the delegates of the 1999 World Congress of Fundamentalists strongly deplore and detest the abominable personal conduct and immorality of President William Jefferson Clinton. We believe that such behavior, left unchecked, will bring the judgment of God on America. The President, in repeatedly lying to the citizenry and dragging the nation through degradation has significantly diminished international respect for the United States of America. His designation of June 1999 as Gay-Lesbian Pride Month has further opened the door for God's judgment. We deplore his appointment of Ambassador Hormel, a self-confessed sodomite, to represent the U.S. in Luxembourg. We believe that, if he has compromised American national security by dealing inappropriately with the Chinese government to gain personal political advantage, he has betrayed us all. Incredibly, these are the actions of a President posing as a professing Christian believer. In spite of our embarrassment and shame in the President's conduct and performance we sincerely implore every Bible-believing Christian to pray for his soul and for his conversion to Christ.

POPE WELCOMES CHARISMATIC RENEWAL—The Catholic Church has a long history of support for the charismatic movement dating back to Vatican II (1965). Since 1967 an estimated 10 million Catholics have been touched by charismatic renewal, though it has died down in many RC churches since the 1970s. Last year Pope John Paul II said he welcomes this "renewal" in the Catholic Church. The 7/99 *Charisma* says the Presentation BVM Catholic Church near Philadelphia is having a "charismatic revival," a step beyond "renewal." It features tongues-speaking, holy laughter, a worship band, dancing nuns, and visitors lying prone on the floor.

EVANGELICALS AND CATHOLICISM—WCC leaders for several decades have declared the pope of Rome to be the natural head of the united church. Recent statements (e.g., ECT 1 and ECT 2) by noted new evangelicals, have recognized Roman Catholics as Christians. Jack Van Impe has gone even further, positively declaring that Pope John Paul II is a fundamentalist [Dr. Bill Jackson]. Other Protestant leaders more recently voiced similar opinions. The World Congress of Fundamentalists, July 5-8, 1999, Greenville, SC passed the following excellent resolution regarding "ROME," warning of this apostasy: "Whereas there have been recent declarations by so-called Protestant church leaders concerning their proposed acceptance of the Pope of Rome as head of the universal church, And, whereas this preparedness to accept the Pope's authority as a 'gift' to all the

churches reveals how deceived the professing church has become since the Roman church clearly has not changed its pernicious doctrines, its idolatrous practices or its blasphemous services, The delegates to this congress deplore this apostasy, rejecting the Pope who is a usurper and deceiver, and reaffirm belief that the Lord Jesus Christ is the only true Head of the church. Our allegiance is to Him, and we seek only to obey Him." [David Cloud's new 350-page book titled *Evangelicals and Rome: The Ecumenical One-World "Church"* traces the evangelical world's journey to Rome and prophecies of end-time apostasy and a one-world harlot "church." (Fund. Baptist Infor. Service, 1701 Harns Rd., Oak Harbor, WA 98277, \$15.95+\$4 s/h)]

ANGLICANS: POPE TO HEAD GLOBAL CHURCH—A document entitled *The Gift of Authority*, the Archbishop of Canterbury and a joint Anglican-Roman Catholic Int'l Commission call all Anglicans to recognize the Pope as the supreme authority if a new global church were created (6/99 *CRN Newsl.*). The document describes the Pope as a "gift to be received by all the churches." The statement (not currently binding), released by Lambeth Palace in May, accepts that in a new united church it would be the Bishop of Rome who would exercise a universal primacy.

WCF RESOLUTION ON 'NON ISSUES WITHIN FUNDAMENTALISM'—While agreeing that whatever the Bible says is so, and maintaining that the Bible is clear in its declaration of the Fundamentals of the Christian Faith, we recognize that there may be well-intentioned differences between ourselves on some doctrinal and practical issues. We reaffirm historic Fundamentalism's practice of according liberty to one another on matters about which the Scripture does not bind the believer's conscience inflexibly. It behooves us all to hold our positions firmly while endeavoring "to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace," and...abstaining from the censorious spirit which condemns where Scripture does not, and on the other hand, from "despising" or making light of one another or failing to forgo graciously the exercise of our liberty when to practice it becomes an occasion for a brother's stumbling. We encourage each to be strict with himself but charitably generous toward others.

NCC CHIEF APOLOGIZES TO CASTRO—National Council of Churches Gen. Sec'y Joan Brown Campbell, at an outdoor rally in Havana with Fidel Castro on the front row, said: "It is on behalf of Jesus the liberator that we work against this embargo [against Communist Cuba]." She added, "We ask you to forgive the suffering that has come to you by the actions of the United States." (7/5 *Chr. News*) The NCC co-sponsored, along with the Baptist World Alliance and other liberal Protestant and Catholic entities (6/28 *CN*), an Ash Wednesday litany service (that had no mention of Christ) at the UN chapel in New York.

F.F. BRUCE, A LIBERAL 'EVANGELICAL'?—Scottish scholar F.F. Bruce, who died of cancer in 1990, was highly touted as an evangelical but had many liberal views (see 11/15/90 *CC*). He viewed Karl Barth, the father of neo-orthodoxy, as "a servant of Christ" on par with Luther, Calvin, and Wesley. He said Barth's God is the God of the Bible. He accepted some destructive higher criticism of the Bible, and said Paul didn't limit women's leadership roles. Bruce had "no fault to find with the inclusivism for which neo-evangelicals are criticized, as seen for example, in the Billy Graham crusades." The 6/86 *Moody Monthly* praised F.F. Bruce as an "evangelical" leader.

PK USED CHARISMATICS—*Charisma* publisher Stephen Strang, in a "Pentecostal-Charismatic Trends" editorial (7/99), said "Promise Keepers exploded on the scene in the early 1990s and utilized some charismatic speakers as well as charismatic-style praise and worship music."

CHURCH MARKETING—Last month a World Congress of Fundamentalists resolution warned of certain pastors who use worldly marketing strategies [e.g., Hollywood movies, rock music] to reach the unchurched and attract "seekers." It said: "[T]hese same men, particularly Ed Dobson, label Fundamentalists and Separatists as being legalists...." It said this marketing methodology was spawned in America through the influence of men such as Bill Hybels and Rick Warren but is rapidly spreading throughout Evangelicalism worldwide. The WCF

resolution said Fundamentalists should follow the Church worship pattern in Acts 2:41-47 and heed the warning of I John 2:15-17. A watered-down, feel-good "gospel" is powerless to save. A "lite gospel" cannot replace the gospel light.

RESOLUTION ON GENDER-NEUTRAL TRANSLATIONS—"We the delegates of the 1999 World Congress of Fundamentalists unite in opposing and denouncing the recent efforts of the International Bible Society, the New International Version's Committee for Biblical Translation, and Zondervan Publishing House to produce unisex language versions of the Bible. We hold that such deliberate replacing of nouns and pronouns which are gender-specific in the inspired text with those which are gender-neutral in contemporary translations contradicts the Scripture's clear teaching of its own verbal-plenary inspiration and amounts to nothing less than an unholy falsifying of the sacred text of God's inerrant words."

WORLD CONGRESS OF FUNDAMENTALISTS—Over 1,300 registered delegates from 50 countries assembled on the campus of Bob Jones University for the World Congress of Fundamentalists, July 5-8. Over 2,000 attended evening services. Fifteen resolutions were passed unanimously, on such topics as: Rome, Moral Decay, Gambling, Religious Persecution, No. Ireland, Globalism, Clinton Administration, Gender-Neutral Translations, Music, Support of Previous WCF Resolutions, Ecumenical Movement, and Old Guard (Jones, Parker, Cedarholm, Van Gelderen, Weniger, and Bumpus) who died since the last WCF. [See 6/1 CC for more info about the WCF]

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WESLEYAN PORN COURSE—Sixty colleges in the U.S. teach pornography. Wesleyan University (Conn.) students in the spring semester could take "Pornography: Writing of Prostitutes" (5/23 *HT*). Students are required to create their own work of pornography as a final class project (6/99 *Nat'l Lib. Journal*). Hope Weissman, the self-described feminist professor, said it is not her job to halt students from expressing themselves in her class.

RELIGIOUS RIVALRY COMPLICATES MILLENNIAL PLANS IN ISRAEL—Israel has invested \$500 million during recent years preparing for the largest flood (year 2000) of pilgrims in Holy Land history (6/14 *Chr. Today*). But this could be for naught if Muslim extremists scare Christian tourists away. Muslims are now the majority in Nazareth and want to build a mosque there. If they do, the Vatican threatens to close churches and reconsider pope's visit.

HOLLYWOOD VIOLENCE—By the time the typical American teenager turns 18, he or she has seen 40,000 dramatized murders and 200,000 other dramatized acts of violence (6/14 *USN&WR*). Movie, music, and video game industries seem to deliberately market violence to kids.

DEFINITION OF EVOLUTION—In a side trip from the IBFNA conference, we visited William Jewell College (SBC) near Kansas City to see Spurgeon's Library. In his vast collection of books, we found this in the 1987 *The Sword and the Trowel*: "Herbert Spencer, the High Priest of materialism, thus defines Evolution: 'Evolution is an integration of matter and a concomitant dissipation of motion, during which the matter passes from an indefinite, incoherent homogeneity to a definite homogeneity, and during which the retained motion undergoes a parallel transformation.' Lucid and exhaustive!" Just like today!

NewsNotes—Notorious atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair, missing since 1995, is now believed to have been killed by former office manager David Waters. *** Cities where casino-style gambling is legal show higher rates of crime, bankruptcy, divorce and suicide (6/19 *World*). *** Russia, China, and Cuba are already set to take control Dec. 31 of the Panama Canal, a critical chokepoint of world commerce so vital to U.S. well-being and national security (6/21 *New Am.*). *** U.S. Catholics now number 62 million, 23 percent of U.S. population

(6/5 *Dallas Morn. News*). *** TM guru Maharishi Mahesh Yogi has begun to erect what is to be the largest building in the world. *** Jerry Falwell's 7/99 *Nat'l Liberty Jnl.* has an article titled, "We Need an Army of Attorneys to Take Back America". *** A recent Canadian Supreme Court decision changes "spouse" to include homosexual partners (6/17 *Ala. Bapt.*).

APA BACKPEDALS ON PEDOPHILIA—The American Psychological Association under pressure has apologized for a published article which said that child molestation with "willing" children might not be harmful (7/99 *NLJ*). In 1975, the APA declared homosexuality to be normal.

CHRISTIAN COALITION SPLITS—Pat Robertson's powerful Christian Coalition has been forced to give up its tax-exempt status and split into two entities (6/19 *World*). One will operate much like a for-profit corporation, allowing it to openly endorse and support candidates. The other entity will engage in nonprofit voter education.

CATHOLICS JOIN HANDS WITH NCC—The U.S. Catholic Bishops Conference and the National Council of Churches now exchange greetings and representatives each year, and report a "growing cooperation" and continuing Catholic "collaboration" with the apostate NCC. The 6/21 *Christian News* reports: "In another symbol of that cooperation, the NCC's next president, former U.S. ambassador to the UN Andrew Young [pro-Marxist], will be installed into his new office at a service at the Catholic cathedral in Cleveland, Ohio, in November."

AFEC STATEMENT ON EC—Dr. Bill Jackson, pres. of the Association of Fundamentalists Evangelizing Catholics, sent us the following 6/18/99 Statement on "The Gospel of Jesus Christ—An Evangelical Celebration" (EC) [see 6/14 *Christianity Today*]. This document has been endorsed by Charles Colson, Bill Bright and J.I. Packer, who signed the controversial ECT documents of 1994 and 1997; and by R.C. Sproul, John MacArthur and D. James Kennedy, who publicly challenged and criticized them. There are a number of helpful statements in this latest document which deal with areas which were not fully dealt with in the ECT documents. Imputation was dealt with favorably; this has been consistently opposed by Roman Catholic Councils and Catechisms. EC said, "We cannot embrace any form of doctrinal indifferentism by which God's truth is sacrificed for a false peace." But there is certainly no better example of "doctrinal indifferentism" than ECT (Ja. 1:8). Because ECT stated that "Evangelicals and Catholics are brothers and sisters in Christ," in order to be relevant, the EC document should be submitted to Roman Catholics who signed ECT. It is difficult to see how a person could subscribe to both ECT and EC. The only logical conclusion is for all who signed EC to remove their names from ECT. It seems that the evangelical ECT endorsers have been "let off the hook" by former critics. We believe EC will be used to rehabilitate those who erred in 1994 and 1997 without their having to admit or ask forgiveness for their error.

IS HYBELS, OR HYLES, THE 'GREATEST'?— In the 5/15 *CC* we quoted a 4/12 *Christian News* article which stated that Bill Hybels' Willow Creek Community Church is the largest congregation in the U.S., with 15,000 attendees. Since then we've received a couple of e-mails stating that Jack Hyles' First Baptist Church (Hammond, IN) has 22,000 attendees and is thus larger than Hybels'. Some nearby, who have visited both churches, say Hybels' is larger, and question Hyles' numbering methods. Also, the 12/8/97 *Chr. Today* said Hyles' church has a weekly attendance of 7,500. This may be deflated, and the truth may lie somewhere between all these numbers. Hybels' church now has a statement of beliefs on its Web site.

LETIS RE-VISITED—Dr. Theodore Letis called May 24 regarding my 1/15 *CC* article which quoted a stated source saying he has "identified himself at various times as a charismatic, a United Methodist, a Baptist, and is now a practicing member of a LCMS church." He denied most of this, except the LCMS part. He said he had been a member of a Wesleyan church in his early years. He praised Wesleyan conservatism and also praised the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod's conservative statement of faith. [Wesleyan University now offers a

Pornography: Writing of Prostitutes course (6/99 NLJ)]. In a near hour-long mostly affable discussion, we reached an impasse on such issues as New Evangelicalism, Biblical separation, and the LCMS. As we recall, his sole stated claim to practicing ecclesiastical separation, was his practice of closed Communion. He seemed unaware of the deadly danger of New Evangelicalism in our day. He seemed satisfied that the LCMS statement of faith "officially" opposed evolution, liberalism, etc. When I gave violation examples (from the 2/22 *Chr. News*, e.g.) he resorted back to the LCMS "official" position stance. I pointed out that LCMS officials have long allowed pastors and professors to promote evolution and that they tolerate liberal, modernist, feminist, and conservative clergy on the LCMS "mixed bag" clergy roster. He recommended that I use a source other than [the reliable] *Christian News* for information on Lutheranism. We had to agree to disagree.

NEO-PENTECOSTALISM—Dr. O. Talmadge Spence, founder and president of Foundations Bible College, grew up in pentecostalism and observes (in May-June *Straightway*): "...[T]he greatest heresy the pentecostals have ever espoused has been, first, the substitution of extant revelations for the Bible; and, second, the exalting of 'speaking with tongues' as the hallmark for the highest spiritual evidences of the Christian life. Also, 'speaking in tongues' has become an avenue for revelation later than the Bible for the latter days." He adds: "All of the present pentecostal movements endorse and fellowship both the Billy Graham ministry as well as Roman Catholicism."

POPE SAYS CHRISTIANS & MUSLIMS HAVE SAME GOD—Pope John Paul II spoke about religious dialog with Islam in his general audience on May 5th (6/7 *Chr. News*): "We Christians joyfully recognize the religious values we have in common with Islam. Today I would like to repeat what I said some years ago in Casablanca. 'We believe in the same God, the one God, the living God, the God who created the world and brings His creatures to their perfection...' Islam's god is not the God of the Bible. The pope may believe in that god, but Christians believe in the Triune God of the Bible—the only God that exists.

BAPTIST WORLD MISSION Web site for ordering books by Drs. Ernest Pickering, Fred Moritz, and others is: <http://www.baptistworldmission.org/bookorder.htm> . You can't order books online, but you can print the form and send it with a check payable to BWM in US funds.

SBC '99 MEETING—Several newsworthy actions were taken at the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting last month. Re-elected President Paige Patterson was asked to appoint a committee to consider rewriting the Baptist Faith and Message Statement of Faith and report at next year's meeting (6/24 *Ala. Baptist*). The SBC rebuked Pres. Clinton, a So. Baptist, for proclaiming June as Gay and Lesbian Pride Month. It denounced Clinton's appointment of James Hormel, an open homosexual activist, as ambassador to Luxembourg. It called for abstinence from alcohol and other drugs. Speaker Reggie White called for ecumenical unity among the 22,000 denomination, sects, etc. Ecumenical pro-Catholic Chuck Colson spoke at the SBC Pastor's Conference. Jerry Falwell gave a benediction at the SBC. A leader of the apostate Baptist World Alliance gave a report. The SBC is an unholy mixture of New Evangelicals and ecumenicals.

IBFNA '99 MEETING—The 9th Annual Conference of the Independent Baptist Fellowship of No. America, at Kansas City, June 22-24, featured good sermons on the theme "Unconventional Warfare." A panel debated whether members should be required to break fellowship with the GARBC. A proposed constitutional amendment, to be voted on at next year's meeting, would bar members affiliated with the GARBC or some other groups. There were two workshops—one on Small Groups, and one on the Deliverance Movement. Three good resolutions were passed commending the faith of those slain in Littleton, protection of the second amendment, and commending sentencing of Jack Kevorkian. [Note: This editor, in the business meeting, praised the resolutions but requested that leaders *consider* having at least one resolution each year on a topic relating to New Evangelicalism, separation, etc. Such a resolution(s) would hopefully serve to publicize, and attract others to, the IBFNA biblical stance. But disappointingly the Moderator, in the business meeting, completely ignored the request.] Next year's meeting is set for Bethel Baptist Church, Sellersville, Pa.—an area where a larger

attendance is expected.

BRUNSON IS NEW PASTOR OF CRISWELL CHURCH—North Carolina pastor Mac Brunson is the new pastor of First Baptist Church (Dallas, Tex.), the large and once influential W.A. Criswell church (6/19 *World*). He is its fourth pastor in the past 10 years. His predecessor O.S. Hawkins left in 1997 to head up the SBC pension board.

PK SMALLER THIS YEAR—When Promise Keepers came to Memphis three years ago, over 50,000 men filed into the 62,000-seat Liberty Bowl football stadium. Attendance peaked in 1996 at 1.1 million (6/12 *HT*). This year, 10 of 15 rallies are in smaller indoor arenas, like the 21,000-seat Pyramid in Memphis, and total attendance is forecast at 450,000. Critics say it shows interest is waning.

PINNOCK WANTS PAPAL-LIKE LEADER—McMaster Divinity School Prof. Clark Pinnock, at a 9/97 meeting hosted by Regis College (Toronto) admitted his "implicit desire" for a Christian leader who speaks on behalf of all Christians as does the pope on issues of life values and truths (5-6/99 *Fund. Digest*). Pinnock's views on God, hell and other doctrines are dangerously flawed (see 1/15/98 *CC*).

LCMS CONSERVATIVES UNEASY WITH LEADERS—Per the 6/14 *Christian News*, many confessional Lutherans are asking why the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's president and vice-presidents are taking no action against the many liberals, evolutionists, charismatics, and religious unionists on the LCMS clergy roster. Yet others (e.g., Dr. Theodore Letis) seem content to trust in assurances of "official" conservative statements of faith.

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HARVARD DEAN FIRED OVER PORN—Ron Thiemann, Harvard Divinity School's dean, was forced to resign after pornography was found on his computer (5/24 *Chr. News*). He is on the Evang. Lutheran Church in America's clergy roster, and promotes a theology of pluralism.

STAR WARS' NEW AGE THEOLOGY—The original *Star Trek* was mainly a sci-fi space opera, embodying 60s liberalism, but had occasional tributes to Christianity (5/29 *World*). The new *Star Wars* film delves deeply into an eclectic theology, "serving up a syncretistic sampling of Christian themes (good vs. evil and ultimate redemption), ancient Eastern philosophy (the all-is-one pantheism of the Force), and New Age human potentiality..." (5/29 *HT*). Its producer, George Lucas, says that all religions are true, though we cannot know who or what God is.

DELLA REESE'S NEW BOOK DANGEROUS—Della Reese, star of CBS's *Touched by an Angel*, has a new book titled *God Inside of Me* which, according to a 5/29 *World* reviewer, is "confusing," "bears little resemblance to the transcendent God of the Bible.", and: "The characters here may be going to Sunday school, but they are learning New Age lessons." Reese rejects the concept of sin.

ARMY RECRUITS WITCHES—The U.S. Army has recognized white witchcraft as a religion and has appointed chaplains to oversee pagan ceremonies on at least five bases (5/24 *Chr. News*). The Pentagon believes that at least 100 witches are attending covens at Ft. Hood.

CULTISTS, CHRISTIANS MARCH FOR 'JESUS'—The 5/13 *Alabama Baptist* said: "March for Jesus is a national and international ecumenical event that unites Christians for the purpose of worshiping Jesus." It is "to unite those taking greater steps toward love." This year's Birmingham event began at Cathedral of the Cross and ended at Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. The local event, sad to say, began at West Huntsville Baptist Church. David Cloud (5/27 e-mail) said Mormons were invited to participate in the Salt Lake City MFJ. He listed some "false christs" that were invited to this year's MFJ: 1. The Wafer Jesus...worshiped in the Roman Catholic mass. 2. The Mormon Jesus...a polygamist. 3. The Modernist Jesus...not born of a virgin. 4. The Unitarian Jesus who was not God. 5. The Universalist Jesus who will not send anyone to Hell. 6. The Prosperity

Jesus who was wealthy. 7. The Laughing Jesus who "slays" people with his spirit and causes them to laugh uncontrollably and to stagger like [drunks]. 8. The Self-esteem Jesus who never called man a sinner and came merely to build up his self image. 9. The Revolutionary Jesus...founder of Liberation Theology.

PRINCETON APPOINTS ANIMAL RIGHTS RADICAL—Princeton University whose faculty once included J. Gresham Machen and Jonathan Edwards has appointed animal rights radical Peter Singer to a chair in bioethics. He says the disabled and unwanted should be killed (see 9/1 *CC*). To Singer, a newborn has no greater right to life than pigs, cows, and dogs (5/99 *Bapt. Banner*). Today most educational institutions in the U.S. are anti-Christian.

GOV. VENTURA IS POOR ROLE MODEL—Minn. Governor Jesse Ventura (real name is James Janos) is a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod church member. In his new "profane" book he brags about losing his virginity at 16, visiting prostitutes, and admits he used marijuana and steroids (5/24 *Chr. News*). He was recently the only governor to refuse to declare a day of Prayer, but he declared a "Rolling Stones Day." He promises to veto any anti-abortion legislation (5/31 *CN*). He opposes capital punishment and supports much of the gay rights agenda.

PCUSA AWARD TO LESBIAN EVANGELIST—The Presbyterian Church (USA) named lesbian evangelist Jane Spahr as a recipient of its Women of Faith award this year. This divorced mother of two was the first openly homosexual person to serve a PCUSA church (4/1/92 *CC*). She served with a group dedicated to the ordination of homosexual Presbyterians as church officers (5/15 *World*). The other two women to receive the award were lesbian Yale prof. Letty Russell, and a retired Princeton professor.

WHY NO OUTRAGE OVER DRUNK DRIVERS?—Drunk driving kills over 16,000 people a year and injures over a million (3/8 *USN&WR*). Yet the target of liberals' selective outrage today is tobacco and guns. They hardly complain about liquor. Ted Kennedy, using astounding logic, recently told the Senate: "Without guns, families in Littleton, CO would not be grieving and 15 people would be alive today." Applying that logic, without a car and alcohol, a young lady at Chappaquiddick might be alive today since he might not have run off the bridge, and might not have left the scene with her drowning in his car.

PORN A VICTIMLESS CRIME?—Pornography is a \$10 billion a year industry and the third largest source of revenue for organized crime. It exploits/abuses women and children and addicts men (6/99 *NLJ*). An astonishing 86 percent of convicted rapists admitted to regular use of porn.

MARILYN MANSON was ordained in the Church of Satan (6/99 *NLJ*). He wrote in the foreword to the book *Satan Speaks* that Church of Satan's late founder, Anton LaVey, "was the most righteous man I've ever known."

SBC PRESIDENT SPEAKS AT CEDARVILLE—The 6/99 *Baptist Bulletin* stated: "Paige Patterson, president of the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and the Southern Baptist Convention, gave a chapel message on God's perfect justice and spoke to the board of trustees on April 7. His chapel message on April 8 addressed the roles of women in the church." What meaneth this? Is it just another link in a litany of new-evangelical speakers Cedarville has had for several years? Or was it an exploratory session with the board, portending a possible affiliation of a sort with the SBC, maybe like Dr. Falwell enjoys—especially since the GARBC is to consider (at its June 26-30 meeting) dropping the approval system for agencies and schools such as Cedarville. It could be none or all of the above. Patterson is a scholar and longtime defender of inerrancy, but certainly no separatist. In 1984 he seemed to be willing to settle for an "equity" arrangement with moderates/liberals in the SBC where half of the seminary professors might tell students the Bible has errors and the other half tell them it does not.

THE NEW EVANGELICALISM-NEUTRALISM—The May 31 *Christian News* had an article with this title by Prof. Theodore Schubkegel (Faith Evang. Luth. Sem.) in which he referred to New Evangelicalism as a

"deadly evil" but hard to define. He said: "The basic question...is how to handle error and false teaching in the church. The old method...is to rebuke the man who is in error and correct him. If he persists in his false teaching, we separate him from us, or ourselves from him, until he repents and turns from the error of his way. This is the Biblical way...." He added [we condense and adapt]: "But the New Evangelicals discard this policy of separation and put in its place the policy of infiltration which leads to toleration of error....which leads to accommodationwhich leads to cooperation....The next step is contamination by error....where we do not rebuke him for his error but work side by side with him as though we approved of him. The final step is capitulation to error, surrendering the truth which is then supplanted by the error." It becomes more important to show love to the errorist than to be concerned about his false doctrine.

SIGNERS OF ECT ASKED TO REPENT—On the 5th anniversary of the signing of the Evangelicals and Catholics Together accord, Ex-Catholics For Christ (see May-June *Proclaiming The Gospel & 9/1/97 CC*) in its recent conference called on "evangelical" ECT I and ECT II signers to repent. A statement read: "...The ECT documents are deceitful at best, destructively heretical at worst. They have led multitudes of Christians to believe that there is agreement between the Church of Rome, with its false gospel and the Gospel in which evangelicals have put their trust. [These] documents have introduced much confusion with regard to the simple Gospel message. [They] have done immeasurable harm by hindering the worldwide proclamation of the gospel, especially for evangelical missionaries in Catholic countries. And finally, foundationally, and most critically, the ECT documents deny the biblical Gospel of salvation...." *Proclaiming the Gospel* (P.O. Box 940871, Plano, TX 75094) has 3 new free-on-request Catholic evangelism tracts.

IFCA'S NEW LEADER—The IFCA executive committee has recommended Rev. Leslie Lofquist to succeed Dr. Richard Gregory as IFCA, Int'l Exec. Dir. A confirmation vote was scheduled for the Annual Meeting in Eugene, OR in late June. Elwood McQuaid, Dave Hunt, and Thomas Ice were among scheduled speakers at this year's 70th Annual Convention (see 3/15 *CC*). Lofquist's educational background includes Grand Rapids School of Bible/Music, Grace College, and Grace Theol. Seminary.

IS YOUR CHURCH A MEMBER OF THE WCC?—The World Council of Churches is a radical, apostate, liberal, ecumenical, and notoriously evil organization of 339 churches, which includes most of the mainline Protestant denominations of our day. The list includes: American Baptist Churches in the USA, United Methodist Church, Episcopal Church, Presbyterian Church (USA), Disciples of Christ, United Church of Christ, United Church of Canada, and the Anglican Church of Canada. If you are a member of any of these, or other NCC/WCC churches, God's command is clear that you are to separate (2Cor. 6:14-17, Rev. 18:3) from this ungodly alliance. [A full WCC membership listing is available from: FEA, P.O. Box 6278, Los Osos, CA, 93412. A first-hand report of the WCC's recent 8th Assembly in Zimbabwe is available from: ACCC, P.O. Box 5455, Bethlehem, PA 18015.]

ASBURY BOARD MEMBER SEEKS TO RENEW WCC—Asbury College board member Jan Crouse attended the recent World Council of Churches Jubilee Assembly in Zimbabwe as vice chair for the Proclaim Liberty project to call the WCC away from syncretism and back to biblical orthodoxy (5/24 *C. Today*). She attended the 1998 Re-Imagining conference and said the center of these radical feminists' ideology is to take over churches. Another women's group she directs serves as a rallying point "to bring mainline Catholic, Orthodox, and evangelical women together around a model for biblical womanhood that both 'traditionalists' and 'egalitarians' can affirm."

GRAHAM: FROM SEPARATION TO ECUMENICISM—In a June 1 *Huntsville Times* article, Southern Baptist evangelist Dr. Billy Graham looks back over a half-century and sees dramatic change. When he started out "we would have no contact with Roman Catholics, and they didn't have any with us, or even the Lutherans...." Now all denominations join his meetings, and follow-up classes for converts are often held in Catholic parishes. Bible Believers News Service has a "Special Insiders Report" flyer on the Indiana June

Crusade. It also lists symptoms of New Evangelicalism. Write BBNS, c/o Landmark Baptist Church, 702 Hastings Dr., Harrisburg, PA 17109.

JOHN JACOB'S POWER TEAM IN SBC FORUMS—John Jacobs' Power Team started over 20 years ago when he was a student at Oral Roberts University. They bend steel bars, break concrete blocks, and do other muscle-flexing stunts (6/20/98 *Houston Chron.*). They do anti-drug, self-esteem, evangelistic assemblies. They are featured on the charismatic TBN, and in Southern Baptist churches. They are listed in the 5/27 *Ala. Baptist* to perform at the Aug. 6-7 Youth Evangelism Conference (So. Baptist) in Birmingham, with New Orleans Seminary (SBC) Pres. Dr. Chuck Kelley as keynote speaker, and CCM groups.

REGENDERING THE NIV—Per the 6/5 *World*: Two years ago, the International Bible Society and Zondervan blundered by quietly trying to regender (drop words like "man" and "he") their best-selling New International Version. When *World* blew the whistle on this "stealth" plan, IBS and Zondervan disavowed their plans. Now, the IBS board says it will "explore its options." It may now go with two versions: a regendered NIV, that won't be called that, and also continue with the regular NIV.

COLSON SBC PASTORS' SPEAKER—Jerry Falwell was on the SBC program to give a benedictory prayer. Larry Burkett, president of Christian Financial Concepts, was to speak at the SBC Pastors' Conference. The 5/99 *Bapt. Banner* said, concerning another Pastor's Conference speaker: "Charles Colson [pro-Catholic], founder of Prison Fellowship will bring the concluding message...."

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GOLD TEETH MIRACLES AT TORONTO—Bad news for dentists? Charismatics now claim that God is filling teeth with gold. John Arnott of Toronto Airport Christian Fellowship says this is occurring all over the world (6/99 *Charisma*). This church was formerly linked with the Vineyard, and renowned for its "laughing revival" where people fall to the floor laughing, making weird animal noises. The TACF Web site has Ps. 81:10 ("...open thy mouth wide and I will fill it"). After a Los Angeles pastor visited a church, an 80-year-old woman allegedly received five gold crowns and then two more while she slept. He believes the fillings are a sign from God that His glory is coming. Jesus said "An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign..." and that false prophets would use signs and wonders to deceive. Be warned, be wise, beware!

AIDS IN AFRICA—Barring a medical miracle, many African nations will lose one-fifth of their adult populations to AIDS within the next decade. Two-thirds of the 33 million people infected with HIV live in Africa (5/24 *C. Today*). This is tragic. Global death rates may soar.

GAMBLING THE GOLDEN YEARS AWAY—More senior citizens now gamble and lose control. The highest increase among gamblers is among those 65 and older. Per the May 24 *Chr. Today*: "Compulsive gambling causes people who have no past criminal behavior to suddenly write bad checks or steal money from relatives. Out-of-control bettors lose their jobs, gamble away cars and homes, file for bankruptcy, divorce, go to prison, or kill themselves—all because the addiction becomes paramount in their lives." Casinos seduce seniors (arrange low-cost trips and buses) and make it easy and affordable for them to bet. Among 1,100 clients at rescue missions, 18 percent cited gambling as a cause of their homelessness.

FLYNT GOES TO GEORGETOWN—Pornographer Larry Flynt bashed Jesuit Georgetown University's Catholic heritage in a lecture there in May as a guest of John F. Kennedy, Jr. Flynt's porno magazine *Hustler* is renowned for its racism and degradation of women while his daughter has accused him of sexually abusing her (5/17 *USN & WR*). Flynt had tried to short-circuit the impeachment process with "a loathsome campaign of sexual blackmail" against congressional Republicans. His daughter said he likely had access to FBI files (5/10 *New Amer.*). His friend Clinton lackey James Carville played a role in a movie about Flynt. The 5/15 *World* said some students protested the Georgetown appearance and also the firing of four campus ministers. Part-time

Protestant ministers will be hired, two rabbis will stay, and a full-time Muslim chaplain will be added at RC Georgetown.

DISNEY BOYCOTT HURTING—Southern Baptists and others are declaring victory in the latest skirmish with Disney forcing it to sell *Dogma*, a controversial new blasphemous film (5/24 *C. Today*). Disney's retail stores are facing double-digit declines in sales. Disney is closing bureaus and cutting correspondents at its ABC News (5/17 *USN&WR*). Disney has quietly pulled the plug on over 30 violent video games at Disneyland (also some at Disney World) that feature human targets in response to the massacre in Colorado (5/16 *H. Times*, 5/24 *USN&WR*).

MICH. COURT LETS LANDLORDS REFUSE TO RENT TO UNMARRIED COUPLES—The Michigan Supreme Court reversed itself and vacated a Dec. ruling that forbade landlords from refusing, for religious reasons, to rent to unmarried tenants (5/22 *World*). The case now goes back to a lower court for reconsideration.

WOMEN IN DANGER—In many countries closed to the gospel, many women risk their lives every day (6/99 *Charisma*). A Buddhist proverb says, "She was born a woman because she committed a thousand sins in the previous world." In Hindu countries, women are told they are valued less than a cow, and they pray to be reincarnated as a man. In Pakistan, over 70 percent of women in police custody are physically and sexually abused by jailers. In India, men often marry wealthy women for their dowries, then burn them alive so they can claim the money. In Indonesia, dozens of Chinese women have been raped during recent riots. In many Muslim nations, women cannot enter areas where men gather to pray or go out in public unless accompanied by a male relative. In parts of Africa there are taboos against women eating nutritious foods reserved for men. In Afghanistan, women can be publicly beaten and stoned for not wearing head-to-toe covering. In Pakistan, two female witnesses are equal to one male witness in a legal case.

HINDUS KILL CHRISTIANS IN INDIA, U.S. TAX-PAYERS ASSIST HINDUISM—One of India's popular singers was scheduled to appear in concert at a local high school last month "to help raise money for the Hindu Cultural Center of North Ala." The UN recognized her as the "Cultural Ambassador of India," for her contribution to the spread of Hinduism throughout the world." (5/15 *H. Times*). Meanwhile, the 5/24 *Chr. Today* had a report of the burning of 157 Christian homes in India with 13 people hurt in conflicts between Hindus and Christians. As we recall, two Christian missionaries from Australia were murdered by Hindus earlier this year in India. Yet we provide taxpayer-supported school facilities to a Hindu fund raiser while Hindus kill Christians in India.

GRAHAM ROCK FESTIVAL—As we reported in the April 15 *CC*, Franklin Graham does not use his father's word "crusade" but uses the secular seeker-sensitive word "festival" for his meetings. His recent festival at the University of Alabama drew 50,000. The 5/13 *Ala. Baptist* listed some CCM performers, and said "contemporary Christian artist Steven Curtis Chapman had the young people rocking and singing on the coliseum floor...."

COME LEAVES GARBC—Dr. Eldon W. Stevens, Pres., Committee on Missionary Evangelism, in an e-mail last month, related the following: COME is an independent Baptist mission agency which for several years has been one of the Approved Mission Agencies of the GARBC. Due to the fact that most of our men are now found in the unaffiliated Baptist ranks, and to what we believe to be open compromise by other GARBC-approved agencies, our Board of Directors voted May 18 to no longer seek to be one of the Approved Agencies of the GARBC. This is not a step into isolation. It is a step of separation. We desire to fellowship with any and all independent separated Baptist brethren who desire to fellowship around the eternal Word of God. I hope you will use our missionary evangelists in your churches. We have men of many gifts and talents—some top-notch preachers and musicians who would be a help and blessing to your ministries. Request a directory from: COME, PO Box 537, Allendale, MI 49401, or visit our Web site at: www.come.org .

WIERSBE TO SPEAK AT SAMFORD—A full-page ad in the 5/24 *Christianity Today* promotes a Samford University (SBC) Pastors School presented by Beeson Divinity School. Speakers include Warren Wiersbe and Raymond Culpepper (Church of God), plus a roundtable discussion with Calvin Miller, Robert Smith, and Beeson Pres. Timothy George. The latter is a senior editor of *C. Today*, and Wiersbe is a *CT* advisory editor. Per the 6/4/98 *Ala. Baptist*, liberal former U.S. Senator Mark Hatfield delivered Samford's May 1998 Commencement address.

MODERN CHURCHGOERS SEEK ENTERTAINMENT—Today's church-going crowds are not seeking churches for their theology as much as for their facilities, programs for their families, and entertainment. They are looking for a combination of the YMCA and a religious rock concert (5/10 *Chr. News*). Sadly, many mega-church fun seekers give correct doctrine and holy living low priority.

SBC NUMBERS DROP—Membership in U.S. Southern Baptist churches in 1998 registered a decrease for the first time since 1926. The 1.02 percent decline brings the new total to 15,729,356. Baptisms also decreased. Some say last year's amendment to SBC beliefs that women should "submit graciously" to their husbands was a factor in the change and in a few liberal churches leaving.

CHRISTIANITY TODAY AD FOR CULTIC COLLEGE?—*Christianity Today* magazine, whose founder and Board chairman is Dr. Billy Graham, has a big ad in the 5/24 *CT* for Harding University (Searcy, Ark.), a Church of Christ school. We have had many friends who belonged to the "Campbellite" Church of Christ, and it is very strong in the South. It teaches a "works salvation," and has long been considered by Baptists as a cult in some regards. Joe Stowell, Warren Wiersbe, Ed Dobson, and some Roman Catholics serve as "Advisory Editors" of the mainline new-evangelical and pro-ecumenical *CT*.

NEW WEB SITE ADDRESS—We hope to have a new Web page up and running sometime this month, with at least the current *CC* issues available to access. I think the new address will be:
<http://home.hiwaay.net/~contendr>

CATHOLICS REVIVE EXORCISMS—First it was a papal decree on indulgences issued last year as part of a document declaring the year 2000 a Holy Year (5/15 *Huntsville Times*). Now the Roman Catholic Church is reviving ancient practices such as exorcisms that makes some modern churchgoers uncomfortable. The new rite of exorcism announced earlier this year revised the 1614 rite.

GREG LAURIE CONFERENCE—Greg Laurie is a Promise Keepers and Billy Graham Training Center speaker. He speaks at religious rock festivals, but is perhaps best known for his Harvest Crusades. Speakers for this year's Crusade, set for Sept. 20-22, include: John MacArthur, Franklin Graham, Joe Stowell, Tony Evans, Anne Graham Lotz, and Alistair Begg. MacArthur and Begg also spoke at last year's Crusade (which had rock music – see 11/15 *CC*), along with Chuck Swindoll, Chuck Smith, and David Jeremiah (see 5/15/98 *CC*). Begg recently spoke at two GARBC-approved schools.

MISSLER'S SPEAKING PARTNERS—Chuck and Nancy Missler are popular speakers and are often helpful on current event topics. We disagree, however, with their psychobabble teachings and their strong identification with non-separatists. In their May *Personal Update*, their listed speaking schedule had Chuck joining Chuck Smith, who hosted the May 17 *Praise the Lord* program on Paul & Jan Crouch's notorious (charismatic, pro-Catholic) Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN). Missler also is listed to join John Ankerberg, Ed Hindson, and Kent Hovind (et al.) at a Vail, Colo. conference August 27-29.

'HOLY LAUGHTER' WORKS MAGIC FOR CHE AHN—Che Ahn, a Korean-American pastor of charismatic Harvest Rock Church in Pasadena (CA), said he had been skeptical in 1994 about manifestations

associated with the Toronto Blessing "revival." (6/99 *Charisma*) But he says his "doubts vanished when he experienced 'holy laughter' at a healing conference sponsored by John Wimber's Anaheim Vineyard Christian Fellowship."

DECEPTION—*"For false Christs and false prophets shall rise; and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect."* (Mark 13:22) We quote the following from Al Dager, *Media Spotlight*: "The Lord's prophecy concerning the greatest end-time deception should warn us that things are not always as they seem. For a deception to be so seductive that even the very elect would take pause to wonder if it is of God, it would have to have all the earmarks of a true work of God. That means it would come in the name of Jesus, it would have a great deal of solid biblical truth, it would affirm the Gospel, and it would be a 'good work.' And signs and wonders would accompany it. Those who might recognize and expose the deception would be looked upon as divisive, hateful and deceived themselves...."

DEPRESSION—We glean the following from an article by Gary & Carol Almy, in the May-June *PsychoHeresy Awareness Letter* (get this free newsletter from 4137 Primavera Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93110). Office visits for depression increased from 10.99 million in 1988 to 20.43 million in 1993. The article lists over a dozen Bible passages refuting the common view that depression is an abnormal event in the life of a Christian. Depression is a kind of suffering. From the world's viewpoint, all suffering is inappropriate, unjustified, unacceptable and to be avoided. From the Scriptural viewpoint, suffering has both meaning and purpose. We are joint-heirs with Christ and if we suffer with Him [for righteousness sake] we may also be glorified together. [Note: This *Letter* also has an article entitled, "James Dobson promotes Freud"]

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WCC CALLS FOR GUN CONTROL, DISARMAMENT—The liberal World Council of Churches was a founding member of the International Action Network on Small Arms which in a press release last month stated that small arms (handguns, rifles, machine guns, etc.) “are the weapons causing misery and destruction across the world.” Per a 5/10 WCC e-mail, disarmament has long been on the WCC’s agenda. Disarmament is a first step toward a communist-type dictatorship. Outgunned/outnumbered police are of little use in protecting an unarmed citizenry against armed gangs who violate gun control laws.

DRUGS, DRINKING, SMOKING IN TOP MOVIES—U.S. drug officials released a study April 27 that said people were depicted doing drugs, drinking or smoking in 98 percent of the top movie rentals and 27 percent of the most popular songs in 1996 and 1997 (4/28 HT). Our culture promotes violence and immorality in music and movies. TV trash has polluted the minds of two generations of kids.

THE POWER OF MUSIC—“Music is not neutral. There is music that encourages demonic activity, and there is music that encourages Holy Spirit activity. There is music that ministers to the carnal side of man, and there is music that ministers to the spiritual side of man. Rock music has always been associated with the carnal and demonic. It has no legitimate place in Christian life and ministry.” [David Cloud, 5/1 BFT Bapt. Church bulletin].

RELIGIOUS REPRESSION IN RED CHINA—New NCC President Andrew Young led an NCC delegation to Red China last year and said “We found no sign of religious repression.” (See 1/15 CC) A Boston Globe article (4/99 Servant) stated: “To be sure, it is no crime to be a Christian in...China so long as you worship in an officially registered ‘patriotic’ church, with ministers who have been approved by the Communist party and who renounce all ties to any overseas entity. Which means ...[it] is a crime to hold a prayer meeting in an unofficial ‘house church.’ It is a crime to travel the country and preach the Gospel. It is a crime to baptize children, to teach of a Second Coming, or to condemn abortion.”

UN DANGERS—From an ad in the 5/20 New American: The United Nations favors population control and even contributes to the forced abortion policies of Communist China. It will not allow private citizens to be

armed. "If you want to stop abortion, retain gun ownership, exercise free speech, practice your religious faith openly, and exist as a free American, then work to get our country out of the UN! If our national sovereignty is lost to the godless world body [UN], the other battles will be lost by default."

ELDERLY FEAR EUTHANASIA—David Stevens, exec. dir. of the Christian Medical & Dental Society, said (6/99 Moody): "In the Netherlands, where euthanasia has been tolerated for more than a decade, one in five euthanasia cases in 1995 occurred without the patient's consent. The elderly, disabled, and severely ill are afraid to enter local hospitals, fearing they will be euthanized. The legalization of assisted suicide...[gives] doctors a right to kill. With rising health care costs, it's a deadly prescription."

PRESIDENT FLAUNTS HIS SIN?—Pres. Clinton does not see his impeachment as a badge of shame (5/1 CC). He now brazenly complains, in mock anger, that his impeachment due to the Lewinski affair didn't rank in the top 50 stories of the century (5/17 USN & WR). He brazenly said (with wife Hillary present): "No. 53! I mean, what does a guy have to do to make the top 50?"

ELECTRONIC CURRENCY: QUICK FIX FOR CASH CRIMES?—France and other European countries have moved ahead of the U.S. in the use of smart cards to replace cash and checks (5/99 The Futurist). Getting rid of cash is touted as a way to end violent crimes done to steal cash—street muggings, kidnappings, burglaries, and hold-ups. But sinful men would soon find ways to beat this.

GUNS SAVE LIVES, REDUCE CRIME—Gun-control activists exploit gun-related tragedies to force citizens to give up the constitutional right to bear arms. Studies have shown that guns save lives. [See More Guns, Less Crime article in 10/1 CC]. In areas where citizens can easily carry guns, criminals are less likely to attempt violent crimes because of the risk of getting blown away. By focusing on guns, anti-gun liberals leave us with no self-defense. An interesting experiment would be for all anti-gun folks to put a sign on their door saying, "No guns in this house."

FEDERAL FUNDS TO CATHOLIC COLLEGE—Some credit W. Va. Sen. Robert Byrd (a Baptist) for the huge influx of federal dollars to a Catholic college in his state (4/27 Hagerstown Morn. Herald). Wheeling Jesuit College has received about \$100 million in federal funding in the last eight years, has a bronze bust of Sen. Byrd at its new technology center, and named a classroom for his wife.

SINEAD O'CONNOR FIRST WOMAN PRIEST?—Irish singer Sinead O'Connor ripped up a picture of the pope on NBC's "Saturday Night Live" in 1992, but apologized (4/27 Hagerstown Morn. Herald). She was recently ordained as the first woman priest in the Latin Tridentine Church, a Roman Catholic splinter group. She will use the name Mother Bernadette Mary and has already celebrated Mass.

GARBC-APPROVED AGENCIES JOIN WITH NEW EVANGELICALS—The 5/98 Baptist Bulletin stated: "The Cedarville College Symphonic Band and the Asbury College Band (Wilmore, Ky.) held a joint concert on March 8...." Asbury Seminary in recent years has invited Roman Catholic and liberal speakers to its pulpit, and its president, Dr. Maxie Dunnam, has praised the RC rosary and is/was a member of the Roman Catholic -Methodist Int'l Dialogue Commission (see 2/1/97 CC). The article also stated that Dr. Walter Kaiser, president of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, brought the installation challenge for Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary's new vice president. Gordon-Conwell also has had liberal and Catholic speakers. Cedarville and Grand Rapids are GARBC-approved agencies. We pray that the GARBC will stop flirting with New Evangelicalism and again embrace the separatistic principles and practices it was founded on. It is popular today to be a rhetorical Fundamentalist but an operational New Evangelical.

MERCER PROF. PAUL DUKE'S UNBELIEF—Mercer professor of New Testament and preaching Paul Duke, in a 1994 Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (the moderate-liberal wing of the SBC) Pre-Assembly Institute

entitled "Homosexuality and the Church," stated: "Scripture is not our ultimate authority, because the Bible will one day pass away. We won't carry those in Heaven... Homosexuality is not a major concern of the Bible....I cannot with confidence say that the Bible condemns all forms of homosexual behavior...." Duke affirmed his "broad support" for the union of homosexual couples, but noted that his personal preference was for heterosexual couples (4/99 Baptist Banner). Mercer U. is CBF-funded.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER '99—In recent years, Mrs. James Dobson (Shirley) has chaired the annual National Day of Prayer. Co-chair has been Vonette Bright of Campus Crusade. Charles Colson is on the National Advisory Committee. Rabbi Joshua Haberman, "Father" Robert Siroco, and D. James Kennedy were liaisons. An NDP booklet states: "People of all faiths are encouraged to participate according to their own traditions....NDP was created and intended for all peoples of faith to pray to the God of their understanding." The NDP Task Force is limited to the Judeo-Christian [Jewish religion, Catholic/Christian] heritage. But how can we join in prayer with those who pray to different gods? Our God is holy and jealous (Josh. 24:18-20) and will not share His glory with pagan gods and the false gods of Judaism and Romanism. The NRB and others co-sponsored a Concert of Prayer carried by Moody Radio and other stations. The May 6 NDP featured Franklin Graham and remarks by a number of religious leaders including Cardinal Francis George of Chicago who gave the opening prayer.

BOOKLETS FOR EVANGELIZING CATHOLICS—Our friend Dr. Bart Brewer, a former Catholic priest, now heads Mission to Catholics, and has new booklets and much other literature. Titles include: Scriptural Truths for Roman Catholics, Luther's 95 Theses, Roman Catholic Inquisition, The Split between Roman Catholicism and Christ, etc. These are very helpful. They are \$1.50 each, with a minimum \$2 shipping charge. He also has over a hundred other titles including books, and a sample package of tracts for \$5. Write for Order Form: P.O. Box 19280, San Diego, CA 92159. E-mail: bart@mtc.org .

BLACKABY'S 'EXPERIENCING GOD—The popular Experiencing God workbook by Henry Blackaby (and Claude King) is dangerous, even though he denies he is a charismatic "in the modern term." For an extensive review send \$1 to: BDM, PO Box 679, Bedford, IN 47421.

FALWELL'S AUTOBIOGRAPHIES—Dr. Jerry Falwell in 1997 updated his 1987 autobiography (see 5/15/89 CC for review). In the newer version, he has added some new material and revised some of the old. In the Foreword, Falwell-mentor and veteran BBF leader John Rawlings states his belief that "no clergyman of any faith has appeared in the media as much as Jerry Falwell...ever." Then Falwell (in Epilogue) says: "My burning obsession is to cooperate with God in building the greatest Christian university in the world, in history." He said the late Jack Wyrzten (Word of Life) advised him to take over PTL in 1987. Falwell says "I am convinced that God led me to Heritage in 1987", then a few sentences later says: "God wanted it [PTL's Heritage, USA ministry] terminated." He still calls Catholics, and PTL partners, "brothers." He said: "My relationship with charismatic Christians across America and the world has been radically improved.... The [charismatic PTL] supporters and partners are among the finest Christians I have known." With the Moral Majority, he said: "I found myself sharing the platform with Roman Catholic priests and nuns, Orthodox rabbis, Mormon elders, and pastors from Southern Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Assembly of God and Nazarene churches." Falwell's inclusivism remains a divisive and confusing force within Fundamentalism.

FALWELL IS ON SBC PROGRAM—"Nationally known televangelist and recent convert to Southern Baptist life," Jerry Falwell, will appear on this year's annual Southern Baptist Convention program—not to preach or preside, but to give the benedictory prayer after the convention sermon (4/21 Baptist Standard). Although he has addressed the SBC Pastor's Conference in the past, this is the first time for him to appear on the SBC meeting program. He recently spoke at the Baptist Bible Fellowship's annual meeting where he was introduced as "the BBF missionary to the Southern Baptist Convention."

WOMEN IN EVANGELISM III—The May-June Moody had an ad for a Women In Evangelism III National Conference at Wheaton College, July 23-25. Speakers include: Aglow International President Jane Hansen, Life Action's Nancy DeMoss, Evelyn Christenson, Campus Crusade's Vonette Bright, Joni, and Christian Women United's Kathryn Grant. Christenson is also Director of the ecumenical AD 2000, and Grant is AD 2000 Vice-President. All these ladies are linked with the New Evangelical, charismatic, and/or ecumenical movements.

MAILER'S BLASPHEMY—Radical novelist Norman Mailer proudly embraces his reputation as a notorious boozier, brawler, and womanizer. He has had six wives (6/9/97 New Amer.). His 1997 novel, *The Gospel According to the Son*, has Jesus viewing His death on the Cross as a “debacle and disaster” (4/28/97 C. News). Mailer has Jesus saying, “While I would not say that Mark's gospel is false, it has much exaggeration. And I would offer less for Matthew, and for Luke and John, who gave me words I never uttered.” His “Jesus” includes homosexuals among his disciples (7/25/98 World) and says, after his temptation: “I could now employ Satan's manner of speaking.”

WORLD CONGRESS OF FUNDAMENTALISTS—The World Congress of Fundamentalists, sponsored by the International Testimony to an Infallible Bible, meets at Bob Jones University, July 5-8. There are 84 panelists, 41 workshop leaders and seven keynote speakers: Drs. Bob Jones III, Brian Green, Rod Bell, David Innes, Kenneth Connolly, Richard Mercado, and Ian Paisley. The last World Congress, which we attended, was in London in 1990. Eight regional conferences have been held since then. For more information, call 864/242-5100, Ext. 3120.

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CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN MUSIC *Under the Spotlight* is the title of a big new book by David Cloud. He profiles 200 CCM musicians, gives a definition and history of CCM/rock music, discusses the ecumenicalism of CCM and its close association with Roman Catholicism. He discusses Southern Gospel music and CCM's intimate connection with the Charismatic Movement. This book has 450 large 7 x 8 inch pages, a very comprehensive bibliography and suggested "good music" sources, and answers 23 key CCM arguments. You may not agree with every detail, but every church library needs this helpful book. It is the most extensive examination of CCM we know of. Order from: Way of Life Literature, 1701 Harns Rd., Oak Harbor, WA 98277, \$14.95+\$4 shipping (U.S.). Phone: 360/675-8311. E-mail: fbns@whidbey.net .

MORE NURSES ARE PRO-LIFE—OB/GYN newborn nurses who say they would work on a unit where abortion procedures are performed is now just 37 percent, a 15 percentage point decline from 1988 (4/24 *World*). One RN said: "I think more nurses now understand that an abortion actually takes the life of [kills] an unborn child."

SODOMY IS NOT GOD'S FAULT—Fuller Seminary professor-emeritus Lewis Smedes says the homosexual "should simply refuse to accept a burden of guilt for his condition. He is a victim either of biological accident or someone else's folly." He says the homosexual "did not choose homosexuality...." (6/1/95 *CC*) It is blasphemous and absurd to suggest the homosexual is not responsible for his perverted lifestyle, or that an adulterer is not to blame for his sin. To do so implies that God is to blame. If a person were born without a choice in the matter, God would never have (under Law) required the death penalty for homosexuality. Capital punishment (see Lev.20) was always for crimes a person committed voluntarily.

HATE CRIME LAWS DANGEROUS—Homosexual activists and radical liberals are pushing for special laws to favor homosexuality and punish those who criticize it (see 11/15 *CC*). It is already illegal to criticize homosexuality on the air in Canada, even in a sermon based on Scripture (3-4/99 *Light*). The murder of homosexuals is already covered by existing laws prohibiting murder, so special treatment would violate "equality under the law."

TEEN WITCHES—New Age religion Wicca (witchcraft) is attracting girls to its pagan practices and some popular TV shows depicting teenage girls as glamorous witches may be responsible (4/26 *New Amer.*). New Age books also influence. We disagree with the 3/1 *USN & WR*: "The worst thing parents can do is take the books away."

EUTHANASIA: IMPOSED DEATH—"Dr. Death" may be jailed, but the fight for assisted suicide goes on. "[T]he real agenda of the euthanasia movement has always been the legalization of the 'right' to kill 'defective' and 'incurable' human beings, with or without their consent." The Human Life Alliance of Minnesota Education Fund (3570 Lexington Ave. N., Suite 205, St. Paul, MN 55126, phone 651/484-1040, e-mail feedback@humanlife.org) has a 16-page "Imposed Death" 1999 supplement chronicling the 30-year effort to legalize euthanasia. The "right to die" too easily becomes a "duty to die." Pres. Clinton (11/93) said there are a lot of extra costs in medical care at the end of life, and getting more Americans to sign living wills is "one way to weed some of them out." (5/15/94 *CC*) There are 11 million souls buried in Europe that can tell you that when you make euthanasia a state policy, some catastrophic things can evolve from that (4/10 *World*). We have no "right" to kill ourselves, and a doctor's priority is healing, not killing.

MANSON'S MUSIC & LITTLETON MASSACRE—Demonic shock-rocker Marilyn Manson's music is once again linked to suicide and violence—this time in the Colorado school killings. The young shooters, Harris and Klebold, were fans of Satanist Manson. His stage antics include ripping apart a Bible (10/98 *AFA Journal*). He said "Each age must have at least one brave individual that tries to bring an end to Christianity....No one has managed to succeed yet; maybe through music we can finally do it."

LIBERAL WOMEN PREACHERS AT DENVER SEM.—Denver Seminary's (CBA) *Focal Point* had an article by Chaplain Janet McCormack who directs the Chaplaincy Training Center at DS. She is an ordained American Baptist Churches (liberal) pastor. She mentions "a marvelous scene" from the blasphemous "Oh God" film. Another woman preacher, Roberta Hestenes, was listed for the Spurgeon Lectureship at DS, April 20-22. She is an ordained Presbyterian (USA) minister who formerly taught at Fuller Seminary, thence to the presidency of Eastern College, then in 1996 she became Senior Pastor of a large Solana Beach (CA) Presbyterian (USA) church.

VINEYARD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP was founded by John Wimber and one of its charismatic churches gave birth to the Toronto Blessing, and another was for long the home church of Promise Keepers leaders. VCF's big ad for its new Huntsville church in the 4/17 *Huntsville Times* was for: "Single Mom's Free Oil Change, Free Car Wash, and Park Clean-up day." It called for "Casual dress, contemporary Praise & Worship." Bribes and entertainment are the lure to carnal Christians today.

'EVANGELICALS' HONOR RED CHINA PREMIER—Chinese Premier Zhu Rongii on a recent tour of the U.S. wooed and wowed corporate America for over eight hours. This was in great part to gain further markets for his nation's slave labor goods. Protester Harry Wu said: "The Chinese come over here with a smiling face but they have bloody hands." They steal our technology. Wu has documented human rights abuses and trade violations. Prominent New Evangelicals attended the White House state dinner honoring the communist leader. Guests included Billy Graham (and wife Ruth) and former NAE head Don Argue (4/24 *World*). CBN head Pat Robertson and Rabbi Arthur Schneier had a prior meeting with Zhu. Graham beamed during the state dinner: "I think he [Zhu] has turned China around." Forgive me, but this was a pathetic and stupid thing to say and it reveals an ongoing gullibility about communist Christ-haters. Graham's son Ned has an "approved" ministry in China.

NAE UNITY WITH CHARISMATICS, CULTS, LIBERALS—The National Association of Evangelicals' new leader, a Free Methodist charismatic, says he wants to build a bridge of unity between charismatics and noncharismatics "within the broader evangelical movement." (5/99 *Charisma*) Pentecostals were reported in

1993 (3/15 CC) to comprise up to 80 percent of NAE members. The Colson/Neuhaus ECT (Evangelicals & Catholics Together) document is an example of bridge-building between New Evangelicals and Roman Catholics. Former NAE president John White signed ECT and called Catholics "closest friends" of evangelicals (5/15/94 CC). The NAE has long accepted local churches from mainline liberal denominations into its membership (4/15/93 CC). And, for the first time since its birth in 1942, the NAE's top leader (Don Argue), with a Muslim leader, addressed the liberal NCC's general assembly (3/1/98 CC). The NAE's ecumenical bridge-building is a slippery slope to ultimate unity with apostasy.

SPONG A BRAZEN BLASPHEMER—Pro-homosexual liberal Episcopal Bishop (now retiring) John Shelby Spong is a universalist who has said, "Nobody is fully redeemed unless everybody is redeemed." The 4/26 *New American* says: "In Spong's judgment, for Christianity to survive it must first discard such doctrines as Jesus Christ's Divinity, Incarnation, Virgin Birth, Resurrection, Ascension, and miracles. Moreover, it must abandon its perception of God Himself, since, in Spong's words, that notion was 'fashioned inside a worldview that no longer exists' and 'has been obliterated by the expansion of knowledge.'" He has said "I would choose to loathe rather than to worship a deity who required the sacrifice of his son." He has called the Apostle Paul a homosexual.

HYBELS' WILLOW CREEK MEGA-CHURCH—The Willow Creek Community Church near Chicago, with 15,000 attendees, is the largest congregation in the U.S. The 10/96 Willow Creek Assoc. directory listed over 1,500 churches. Many are linked with liberal denoms, cults, or charismatics. Bill Hybels birthed this seeker-sensitive, designer church movement. He often serves on the faculty of Robert Schuller's Inst. for Successful Church Leadership (12/1/96 CC). Hybels' church has no crosses on display, confesses no Creeds, and draws people with entertainment. "Willow Creek is not heterodox, it is no 'dox.' You can't find its doctrinal stance on its web site." (4/12 *Christian News*). "There is no fire-and-brimstone here. No Bible-thumping. Just practical, witty messages...." (10/15/92 CC).

REV. CARLTON HELGERSON, Pastor-Emeritus of The Church of the Open Bible in Burlington, MA passed into Glory April 26, at 89. He was succeeded by son John in 1992. He wrote and warned against New Evangelicalism.

CORNERSTONE COLLEGE ADS IN CHR. TODAY—The 1/11 *Christianity Today* had almost a full column of advertising for faculty members for Cornerstone College (formerly Grand Rapids Baptist College), an approved agency of the GARBC. Dr. John Ashbrook (3/99 OBF *Visitor*) comments: "The long ad sought teachers in six faculty positions. Nothing in the ad spelled out any ecclesiastical position, or even suggested that the professors should be Baptist....What kind of professors would you expect to get from an ad in America's leading new evangelical magazine?...I [noticed] other faculty want ads from Taylor University, North Park Univ..., Duke U. Divinity School. Strange company?...Would it be out of place to suggest that a new evangelical college is one which advertises for its faculty in *Christianity Today*?" Cornerstone had a full-page promo ad in the 4/26 *CT*.

WORLD PRAYER CENTER—Ted Haggard's new World Prayer Center (Colo. Springs) is intended as a "spiritual Pentagon." C. Peter Wagner, who taught church growth at Fuller Seminary, is the "general" who leads Christians in spiritual warfare. He says if Christians will unite in prayer to resist demonic strongholds over cities, states, and nations, "demons have to surrender." But the 5/99 *Charisma* said rebuking demons that hover over a city is not commonly accepted practice in most churches, and that's why some seminarians dismiss Wagner's teachings as extrabiblical nonsense—and why non-charismatics/ Pentecostals view him and the movement as heretical.

'BACK TO THE BIBLE' ASSOCIATIONS—*Back to the Bible* President Dr. Woodrow Kroll has been speaking at Dr. Billy Graham's *The Cove* each year. BTTB has full-page promo ads in the April 5 and April 26

Chr. Today, and a smaller ad in the 4/99 *Charisma*. Its new associate Bible teacher is GARBC pastor Tony Beckett from Pa.

YODER NEW LEADER OF CHRISTIAN HERITAGE—Dr. Vance Yoder, former Dean of Grace College (Ind.), is Christian Heritage College's new president, succeeding Dr. David Jeremiah (pastor of CHC's sponsoring church) who is retiring. CHC is the "parent" of Institute for Creation Research, long headed by Dr. Henry Morris. Dr. Tim LaHaye, CHC's first president, gave the inaugural address. CHC and ICR are strong on creation and inerrancy, but sadly weak on ecumenical associations.

MARTY DENIES INERRANCY—Liberal Lutheran Dr. Martin Marty wrote "I have a theory that no book is inerrant, including the Bible", in the 4/7 *Christian Century* of which he is editor (4/12 *Chr. News*). He has long denied historic Christianity, including the doctrine of the physical resurrection of Christ. Marty was an NAE speaker in 1992.

STEVE HILL'S WEAK TESTIMONY—Evangelist Steve Hill has led the "Pensacola Outpouring/Revival" at the Brownsville Assembly of God for about four years. Of his salvation experience he says: "Rev. Hugh Mozingo from St. Mark's Lutheran Church [Huntsville, Ala.] stopped in. "You don't need to say a fancy prayer," Mozingo told Hill. "Just cry out the name Jesus!" Hill did so and felt a "peace like I never felt before" flood his body (5/99 *Charisma*). But the vital saving Gospel is missing! Matt. 7:21 says not everyone that says "Lord, Lord" is saved. [See 11/15/97 *CC* for longer version given ABC-TV 20/20]

IBFNA MEETING—The 9th Annual Conference of the Independent Baptist Fellowship of North America is set for the Adam's Mark Hotel, Kansas City, Mo., June 22-24. Speakers are: Richard Harris, Clay Nuttall, Jack Mount, Willard Benedict, Martin Masitto, Wm. Darrow, Carlos DiLeo, Laurence Brown, Charles Kempf, & Mark Nelson.

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NEW WORLD ORDER'S MEN, MONEY, METHODS—Historian and political analyst Dennis L. Cuddy, Ph.D., in a newly updated edition of his Secret Records Revealed book, chronicles the efforts since 1890 of Rhodes Scholars and others to erase national barriers and bring in a world government with "no war and only one language." He discusses the role of President Clinton, the UN, CFR, international bankers, New Age networking, etc. He says the eventual goal of the power elite is a synthesis of capitalism and communism into a World Socialist Government. This would entail a world court, our disarmament [we are now depleting our cruise missile arsenal in Kosovo] and a world police force [an all-powerful UN Peace Force], and giving the UN the power to levy "international" taxes to support all this. The stage is being set for the Antichrist! This 240-page book is available from: Hearthstone Publishing, 500 Beacon Dr., Oklahoma City, OK 73127, 800/652-1144, \$15 + 3 s. & h.

SUDAN'S PERSECUTION BY ISLAM WORSE THAN KOSOVO—Paul Marshall says Western media are not interested in religious persecution in Sudan, "the largest country in Africa which still practices crucifixion." (3/99 *Imprimis*) He said: "After enduring over forty years of civil war, the predominantly Christian population in southern Sudan is subject to torture, rape, and starvation for its refusal to convert to Islam. Christian children are routinely sold into slavery. Muslims who dare to convert to Christianity are faced with the death penalty." In the last 15 years, Sudan's death toll is far greater than that of Rwanda, Bosnia, and Kosovo combined. Yet we fight to protect Muslims in Kosovo, while Muslims torture, enslave, and kill Christians in Sudan and other places.

FORCED ABORTIONS IN CHINA—China's one-child-per-family policy causes abortions and infanticide and results in few females. Only allowed one child, a boy is preferred, and even older little girls are sacrificed if their mother becomes pregnant with a son (4/12 *New Am.*). Every female of childbearing age is required to visit a family-planning inspection center three times per year (4/10 *World*). If she has one child and doctors determine she is pregnant again, she is forced to have an abortion - sometimes taken away in the middle of the night for it.

HOME-SCHOOLERS SCORE WELL—A largest-ever study of home-schooled students, sponsored by Va.-

based Home School Legal Defense Assoc., found they scored far higher on a national basic skills test than peers in other schools. As many as 1.2 million children are taught at home (4/5 *CN*). The study used the mailing list of the U.S.'s largest home-school testing service at Bob Jones University.

PRESIDENT SAYS IMPEACHMENT WAS NO SHAME—President Clinton in a recent White House interview by Dan Rather said he does not see his impeachment vote as "some great badge of shame" and said he felt "honored" that it gave him a chance to defend the Constitution! He said he never thought about resigning, "I just, I prayed about it." (4/1 *H. Times*) Even after receiving the best [or worst?] counsel liberals/religionists (Schuller, Hybels, Wogaman, Campolo) could give, Jeremiah 6:15 was/is needed: "Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall...."

CCM/ROCK GROUPS PERFORM FOR POPE VISIT—Many CCM/Rock musicians joined in the festivities that preceded the pope's arrival in St. Louis Jan. 26 for the "Light of the World" youth gathering. Audio Adrenaline and others played outside the center where the pope was to speak. The Supertones, Rebecca St.James, and dc Talk played inside the center (BJU's *What In The World!*). The raucous rock concert/pep rally had priests and nuns dancing and swaying to the throbbing beat of rock bands.

BARBOUR WINS TEMPLETON PRIZE—Theologian and physicist Dr. Ian G. Barbour, who is credited with breaking age-old barriers between religion and science was awarded the 1999 \$1.2 million Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion (4/5 *Chr. News*). But Alistar McGrath (Oxford) is concerned that Barbour (a member of the liberal United Church of Christ) seems to "compromise the biblical understanding of God, particularly God's transcendence." (4/26 *Chr. Today*) The 3/99 *Berean Call* reports that a theology conference at Wheaton College in April is sponsored by the "Unity/Mind Science/New Age occult" Templeton Foundation...and InterVarsity Press. Other well-known Templeton Prize recipients have included: Bill Bright, Billy Graham, and Mother Teresa.

BOXER HOLYFIELD, A HINN DONOR, TO DIVORCE—Champion boxer Evander Holyfield, admitting he fathered two more children out of wedlock during marriage, has filed for divorce from wife Janice (4/5 *C.News*). He is hailed by charismatics as a Spirit-filled born again Christian who was supposed to have been healed by Benny Hinn, a leading charismatic, and has donated big bucks to Hinn.

HOMOSEXUAL AGENDA TARGETS CHILDREN—Homosexual activists are using the public school system as a propaganda tool. Their vision for tomorrow is an America in which their lifestyle is not simply tolerated, but celebrated (4/99 *AFA Journal*). Today's school children are already targeted for this corrupting change of heart.

ONENESS GROUP PERFORMED AT CEDARVILLE—John MacArthur spoke at GARBC-approved Cedarville College's Winter Enrichment Conference, and Phillips, Craig & Dean "provided an evening of praise and worship on January 8." (3/99 *Bapt. Bulletin*, 4/1 *CC*). The June 1997 *Charisma* said: "The contemporary Christian recording group Phillips, Craig and Dean is composed of three Oneness ministers." Oneness Pentecostals have been called heretics for many years based on their beliefs concerning the Godhead (6/15/97 *CC*). This CCM group also was featured at NRB '97 and at a local SBC church.

ASHBROOK: 'NO FUNDAMENTALISTS IN SBC'—Veteran pastor and fundamentalist author Dr. John E. Ashbrook, in a message *The Biblical Truth of Separation* delivered at the American Council of Christian Churches meeting in Monett, Mo. last Oct. said: "...[T]here are no fundamentalists in the Southern Baptist Convention. There are some Bible-believers, some conservatives and some godly people. But, the SBC is a mixed multitude of belief and unbelief; and the man who remains in that unequal yoke is not a fundamentalist." He said "Fundamentalism is the militant belief and proclamation of the basic doctrines of Christianity leading to

a Scriptural separation from those who reject them." [Note: The ACCC has issued this message in a nicely-done, 10-page pamphlet. Request it from ACCC, P.O. Box 5455, Bethlehem, PA 18015. Offering appreciated.

PALAU'S DOUBLE STANDARD—A 4/17 *World* reviewer says ecumenical evangelist Luis Palau, in a new book, advises a man whose wife had left him for someone else that he should use the situation to assess his own behavior, repenting of sins that contributed to the rift. But, in advising women abandoned by their husbands, or raped, he dwells on the horror of the man's sin, never telling women to look for what good God can bring to them out of the tragedy. He tells women in both situations it is not possible for them to bear even the slightest responsibility.

GRAHAM: 'GOD MAKES MISTAKES'?—Luis Palau "Again and again assures us [in a new book] that God doesn't make mistakes." (4/17 *World*) But the 3/99 *Plains Baptist Challenger* says Billy Graham, in replying to a letter, says "God does make mistakes-that doesn't mean He is directly responsible for everything that happens...."

WHY WE DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN ECUMENICAL SERVICES, CRUSADES, & PRAYER DAYS—(4/99 Gospel Std.) (1) We are to separate from those who are not sound in the faith (2Tim. 3:5). (2) We are not to assist the cause of the ungodly (2Chron. 19:2). (3) We are not to give honor to one who denies the faith (Gal. 1:6-9). (4) We are to examine a person's theological position and find it acceptable before cooperating with him in spiritual efforts (1Jn. 4:1). (5) We are commanded not to join forces with unbelievers in the Lord's work (2Cor. 6:14). (6) We are not to emphasize unity at the expense of doctrinal purity (Jude 3). (7) We are not to encourage or cooperate with persons of unsound doctrine (2Jn. 10-11).

CHARISMATIC DANCING—Many charismatics say dance has become an integral part of the fresh wind of renewal blowing around the world. The 4/99 *Charisma* says: "Whether it's graceful, choreographed ballet, 'stomping' in the street for Jesus or dancing spontaneously as the Holy Spirit leads, one thing is certain: God is leading His people to worship Him with their feet." The article speaks of losing inhibitions and having a "really big celebration in Jesus' name...dancing and praising..." It said dancing helps non-Christians enter into worship! Dance is dangerous and could lead to sensual temptation.

SBC PRES. TO SPEAK AT WORD OF LIFE MEETING?—Southern Baptist Convention President Paige Patterson was slated to be one of the guest speakers at the Word of Life sponsored "New Millennium Conference" April 30-May 1 at the prominent "fundamentalist" Salem Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, NC (3-4/99 *Fund. Digest*). Salem Baptist was pastored for many years by Dr. E.C. Sheehan.

CARDINAL ARINZE: ONE CAN GET TO HEAVEN WITHOUT JESUS—A possible successor to Pope John Paul II, Cardinal Francis Arinze, at the Thanksgiving World Assembly (Dallas) in March said a person can get to heaven without accepting Jesus. He said a document from the Second Vatican Council says that "God's grant of salvation includes not only Christians, but Jews, Muslims, Hindus and people of good will." (3/20 *Dallas Morn. News*). Many Roman Catholics agree with the Pope that Christianity is not the only saving faith and that a sincere Jew, Muslim and other non-Christian can get to heaven without saving faith in Jesus Christ (4/5 *Chr. News*). United Religions promoter and Episcopal Bishop William Swing also participated in the Dallas assembly.

PROMISE KEEPERS SUMMER CONFERENCES—We received a brochure from Promise Keepers listing conferences at 14 cities over the summer. These included: Memphis, Detroit, Indianapolis, Philadelphia, Denver, Tacoma, San Antonio, Charlotte, Hartford, Stockton, Kansas City, E. Rutherford, St. Petersburg, and Des Moines. It listed a few speakers: Luis Palau, Franklin Graham, E.V. Hill, Max Lucado, John Maxwell, Tony Evans, Joseph Garlington, and Crawford Loritts.

DISAGREE WITHOUT DISSOLVING FELLOWSHIP?—Michigan pastor Dr. Richard Flanders says the Apostle Paul (Gal. 2) withstood, blamed, and publicly rebuked Peter for acting as if the perverted gospel of the Judaizers was correct (4/2 *Sword of the Lord*). But, he says, Scripture condemns splitting into Paul and Peter camps (1Cor. 1:10-13). Flanders said disagreement does not necessarily demand the dissolving of all fellowship, though disagreement over truth will limit fellowship. We can still show some love and fellowship with certain of our erring brethren who are "still in the faith," he says. But, he adds, it is not necessarily wrong to oppose openly the doctrine or practice of a Christian brother.

SECONDARY SEPARATION is ecclesiastical separation from believers or professing believers who walk in a pattern of disobedience to the clear commands of Scripture. The disobedience of failing to separate from a disorderly brother makes one a disorderly brother from whom the obedient man must separate (Ps. 119:63, II Thes. 3:6, 14-15, I John 1:5-7) [This definition is from a *Basic Handbook of Theological Terms*, a new big helpful document by Prof. Robert Dalton, P. O. Box 159, Powell, TN 37849, \$9.95.

GET THIS NEW HANDBOOK—Crown College Prof. Robert Dalton has a new *SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE Basic Handbook of Theological Terms*, spiral bound, big 44-page document. He defines the big words, such as: Fundamentalism, Neo-evangelicalism, New Age, Separation, Reconstructionism, Social Gospel, Evolution, CCM. Order this helpful reference tool from: Baptist Vision Publications, P.O. Box 159, Powell, TN 37849, \$9.95.

VA. BAPTISTS FUND PRO-GAY SCHOOL—The U. of Richmond, an SBC school established by the Baptist Gen. Assoc. 169 years ago, has added to its non-discrimination policy an amendment that will drop the school's ban on homosexual students (3/31 *Baptist Standard*). They will now be actively recruited by the University's recruiting staff .

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NEW AGE REPLACING DARWINIAN EVOLUTION—As Darwinian evolution fades into oblivion, occultic New Age evolution takes its place. In New Age literature, the Jehovah God of the Bible is maligned as a malicious judge, keeping enlightenment from His followers, and denying them sensual pleasures. To New Agers, God is identified as the Creation itself, specifically Mother Earth or Gaia (Rom. 1:25), as we become one with God by gaining cosmic consciousness. [Dr. John Morris, *Acts & Facts*]

BIBLICAL CREATION—Biblical creation took only six days, not eons of time. Gen. 1 records what God did from the "first day" through the "sixth day." (Dr. Jonathan Henry, Clearwater Chr. College *Courier*) The Hebrew phrase "first day" signifies an ordinary 24-hour day. Biblical creation is also recent - thousands not millions of years ago.

POPE STARTS TO MAKE MOTHER TERESA SAINT—Pope John Paul II has given the archbishop of Calcutta permission to begin the process of making "Mother" Teresa a saint less than 18 months after her death (3/22 *Christian News*). He waived the normal five-year waiting period between death and the process of sainthood. She evidently trusted in the works-salvation of Catholicism which could never make anyone a saint in God's eyes.

POPE URGES WAR AGAINST PROTESTANTISM—Alarmed at losses in Romanism Pope John Paul II, in his recent visit to Mexico, called upon the faithful to wage war against Protestantism which he called an "untruthful ideology." *Canadian Revivalist* editor Dr. Frank McClelland noted: "It is interesting to see his ecumenical colleagues in the so-called Protestant churches squirm."

BOESAK FOUND GUILTY OF THEFT—Allan Boesak, former president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches (and a former official of the pro-communist African National Congress), was found guilty last month of fraud and theft by a South African court. The money was from a charity to help children victims of apartheid.

LYONS QUILTS AS HEAD OF NBC—Rev. Henry Lyons, convicted on state racketeering charges including the misuse of money intended for rebuilding burned black churches, resigned last month as president of the National Baptist Convention, USA. He was also convicted of swindling millions from corporations wanting to market products to NBC members (3/22 *Chr. News*). E.V. Hill, a strong Lyons supporter and NBC board member, was stunned by the verdict, but saw no reason for Lyons to resign. Sentencing on state charges was March 31, and in a federal plea deal, it is June 18. He remains as pastor.

AMY GRANT FILES FOR DIVORCE—CCM/rock singer Amy Grant and husband Gary Chapman announced their separation in Dec. (3/22 *C. News*). Amy last month filed for divorce from their marriage of 16 years, citing "irreconcilable differences." She has been a pathetic role model and served as a CCM "bridge" to lead young people to "cross over" into secular rock music.

PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN—In a late-term partial-birth abortion, the baby is dismembered while in the birth canal. Congress has twice passed legislation to restrict such gruesome abortions, but Pres. Clinton vetoed it both times. A new Minn. law requires doctors to use a 10-point checklist to pinpoint why patients want abortions and to record the number of abortions they perform.

DISNEY DOLLARS DROP—Disney earnings, profits, and stock are plunging. The 3/99 *Baptist Banner* says the boycott by Southern Baptists and others of Disney products is an important factor. Why isn't there a permanent boycott by Christians of all Hollywood sleaze?

VULGAR TV, MOVIES CORRUPT OUR CULTURE—Gene Edward Veith writes: "Professional wrestling, staged with obscene gestures and in-your-face vulgarity, is the most popular programming on cable TV." And: "Rap has now become the most popular musical style among young people today." (3/13 *World*) Hollywood seems to put sex, nudity, and vulgarity/profanity into its movies every chance it gets. Naked bodies and exploding cars clutter most current movies. From 1988 to 1997, Hollywood produced 17 times more R-rated films than G-rated, but G-rated produced eight times more gross earnings (4/5 *CT*). An agenda, and Oscar gold, is the goal. No outside threat to our nation is greater than the danger of corrupting of our culture from within.

HINN GOES WEST—Faith healer Benny Hinn plans to relocate later this year from Orlando to So. CA, to be closer to his World Outreach Church's TV production studio (4/99 *Charisma*). Other parts of his ministry, which employs 400, will remain at Orlando. Hinn, a charismatic, has recanted some heretical teachings in recent years.

JEWISH EVANGELISM—Messianic Jews teach that Jewish survival demands the embracing of Jewish life and culture along with embracing faith in Yeshua (10/98 *Charisma*). Messianic Jews in Argentina offer Christians "a two-year course on Jewish evangelism that eliminates Christian jargon...." (4/5 *CT*) 1Cor. 1:23, indeed indicates that the Christian cross is a "stumbling block" to Jews, but we can't "eliminate" such necessary "jargon."

FOR NAE TO SURVIVE, NEW LEADER WANTS TO ENLARGE BORDERS - REPLACE WALLS WITH PICKET FENCES—Only 350 attended the National Association of Evangelicals' recent annual meeting. Its new leader, Free Methodist Bishop Kevin Mannoia, thinks it is time to enlarge the borders and include those with compatible views who are outside the traditional realm of evangelicalism. The Worldwide Church of God became an NAE member in 1997. Mannoia says the NAE should not be fearful of charismatic movements such as the Vineyard [John Wimber group]. He noted that many evangelical United Methodists [an oxymoron?] would feel at home in the NAE (4/5 *CT*). He said, "We don't need to be looking for litmus tests. We should be replacing block walls with picket fences." GARBC leader Richard Christen in 1995 said: "Instead of a two-foot thick wall around our GARBC, let's build a sturdy picket fence around us." Nehemiah built a wall, and walls of separation (not flimsy picket fences) are vital in our day. But NAE board chairman Lamar Vest said the NAE has an unprecedented challenge to make Christianity relevant.

FRANKLIN GRAHAM'S ECUMENICAL FESTIVALS—In succeeding his father Billy Graham, Franklin has, to keep up with the times, reconfigured some of the outer trappings of the crusades. George Beverly Shea has "deferred to the grittier, rowdier (and hunkier) Michael W. Smith," says the *4/5 Christianity Today*. The shorter attention span of today's audience forces the younger Graham to keep his message to 15 minutes. Video clips keep the audience entertained between speakers. *CT* reports: "Franklin no longer calls them *crusades* - 'that's a church word.' They are *festivals* - 'that's a secular word.'" For baby boomers, this evokes images of Woodstock. This is called being "seeker sensitive," but might also be called "pragmatism," "watering down," "men-pleasing," "compromise," or catering to the world.

FRANKLIN GRAHAM DIFFERS FROM HIS DAD—The *4/5 Christianity Today* notes some ways in which Billy Graham's son Franklin is more outspoken than his dad. He criticizes Jesse Jackson for being silent on the race and religious war in Africa, and calls Pres. Clinton's lying and sex outside marriage "sin." He stated his disgust over the movie *The Apostle* which other new evangelicals (including *CT*) praised, in a commencement address at Wheaton College last year. He said: "When Hollywood portrays the church of Jesus Christ as immoral, no, don't tell me this is a great film. No way." He said it's bad because "Hollywood portrays a minister of God's Word as a murderer, a womanizer, a drinker, bringing the level of the pastor...down to the level of trash." *CT*, which lists Billy Graham as its founder and board chairman, says Franklin seems to communicate "an understanding of the Christian life that is rooted in *behavior* and harks back to the belligerent fundamentalism that his father and 'new evangelical' cohorts eschewed." It said he, like Billy Sunday, calls drinking sin. Yet, sadly, he seems to have the same ecumenical mind-set of his father. [See 4/1 *CC*.]

PROMISE KEEPERS CANCELS STATE RALLIES—Due in part to uncertainty over Y2K computer problems, Promise Keepers has abandoned plans to hold rallies outside every state capitol on January 1, 2000 (4/5 *CT*). There were also objections in northern climates about standing outside in January. PK now urges Christians to stay home and be a witness in their neighborhoods and to gather for devotions and prayer, etc., January 1. PK will continue to hold its ecumenical conferences this year.

We're saddened to hear that Rev. Virgil Romans, Terre Haute, Ind., went home to be with the Lord last month.

FALWELL LIKENS RAWLINGS TO SPURGEON?—Dr. John Rawlings has pastored for 55 years, mostly at Landmark Baptist Temple, Cincinnati. He helped found the Baptist Bible Fellowship, the Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Mo. and served as the former's president. He has been called "the towering 20th century giant of Fundamentalism" (7/15/90 *CC*). Jerry Falwell has often called him one of his mentors, and his 4/99 *National Liberty Journal* calls Rawlings the "Outstanding Baptist Pastor of the 20th Century", "Mr. Baptist of the 20th Century", and the "Charles H. Spurgeon of the 20th Century." Yet Rawlings, now 85, has shared platforms with and promoted, over the past two decades, Southern Baptists and other new evangelicals. A Spurgeon? Hardly.

POLITICAL PLURALISM SELL-OUT OF DOCTRINE—We've seen it happen over and over for two decades since Moral Majority - the putting aside of doctrinal differences to unite to fight a social evil such as abortion. Dave Hunt writes (3/22 *CN*): "For example, if a Christian is involved in a social issue that includes a Mormon on one side, a Catholic on another, a Moonie over there and maybe an atheist somewhere in the mix, all involved share certain moral values. But the Christian cannot share the gospel with the others because it would 'break up the coalition.' Therefore, he has to compromise...."

GRAHAM'S DAUGHTER A PREACHER—Billy Graham calls his daughter Anne Graham Lotz "the best preacher in the family." (4/5 *CT*). She is the keynote speaker at the liberal Baptist World Alliance's Baptist World Congress in Australia, January 5-9, 2000. (3/25/99 *Alabama Baptist*)

MISSING MEMBERS—Life-Way Christian Resources (formerly the Baptist Sunday School Board) indicates that 31.8% of members of Southern Baptist churches are nonresident - they moved away but didn't change their membership (3/99 *Baptist Banner*). Another 20.7% remain in the area but are inactive. This is disgraceful.

THE EXTREME MIDDLE—We have heard about the extreme right and the extreme left, but it is the extreme middle we need to expose as being extremely deceptive, extremely disobedient, and extremely dangerous. (Rev. Hayes Minnick) Dr. W.B. Riley in bygone years said: "The middle-of-the-road man is the theological menace of the twentieth century." Beware of the "betweenites"!

WHEN TOLERANCE IS COMPROMISE—Terry Arnold writes: "Today the word 'tolerance' is being lauded as the new way of thinking. There is an increasing plea for tolerance in Christian circles and in Christian doctrine. However, what is really meant and achieved is often *compromise* rather than tolerance....[T]o compromise with God's laws and His Word is sin! To compromise with important doctrines is also sin! To compromise with men who are false teachers and who are leading multitudes away from sound doctrine is sin. The Bible speaks often about separation rather than unity....Jesus was tolerant of most people but never compromising. The fact is He was [often] in controversy!...I am wary of 'peacemakers' who compromise on small things because they are more prone to compromise on bigger things later. Many... pastors will not take a stand on some issues for fear of losing people or their own positions and popularity.... Tolerance at the price of truth leads to compromise. Compromise always lowers the original standard. Truth has boundaries, error has none. Unfortunately compromise is now a virtue and to many people truth has become an offense." (3/99 *Diakrisis*, via Cheryl Dee e-mail. You may order Arnold's book, *To Catholics Whom I Love*, from Dr. Bill Jackson, PO Box 99141, Louisville, KY 40269.)

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CCM: AT THE CROSSROADS—That is the title of a 1999 book by Charlie Peacock which gives "An Insider's Look at the Past, Present, and Future of Contemporary Christian Music." He has been a CCM insider for 16 years as a recording artist, producer, and songwriter, having written songs recorded by Amy Grant, dc Talk, etc. The author traces CCM from its early roots in the Jesus People and charismatic movements of the late '60s and early '70s. We disagree with much of the book - such as the assertion that "...God seems to have equipped and blessed the work of CCM as it is." And the advice that Christians are to "acknowledge your God-given freedom to use music for all kinds of purposes...." However he, along with CCM artist Steve Camp in 1997, is burdened over the present state of CCM and is concerned about many excesses. Peacock said: "Charismatic experience came to be perceived as a more personal, tangible, and valuable encounter with God than [that] which comes by reading and meditating over the Spirit-inspired Scriptures." He noted that Southern Baptists came to "recognize that contemporary rock and pop music could speak to young people in powerful ways." Billy Graham has used CCM/rock groups in recent years. Peacock said: "What's missing from CCM is a comprehensive theology of music...." He added: "I once heard of a young band who, in an attempt to appear relevant...declared that they were 'into Jesus but without all the theological baggage.'" "From music to marketing, CCM takes its cue from the world." "Today," he said, "the listener can no longer count on the music to reveal...that he is indeed listening to Christian music." This is such a sad disgrace!

DON'T GET SICK IN HOLLAND!—A *Journal of Medical Ethics* report (Feb.) said one in five cases of assisted suicide in Holland takes place without the patient's consent (3/13 *World*). The survey also revealed that nearly two-thirds of Dutch euthanasia cases in 1995 were not reported, as law requires. Doctors have dangerous power to kill patients!

DRUG & ALCOHOL ABUSE—Every day in America, 8,000 young people will try an illegal drug for the first time, and 3,300 young people under age 18 will become daily cigarette smokers (SBC Ethics & Relig. Lib. Comm.). On average, 8% of the most faithful Christian teens will start to smoke cigarettes before becoming adults, 13% will try marijuana, and 19% will try alcohol. The numbers are even higher for those who don't attend church very often.

TURNER'S APOLOGY FOR INSULTING POPE—Ted Turner has apologized for insulting Pope John Paul II by telling a Polish joke and for saying the ban on adultery should be deleted from the Ten Commandments (3/1 *CN*).

UNITED RELIGIONS IS COMING!—Episcopal Bishop William Swing has been a primary catalyst for the creation of the United Religions Initiative since 1993 (see 9/1/97 *CC*). After many meetings in many countries, a draft charter of the URI has been revised and widely circulated. The 2/11 *Wisconsin Report* gave a status report of this dream for a UR, an inclusive "spiritual partner" of the UN. The URI draft charter will undergo extensive development and revision between now and June 2000 when people over the world will sign it, giving birth to the United Religions. Fundamentalists could/would never join such an apostate one-world church of the Antichrist.

MARRIAGE IN TROUBLE—BYU Prof. Brent Barlow warns that if divorce and cohabitation trends continue, "being married could be a minority status" within 10 years. The number of Americans marrying is down to 88% from a high of 94% (*What in the World!*). For the first time since the U.S. Census Bureau began collecting data on it, a majority of firstborn children in the U.S. are to unwed mothers (1/99 *AFA Jrnl*); 60 years ago it was 18%.

ALPHA RE-VISITED—The *Alpha Course* (see 12/15 *CC*) is becoming one of the UK's fastest growing exports around the world. But the *CRN Newsletter* says it is *useless* as a gospel tool, that it presents a watered-down guiltless gospel and a feeble Christ. Its core emphasis is on a Toronto-type experience. Clearly, however, it is popular with both Christians and the secular world. Roman Catholicism has adopted *Alpha*, and this should be further cause for pause that Alpha's gospel is not the biblical one.

SMEDES SPEAKS AT PRO-HOMOSEXUAL EVENTS—Retired Fuller Seminary ethicist professor Lewis Smedes again speaks at a pro-homosexual Evangelicals Concerned July conference (6/1/95 *CC & EC's Record*). He, lesbian author Kathy Olsen, and EC's Ralph Blair are keynoters. Smedes has defended homosexuals, approvingly quoted liberals, allowed for pre-marital nude petting, and said factors other than rape, incest or the mother's welfare may justify abortion. The 4/87 *Moody* praised a Smedes book.

'INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THANKSGIVING'—The United Nations has declared 2000 the "International Year of Thanksgiving." A Thanksgiving World Assembly was planned (for March 12-15) to bring major world religious leaders to Thanksgiving Square, Dallas (2/28 *Dallas Morn. News*), to heal relations between religions, cultures, etc.

GALVESTON HOTEL TARGETS 'GAYS'—Galveston's first hotel catering solely to "gays and lesbians" opens this spring. Such "perversion" centers are proliferating.

NAE'S NEW LEADER—Free Methodist Church Bishop Kevin Mannoia has been chosen as the new president of the National Association of Evangelicals - the umbrella organization of mainline new evangelicals in the U.S. (3/6 *Huntsville Times*) He succeeds Dr. Don Argue who was often quoted as saying the NAE was "too old, too white and too male." Mannoia promises to continue Argue's efforts to seek reconciliation with a variety of groups.

ANOTHER CHURCH EXITS GARBC—We received a note last month from Pastor Randall Chovan stating the following: "Our church, First Baptist of Pasco, WA, voted with a 90% majority to disassociate with the GARBC [General Assoc. of Regular Bapt. Churches] on Feb. 24, 1999. We exited because of the increasing compromise in the areas of faith and practice within the association."

MacARTHUR AT CEDARVILLE—The 3/99 *Baptist Bulletin* reported that John MacArthur spoke at

Cedarville College's Winter Enrichment Conference, and that CCM trio Phillips, Craig & Dean "provided an evening of praise and worship on Jan. 8." MacArthur's teachings on Christ's blood, eternal sonship, and other doctrines have been confusing and termed heretical by some. Some of his associations have been new-evangelical.

Cedarville has featured ecumenicals as speakers several times in the past decade. It is a GARBC-approved school, though this may be about to change (see 11/1 CC).

BBF GIVES GRAHAM BOOK TO PREACHERS—Dr. Arthur Houk writes: "As preachers registered for the national Baptist Bible Fellowship, Int'l meeting, Feb. 15-17, at the Midway Baptist Church in San Diego, Jim Baize host pastor, they received as gifts the book *Living Beyond The Limits* by Franklin Graham, and the booklet *Kids Praying For Kids* by Franklin Graham...To me the choice of books shows the deep inroads of the new evangelical mind-set in some of the BBFI churches...." In this book, Graham pledged to his father that as his successor as chairman and CEO of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association he would not take it to the left or the right, but [presumably] will continue it on an ecumenical evangelism course. He referred to RC nun "Mother" Teresa as an "example of the woman God uses." He highly praised close friend and "Christian" rock guitarist Dennis Agajanian, and has spoken for Promise Keepers rallies.

FRANKLIN GRAHAM: REBEL WITH A CAUSE—That is the title of an interesting and revealing autobiography by Billy Graham's son Franklin. It covers his smoking, drinking and rebellious rock music years, and how he came to succeed Bob Pierce at the helm of Samaritan's Purse. He told of his father ministering in Poland in 1978 and praying that "the Holy Spirit would unite the hearts of Roman Catholics and Protestants in worship together." At a later trip to Russia, orchestrated by the Communists, he thanked Lenin for "converting the Orthodox church" by taking its property and stripping it of its power so it "turned to God." Franklin said, "Communist officials carefully controlled Daddy's schedule during that trip, but never hindered his preaching...." Why? "Daddy never spoke against Communism in his sermons."

DR. BUMPUS HOME WITH THE LORD—Dr. Frank Bumpus, pastor-emeritus of Bethel Baptist Church, Schaumburg, IL died last month after a long bout with cancer. He served as pastor from 1960 until Jan. 3, 1999 when Rev. Bradley Smith became pastor. Dr. Bumpus had served on Baptist World Mission, Fundamental Baptist Fellowship, and other boards. FBF President Dr. Rod Bell brought the memorial message. Dr. Ed Nelson gave the eulogy. Gordon and Jean Greer were soloists.

ABC APOSTASY EXPOSED—The American Baptist Churches, USA (formerly Northern Baptist Convention) is a member of the liberal National and World Council of Churches. Pastor Mark Franklin has prepared a 4-page paper listing concerns in the areas of inerrancy, modern feminism (God as "Mother," women pastors, etc.), homosexuality, abortion, etc. Request a free copy of this paper from Pastor Franklin at 284 Whig Lane Road, Monroeville, NJ 08343. He pastors Hardingville Bible Church, and is an ACCC executive committee member.

METHODISTS TO WORSHIP 'GOD THE MOTHER'—The Methodist Church broke with centuries of Christian tradition in February and included the first prayer to "God the Mother" in its 600-page Methodist Worship Book for the Millennium (3/1 *Christian News*). It is the first time in Britain that a mainstream church has referred to God as a woman in an official service book, although feminists and liberals have pressed for it for decades.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS TO MEET NEAR DISNEY?—The SBC executive committee recommends that the SBC annual meeting in 2000 still be held in Orlando, despite its continuing boycott of Disney (3/8 *Chr. News*). The SBC meets in Atlanta this year. It is counting on its "refusal to patronize" Disney World to be "a profound testimony."

WORLD VISION'S BLURRED VISION—An internal program survey shows that relief agency World Vision is involved in Third World population control. The *3/6 World* mentions upset "Roman Catholics such as Jon Merrill, a World Vision food manager in Angola from 1997 to 1998." He learned last year WV floated a funding proposal with USAID in Angola which included a family planning component. He was told that other WV family planning programs included all forms of contraceptives - IUDs, birth-control pills and Norplant. A new policy may limit World Vision's own contraceptive distribution but pro-lifers worry about the interaction of WV with agencies that promote abortion, etc. An article in the WV's Jan.-Mar. *Together* magazine said "Trees speak, of course, in the same way that humans do..." When confronted, the executive publisher said they have imposed another set of controls. Time will tell the result.

IBFNA'S REVIEW—The Independent Baptist Fellowship of No. America has a good article by IBFNA Moderator, Dr. Charles Dear entitled, "Accountability and Scrutiny vs. Obscurity and Obfuscation" in its Feb. *The Review*. It pertains in part to some who object to being identified as compromisers and apostates. Dr. Ralph Colas' one page column listed a resolution from the Oct. ACCC conference on "The Flag of Fundamentalism." There is an article on Bible "original writings" by *Review* editor Paul Gustine, and information about the June 22-24 IBFNA annual conference in Kansas City. For membership and subscriptions, write IBFNA, 754 E. Rockhill Rd., Sellersville, PA 18960, or e-mail Bro. Gustine at bbcnc@crocker.com.

PEACE AT EXPENSE OF PURITY—True Christian unity involves believing and heeding commonly-held fixed Bible truths. The false unity of the ecumenical movement today is a "unity in diversity," pluralism, and mixing clean and unclean. But the wisdom from above is "first pure, then peaceable..." (Ja. 3:17). "When a choice must be made between external unity and the truth of the Gospel, unity must yield to truth. "Better to be divided by truth than united in error." Responsibility for such division is on those who depart from truth. A.W. Tozer said: "Compromise will take the pressure off. Satan will not bother a man who has quit fighting. But the cost of quitting will be a life of peaceful stagnation."

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METHODIST PASTORS BLESS LESBIAN UNION - A lesbian couple was "blessed" January 16 by 95 United Methodist ministers before 1,500 people in Sacramento, CA (3/1 *Chr. Today*). They used the ceremony to advocate homosexual rights and to protest their denomination's ban on same-sex unions. The pastors may now face discipline.

LIBERAL LOVE - The following quotes concerning the recent impeachment of Pres. Clinton are from PMU's 3/99 *The Missions Banner*: "If we lived in another country, we would all right now go down to Washington and stone Henry Hyde to death." (Actor Alec Baldwin) "A vote against impeachment is a vote against fundamentalism, the right-to-life movement, and the radical right." (Harvard Law Prof. Alan Dershowitz) "Bury the hatchet...I want to bury the hatchet IN Kenneth Starr!" (Clinton crusader James Carville).

PUBLIC WANTS 'R' MOVIES - A Spartanburg, S.C. theater owner who had banned R-rated movies for moral reasons, is bringing them back - for financial reasons. Attendance had dropped by 40 percent. He excused the "give them what they want" ban reversal by saying "I don't want to sit here and go broke." Understood, but if he has "moral" convictions, he is in the wrong business.

L.A. TIMES STOPS SEX ADS - *The Los Angeles Times* began a policy last December of refusing advertising from topless bars, clubs with nude dancing and live sex shows, massage parlors and hardcore pornography providers (3/99 *Charisma*). The stated ultimate goal is to improve the performance of society. May their tribe increase!

PERSECUTION BY HINDU EXTREMISTS DOES NOT JUSTIFY ECUMENISM - Christians in India are coming under attack by militant Hindus who burn churches and recently murdered a missionary and his two sons. The 3/1 *CT* reported: "Christians [under siege] now have been forced to rethink their role and calling in society, put aside their denominational differences, and work together." A Catholic priest said: "This is the first time since independence 50 years ago that I am made to feel that I am a Christian in India." Evangelicals do great harm to Roman Catholics by putting aside doctrinal differences and thus tragically lead them to believe that their works-salvation, false gospel makes them Christians.

CONSEQUENCES OF ROE V. WADE - It is estimated that there have been over 38 million abortions since 1973. Abortion stops a beating heart 3,700 times a day. Fifty-three percent of women think abortion at least should be illegal except for rape, incest and saving the mother's life.

PLAN TO SPY ON BANK ACCOUNTS BACKFIRES? - Federal bank regulators proposed a new regulation in Dec. to reduce money laundering and drug trafficking. It would force banks to develop a financial profile database and turn bankers into a police force to spy on personal customer transactions (2/27 *Huntsv. Times*). But the outcry has been overwhelmingly negative. The FDIC by late Feb. estimated it received an unprecedented 80,000 comments, with just 20 of them positive! This attempted assault on our privacy smacks of "Big Brotherism." Some big banks already have similar policies. Be warned, be wise, beware!

SBC DROPS AMER. AIRLINES OVER GAY ISSUE - American Airlines is no longer one of the recommended airlines for travel to the Southern Baptist Convention's annual June meeting in Atlanta (2/18 *Ala. Bapt.*). At issue is AA's broken pledge to discontinue support of homosexual and other groups destructive of family and society. AA gave \$50,000 to the media awards of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, which nominated the play *Corpus Christi* (depicted Christ as engaging in serial homosexuality with the disciples) for an honor, and gave another \$25,000 to a pro-"same-sex" union group.

OUR SOCIETY CAN'T TOLERATE 'INTOLERANCE' - Intolerance is considered the greatest sin today. The intolerant person is the one thing that can't be tolerated. Unless Christians agree with abortion, homosexuality, adultery, etc., they are seen as intolerant, and thus hated by society (John 15:19). Liberal logic is illogical. One is not tolerant of something unless one objects to it. I do not tolerate something I accept or am indifferent to, because it requires nothing of me. The least tolerant person is one who accepts everything (1/11 *CT*). Christians tolerate freedom for the sinner to sin, but cannot condone his sin.

HUNGARIAN SCHOOLS TEACH ABOUT JESUS? - Bill Bright writes: "Concerned about the decline of morals... the Hungarian government passed into law a mandate to bring Jesus Christ into the schools... They have agreed to let Campus Crusade develop [a curriculum], come into public schools, and teach their youth about our Lord and Savior." [CC's "Four Spiritual Laws" is weak/unscriptural.]

AIDS RAGE ON BLACKS - AIDS is the top killer of black Americans in the prime years between 25 and 44, most infected from dirty drug needles or heterosexual encounters (2/26 *HT*). One in 50 black men and one in 160 black women are infected. Blacks are diagnosed later than whites, receive worse care, die faster. They comprise 12 percent of U.S. population but 45 percent of new HIV infections. Blacks are a too-often-neglected mission field!

FALWELL'S BBF ADDRESS - Dr. Arthur Houk sent us a tape of Dr. Jerry Falwell's Feb. 15 message at the annual Baptist Bible Fellowship meeting, San Diego. We can now edit and expand our "paraphrased" 3/1 *CC* article. Dr. Bruce Melton introduced Falwell as "the BBF missionary to the Southern Baptist Convention." Falwell chronicled his BBF roots, and said (to applause): "I'm a BBF pastor, have been, and will be, whether you like it or not." He defended his "Mars Hill" ministry (with Geraldo, Larry King, etc.) and joked about his "friend" Larry Flynt, "just a lonely, hurting soul." [One might infer that he was saying Flynt wasn't evil, though he didn't directly say that.] Falwell said he often speaks in synagogues, Roman Catholic churches, and just about wherever they will let him. He said, "I love Bob Jones University...but their [traditional] music is terrible." You're not gonna reach the youth of today - and I'm not talking about noise - but I'm talking about praise and worship. And you'd better decide to change or the world's gonna leave you behind in the dust and forget your name....Teenagers can change, as Noel Smith used to say, a multitude of theology." He said liberalism is bankrupt, "dead and gone," tradition is gone, formalism is gone. "The problem today is dead orthodoxy." He said there's a place for dc Talk (a CCM/rock band of Liberty U. grads that started there). Billy Graham uses

them in his crusades. "These kids have got something going out there, so hold your nose and let 'em do it!" He mentioned going on a 40-day fast (a year and a half ago) when "heavy money" was needed, then 25 days later, a fast of 105 days, 80 without any food. [See Matt. 6:18 regarding fasting.] He explained/downplayed his SBC links, but will speak at its annual meeting in June. He said, "I am a BBF pastor. I also fellowship with the Southwide Baptist Fellowship and ... Bible-preaching Southern Baptists."

STOWELL, LITFIN, WAYBRIGHT MEET WITH RC CARDINAL - MBI President Dr. Joseph Stowell joined Wheaton Pres. Dr. Duane Litfin and Trinity Internat'l University Pres. Dr. Gregory Waybright as dinner guests in the home of Cardinal Francis George, Dec. 16 (2/2 *Moody Student*). A "relationship" was established and a "partnership" discussed. Stowell said the four "agree on social issues," but said cooperation could not compromise "theological understandings." George "wanted to talk theology" and discussed the possibility of "entering into the next millennium with a call to our congregations to pray and worship with services that might contain some common elements." Litfin said he didn't know what the relationship with the cardinal might lead to, but "it's better to have such a relationship than not to have one." The [new] evangelicals quickly recognized that the focus of their differences with George was "justification by grace through faith alone." "Social issues" seems to be the devil's enticing bait in our day, to hook new evangelicals into ecumenical relationships with false-gospel adherents who lure them to the one-world church of Antichrist. [Note: Ecumenicals Bill Hybels, Luis Palau, and Franklin Graham were recent Moody speakers - see 1/15 CC.]

GEORGE DISMAYED AT POPE'S USE OF 'SECT' - Pope John Paul II provoked Protestants on his recent visit when he referred to non-Catholic "sects" that are "causing trouble." Especially in Latin America, "sect" is a four-letter word. RC priest Richard John Neuhaus and Fuller Seminary's Cecil Robeck expressed concern about all this. Beeson Divinity School (Southern Baptist) President Timothy George took issue with it and insisted that denominations like his that teach orthodox doctrine simply cannot be considered sects (2/15 *Chr. News*). Dr. Bill Jackson quoted George from a 1/30 AP report: "We are part of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church."

WCC & MARXISM - American Council of Christian Churches Executive Secretary Dr. Ralph Colas attended the recent 50th Anniversary meeting of the World Council of Churches in Marxist Zimbabwe. Much of the information below is gleaned from his in-depth report. We had a long article, "WCC & Catholicism," in the 2/1 CC from Dr. Colas' report. The WCC has long supported communist liberation movements and years ago gave money to revolutionists to convert Rhodesia into marxist Zimbabwe. It calls for rich "have" nations to cancel the debts of poor "have-not" nations. South Africa's marxist president Nelson Mandela spoke at the WCC meeting as did Zimbabwe's Robert Mugabe. The latter stirred international controversy last fall by calling homosexuals "lower than dogs and pigs." (11/29 *HT*). He said, "Animals in the jungle are better than these homosexuals because at least the animals know how to distinguish between a male and female." The WCC opposes capital punishment but vigorously promotes a woman's right to choose an abortion, even a gruesome "partial-birth" one. Dr. Colas' report also mentions the Orthodox dispute with the WCC over women's ordination, etc., and the compromise of evangelical groups (NAE, WEF, AWANA, e.g.) with the WCC or a member church(es). The WCC report, and many others, are available from the ACCC, P.O. Box 5455, Bethlehem, PA 18015. Small offering appreciated.

IFCA SPEAKERS - IFCA's annual convention is set for Eugene, OR, June 22-26. Speakers this year include Dave Hunt, Elwood McQuaid, and Thomas Ice. McQuaid is listed as a Crista speaker at Alderbrook '99 (Wash.) this summer, along with Stuart & Jill Briscoe, George Sweeting, etc. A new president will be elected at this year's IFCA meeting and a vote will be taken to ratify the Exec. Committee's appointment of a man to take Dr. Richard Gregory's position as Exec. Director. The IFCA National Youth Conference meets at George Fox University, a Friends (Quaker) school. IFCA's 1-2/99 *Voice* magazine had the usual full-page ads for John MacArthur's Master's College/Seminary. It also had an ad for Cornerstone College's Bible Conference which featured new-evangelical speakers. IFCA Int'l, continues to feature non-fundamentalist speakers who run with new evangelicals, and thus refuses to practice separation.

LCMS TOLERATES EVOLUTIONISTS, LIBERALS - While the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod officially opposes evolution, it is allowing its professors and pastors to promote it (2/22 *Chr. News*). The lead story in the Jan. 18 *CN*, "Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Releases 1999 Clergy Roster - LIBERALS, CHARISMATICS, EVOLUTIONISTS, UNIONISTS REMAIN ON LCMS ROSTER" named some evolutionists from this roster. Although *CN* (an independent Lutheran paper) has supplied top officials of the LCMS with documentary evidence that evolution is being promoted and defended by some liberals on the LCMS clergy roster, LCMS officials continue to defend evolutionists and leave them on.

LYONS FOUND GUILTY - Rev. Henry Lyons, pres. of the National Bapt. Convention USA was convicted in Feb. of grand theft and racketeering for swindling millions from companies seeking to do business with members (2/ 28 *HT*). He still faces a federal trial in April on 54 counts such as tax evasion, money laundering and extortion.

WHITCOMB BOOKS, VIDEOS, CHARTS, CASSETTES - Popular author/speaker/theologian Dr. John Whitcomb sent us a list of the above. Subjects include Bible, Science, Prophecy, and History. Write for list to: Whitcomb Ministries, 2798 Admirals Walk Dr. W., Orange Park, FL 32073. Or, e-mail him at: jcwhitcomb@juno.com

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LESS FORMAL WORSHIP A POPULAR TREND - Praise and worship pioneer LaMar Boschman believes a new day has come to church worship. He calls the trend "worship unplugged." It involves participation (2/99 *Charisma*). People are tiring of the old model where the congregation had no role to play, he says. A Vineyard-type of revival worship that is more of a folk-based, casual, non-manipulative kind of worship has sprung up. Much of what passes for "worship" today, is a disgrace to a holy God who must be worshiped in "spirit and in truth." In their pursuit of ecumenical unity, charismatics tend to downplay truth and say doctrine (truth) divides.

EXTREME TORTURE OF CHRISTIANS IN VIETNAM - The government is stepping up an aggressive campaign of persecution against Christians in northern Vietnam. Most tribes there are Buddhist, but Christianity is growing. Police tell Christians it's illegal to worship Jesus (2/99 *Charisma*). Many new Hmong disciples are beaten to death. Minority language Bibles are illegal. Police have tortured believers possessing minority Hmong Bibles by pouring boiling water down their throats.

CAN ONE STATE'S COURT RADICALLY REDEFINE MARRIAGE FOR ALL? - Vermont is now ahead of Hawaii and Alaska in the race to legalize unholy same-sex marriages. Voters in the latter two states Nov. 4 rejected "gay" marriage by 2-to-1 margins (2/13 *World*). Vermont's court is expected to rule within the next three months 3-2 in favor of same-sex marriage. Homosexuals argue that the 1996 Defense of Marriage law conflicts with the Full Faith and Credit Clause of the Constitution which says contracts validated by one state should be honored by others. Churches could come under pressure to conform or lose tax-exempt status, and teaching the biblical view of sodomy could be considered a hate crime. Tolerance leads to acceptance, then seeks mandatory acceptance.

ATHEIST O'HAIR STILL MISSING - Famous atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair, with son Jon and granddaughter Robin, mysteriously disappeared three years ago. The IRS seized her home and contents to pay back taxes and other debts. Jon had transferred over \$600,000 from New Zealand accounts. Her son William Murray (SBC evang.) suspects foul play. Her diaries reveal a very sad person whose main goals were power, money, and fame.

UNHAPPY WITH WCC LIBERALISM - Evangelicals and Orthodox dislike the World Council of Churches' liberalism on issues such as feminism, inclusive Bible translation language, homosexual unions and ordination, abortion, environmentalism, and population control.

RESCUE RUSSIA? - Proud Russia is bankrupt. Poverty, crime, and inflation are rampant. Powerful oligarchs milk its oil, gas, and minerals. The U.S., International Monetary Fund, Germany, and others have already given over \$150 billion, but for every dollar extended, Russians have deposited at least as much in foreign banks (2/8 *USN&WR*). Vodka killed 32,000 in 1998. Forty percent of Russia's children are chronically ill. Three quarters of the water supply is contaminated. Stores have to pay bribes to racketeers. This is what atheistic communism does.

WITNESS LEE ABERRATIONS - Witness Lee, who died in 1997, led the Local Church movement. Watchman Fellowship's Craig Branch says Lee followed his mentor Watchman Nee to extremes, especially in the "mystical doctrine of mingling God and man." (3/99 *Charisma*) He says the 150,000-member Local Church also teaches an unconventional view of the Trinity, promotes itself as the only true church in a city, and teaches that baptism must follow a certain formula and is necessary for salvation.

IMPEACHMENT QUOTES - "The verdict of history will be that [our president's] perjury and witness tampering were true but were excused by Democrats out of partisan loyalty....He will serve out his term as a political O.J. Simpson." (Paul Gigot, *Wall St. J.* via 1/30 *World*) ** "If a sexual predator and serial liar is worthy of the highest office in the land, who could ever be judged unworthy?" (1/23 *World*) ** Question: Will Pres. Clinton have to obey Megan's Law when he leaves the White House and notify where he will live? This whole ordeal is so sad for our nation, and so disgraceful of our leader. Please pray.

FALWELL CALLS BJU MUSIC 'TERRIBLE'? - Dr. Jerry Falwell spoke Feb. 15th at the Midwinter Meeting of the Baptist Bible Fellowship in Midway Baptist Church, San Diego, Jim Baize host pastor. Falwell, after complimenting the CCM/rock music, said he loved Bob Jones, but that its [traditional] music is terrible. He said you're not going to reach the youth of today with their [BJU's] music, you have to have worship music to reach today's youth. He said there's a place for dc Talk (a CCM/rock group), so "hold your nose and let them do it. Rap music is in, let go of the past." [This was reported to us (paraphrased) by Calif. pastor Dr. Arthur Houk.]

MORE CCM CONFUSION - Contemporary/rock singer and minister Kirk Franklin merges his gospel musical messages with hip-hop, rap, funk, and whatever will get kids' attention. A local reviewer (1/16 *HT*) said: "It's hard for some music fans to decide if Franklin's brand of music is for shouting in church or dancing at nightclubs."

CATHOLICS IN ITALY MIX MAGIC WITH FAITH - In Italy - where 84 percent are Catholic - soothsayers, fortune-tellers, palm readers, professional dreamers, astrologers, psychics and wizards flourish (2/99 *Charisma*). A huge underground community of 40,000 magicians and mystics boast of revenue of \$100 million a year. Italians are Catholics, but they also believe in reincarnation, visit witches, and look out for the "evil eye" bad-luck hex. Catholic leaders officially denounce the mixing of magic.

SBC AND CBF CONTRASTS - The Jan. *Baptist Banner* (SBC-Va.) listed several "contrasts" between the Southern Baptist Convention and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (the liberal/moderate breakaway group). It said the CBF has: 1) leaders that deny the deity of Christ, the need for His sacrificial death, or the importance of His virgin birth; 2) feminist theologian leaders calling for the worship of the "Christ-Sophia"; 3) leaders calling for ordination of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered persons; 4) leaders declaring that God sometimes commands a woman to abort her unborn child for the purpose of population control; 5) leaders advocating federal funding for abortions, or elimination of parental notification and consent laws...; 6) leaders proclaiming the Bible does not condemn all forms of homosexual behavior; 7) leaders calling for ordination of women as

senior pastors; 8) leaders that have worked in "coalition efforts" with Penthouse Int'l, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and Planned Parenthood; 9) leaders who refer to God as "Mother"; 10) leaders that have signed a declaration stating that biblical scholarship is an area of common ground between Baptists and atheistic "secular humanists"; 11) leaders that have worked for legislation such as the Employment Non-Discrimination Act granting special workplace protection for homosexuals/bisexuals.... The article further stated that the CBF: embraces churches that ordain practicing homosexuals; is aligned with organization(s) whose leaders have openly declared their support of partial-birth abortion; is aligned with an organization that gave all of its "mission grants" last year to churches that welcome/affirm homosexuality; and is aligned with an entity whose top leader has defended the reproduction and distribution of child pornography.

SBC VERSUS CBF - After many years of fighting, the Southern Baptist "moderates/liberals" in 1991 formed the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and now claim the support of 1600 SBC churches. In SBC state conventions, conservatives lead in 11, liberals are ahead in 5, and 11 are mixed (1/99 *Baptist Banner*). The CBF is currently housed in the new Mercer School of Theology building in Atlanta. Mercer U. president Kirby Godsey argues that Jesus is not God, and has served on the CBF Coordinating Council. Feminist theologian Jann Aldredge-Clanton led "breakout sessions" at the 1992 and 1995 CBF General Assemblies. She states: "...Jesus is not just the last and greatest of Sophia's children, but is Sophia herself in the flesh...Sophia incarnate." The *Baptist Banner* concludes: "If you believe God favors abortion, homosexuality is not a sin, the virgin birth is not important, Jesus' sacrificial death was not necessary, women may be pastors, it is proper to call God 'Mother'...then...go with the CBF..."

CHARISMATIC CATHOLICS' IN ITALY - Last May, *The Community Of Jesus* held a Renewal meeting in Bari, Italy for Catholic charismatics. They and Protestant Italian charismatics called for unity. "Father" Carlo Colonna, a Jesuit priest, spoke of Jesus returning for "one bride" - all believers, regardless of denomination. The 10/98 *Spread the Fire* said: "A celebration of charismatic mass and baptism in the Holy Spirit followed." The pope has voiced approval of charismatics.

FALWELL SPEAKS AT BBF MEETING - Dr. Jerry Falwell spoke Feb. 15th at the Midwinter Meeting of the Baptist Bible Fellowship Int'l in Midway Baptist Church, San Diego, Rev. Jim Baize host pastor (2/99 *NLJ*). California pastor Dr. Arthur Houk attended and gave us a first-hand report as follows (paraphrased): BBF pastor Dr. Bruce Melton introduced Falwell and said: "He is a BBF pastor whether you like it or not. He is our missionary to the Southern Baptist Convention." Falwell "explained" his SBC links and said "I'm a part of all Baptist groups in America, but my roots are in the BBF." Falwell gave the old pragmatic Billy Graham refrain of speaking wherever they let him give the gospel, like Jesus did, in a Jewish synagogue, a Catholic church, etc. He said the old battle was between liberalism and fundamentalism but it's over, liberalism is gone, fundamentalists have won, and the problem today is dead orthodoxy. He said [pornographer] Larry Flynt is a lonely hurting soul and not the evil man some think he is.

HOVIND'S ECUMENICAL ITINERARY - Dr. Kent Hovind is a very popular "Creation Science Evangelist" and seems to have free rein in liberal, charismatic, new-evangelical, and - sad to say - fundamentalist pulpits [see 11-12/98 *Fund. Digest* & 4/15/96 *CC*]. The *CC* editor had a 20-minute phone conversation with him, April 22, 1996, in which Hovind amazingly excused speaking in liberal church pulpits by saying when he goes into a United Methodist (e.g.) pulpit it becomes *his* pulpit while he's there! He compared this to Jonah going to Nineveh, and to Paul preaching in synagogues. He said Jesus said "By their fruits ye shall know them," and that souls were being saved ("fruit") in his meetings. [We asked if he would speak in a Catholic church and he said, "No, it's a cult!"] We asked if he had no concern about the confusion to his testimony caused by identifying with liberal and charismatic churches. He didn't seem concerned about what "fundamentalists" think, and said he was answerable to (and must please) only God. We were very saddened by his seeming rejection of Biblical separation commands, and the "end justifies the means" philosophy.

MAX LUCADO WANTS TO BREAK DOWN WALLS - Max Lucado's books have sold over 11 million copies. He is pastor of Oak Hills Church of Christ, San Antonio. He says the desire to break down the denominational walls without compromising denominational convictions [an utter impossibility!] is a healthy, present-happening phenomenon. Lucado is quoted in the 2/8 *Christianity Today*, thusly: "I'm thrilled about ECT [the ecumenical Evangelicals & Catholics Together]. I signed that document. I don't consider myself an authority on all of that. I look up to men like Chuck Colson and others who are architects of this." Lucado was a featured speaker at the Promise Keepers Atlanta Clergy meeting (5/15/96 CC).

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHARISMATICS - Southern Baptist leaders for years have opposed the charismatic movement, but today a new wave of renewal introduces them to a deeper experience that includes spiritual gifts and demonstrative worship (3/99 *Charisma*). Indeed the SBC has excluded a few churches over this problem in recent years, but Jack Taylor and pope-praiser James Robison retain SBC ties. The SBC Int'l Mission Board president, who years ago was cited for a weakness toward charismatism, says "soul competency" leaves the term "Baptist" open to redefinition. "What is 'Southern Baptist' is what any group of Southern Baptists wants to define it to be." Pastors told *Charisma* they limit public expressions (e.g., speaking in tongues) to avoid divisive controversy. Some feature vibrant praise and worship, anointing, deliverance prayers, and falling to the floor.

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GAMBLING LEADS TO CRIME, POVERTY, DEATH - Americans gamble more money each year than they spend on groceries. Over \$600 billion is wagered legally in the U.S. annually. Nearly 1 in 5 homeless people say gambling contributed to their poverty, and 75 percent of pathological gamblers admit they have committed at least one felony to support their habit. More money is spent on gambling in Mississippi than on all retail sales combined. Over 30,000 video poker machines are spread over S.C. [1/99 Dobson Ltr.] Nevada ranks first in suicide, first in divorce. One in 25 visitors who die in Las Vegas die by suicide.

CHRISTIANS CAN'T CRITICIZE HOMOSEXUAL LIFESTYLE? - Two bills, passed and vetoed in California last year, pose danger for conservative Christians if the new liberal governor supports them (12/98 *Nat'l Lib. Jrn'l*). One would allow taxpayer-funded lawsuits against Christian radio stations, private Christian schools, and other ministries whose religious convictions do not consent to an alternative sexual orientation. Those who oppose a homosexual lifestyle could be severely penalized. The other bill brings churches under state control under the Fair Employment and Housing Act, infringing on churches' religious liberties and employment decisions.

NEW AGE - New Age is a recent and developing belief system in North America encompassing thousands of autonomous (and sometimes contradictory) beliefs, organizations, and events. Generally it borrows its theology from pantheistic Eastern religions and its practices from 19th century Western occultism. *New Age* is an umbrella term for organizations which seem to exhibit one or more of the following beliefs: (1) All is one, all reality is part of the whole; (2) Everything is God and God is everything; (3) Man is God or a part of God; (4) Man never dies, but continues to live through reincarnation; (5) Man can create his own reality and/or values through transformed consciousness or altered states of consciousness. [This was taken from *THE WATCHMAN EXPOSITOR*'s 32-page "Index of Cults and Religions," available from: PO Box 530842, Birmingham, AL 35253.]

HOMOSEXUALS PERVERT 'GOOD' IN MARRIAGE - The 1/23 *World* says: "To enter a homosexual relationship is to repudiate the good God has provided in marriage. Even leaving procreation aside, there is something lacking in a man which can only be provided by a woman, and there is something lacking in a

woman which can only be provided by a man. Only because the spouses are *different* can their union take each one out of self for the sake of the other. The homosexual act resists that liberation; it is merely self-love with another body."

LIVE-IN COUPLES TREND SOARS - In 1998, the number of unmarried U.S. couples topped 4,236,000, up from 439,000 in 1960 (2/1 *USA Today*). Over half of first marriages are now preceded by cohabitation. Those who live together before marriage are about 48% more likely to divorce than those who don't. Also, the risk of physical and sexual abuse for kids is greater. Unmarried couples have lower levels of happiness and greater instability. So, sinful illicit living together is not "marriage friendly."

POPE SAYS MUSLIMS WORSHIP SAME GOD - On a 1985 visit to Morocco Pope John Paul II, using Abraham as a model, told Moslem pilgrims headed for Mecca: "We believe in the same God, the only God, the living God..." (1/25 *CN*, 7/15/88 *CC*). Jimmy Carter and others have made similar claims. But Islam's god is not the father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It denies the Trinity, Christ's deity and crucifixion. Christians worship the Triune God of the Bible, the only true God; Muslims worship a monotheistic god (Allah), an idol that does not exist (Isa. 44:8, 43:10).

NCC GREETES HOMOSEXUAL CHURCH LEADER - Dr. Gwynne Guidbord, a leader in the predominately homosexual Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, was warmly received as a speaker at the recent National Council of Churches' General Assembly. At least half of assembled NCC delegates gave her a standing ovation (2/99 *Nat'l Lib. Jrn'l.*). She actually blamed opposition to homosexuality for forcing young people into prostitution, drugs, and alcohol abuse. Some NCC leaders, including NCC President Craig Anderson, favor accepting the UFMCC as a member denomination.

LARRY KING & SCHULLER - Agnostic Larry King (12/19) interviewed Robert Schuller and asked him if this was a time for national prayer. Schuller replied: "You know, it surely is. I think it's probably providential that this comes at just the day before [you are] going to be [my] guest and you will offer your first public prayer in the Crystal Cathedral." Schuller said, "We have to find God in our own way...." The *Foundation* editor wrote (Jan-Feb): "The idea that people [can] 'find God in their their own way'...is completely contrary to Scripture."

GRAHAM'S HEDONISTIC PARADISE - Agnostic Larry King interviewed Billy Graham for an hour Christmas day. He asked "What will paradise be like?" Graham replied (*Foundation*): "...[E]verything you ever wanted for happiness will be there. People say that the Bible teaches there's no sex in Heaven. If sex is necessary for our happiness and fulfillment, it'll be there...If certain other things that we think are pleasurable - it'll be there."

SOCIAL ACTIVIST JAMES FORBES TO SPEAK AT SBC SCHOOL - Dr. James Forbes, senior minister of the notoriously liberal Riverside Church in New York City, is listed as a Feb. 23-25 speaker at Southern Baptist's Beeson Divinity School Chapel (Samford University) in Birmingham (1/21 *Ala. Baptist*). He succeeded fiery liberal William Sloane Coffin as Riverside's pastor in 1989, and spoke at the SBC's Southern Seminary in 1990. Riverside was founded by Harry Emerson Fosdick, and has long been a hotbed of radical liberalism (see 10/15/88 & 3/15/90 *CCs*). Archer Weniger called it "the No. 1 pulpit of modernism." Marxists have spoken there. Forbes' theology is said to reflect a melding of traditions at the adjacent liberal Union Seminary and the black Pentecostal tradition in which he grew up (2/6/89 *Chr. News*). Jerry Falwell and other new-evangelical SBC conservatives' claims of victory in cleaning up the SBC seem premature.

FALWELL, CHARISMATICS, & BBF - We reported in the 12/15 *CC* that Dr. Jerry Falwell is scheduled to speak at Cecil Todd's 50 year celebration in Branson, MO in April. *Sword of the Lord* editor Dr. Shelton Smith notes this (and some other Falwell ecumenical involvements) and says: "Now we notice in the *Baptist Bible Tribune* announcement of the midwinter meeting of the Baptist Bible Fellowship Int'l in San Diego that Dr.

Falwell is listed as one of their main speakers...." Falwell's church is now affiliated with both the BBFI and the SBC.

LOTZ TO SPEAK AT BWA MEETING IN AUSTRALIA - The 18th Baptist World Congress is set for Melbourne, Australia, Jan. 5-9, 2000. Anne Graham Lotz, daughter of Billy Graham, is to be a featured speaker. There are now 192 Baptist conventions (including SBC) and unions which are members of the apostate BWA (Baptist World Alliance), with a total community of 110 million. Desmond Tutu was the highlight at a recent BWA meeting (9/1 CC).

ZACHARIAS IS NO SEPARATIST - The highly popular Ravi Zacharias often speaks in new-evangelical or ecumenical pulpits such as PK, NRB, MBI, WEF, etc. (2/15/98 CC). The 2/99 *Charisma* reports that Harvard University (apostate) female chaplain Kelly Monroe recently invited Zacharias as a keynote speaker. He quotes liberals/new-evangelicals (e.g., Richard Niebuhr, Malcolm Muggeridge, Billy Graham) on his radio program with no warning of their dangerous teaching/stance. If a person is known by the company he keeps, the crowd he runs with, Zacharias (sad to say) is clearly identified.

DEGREE SEPARATION - Obedience knows no degrees. We either obey Bible commands or disobey them. Denouncing Fundamentalists for "second degree separation" is usually a convenient pretext for being tolerant of believers who are tolerant of unbelievers. Fellowship and cooperation in public ministry must be based on obedience to truth, to doctrine. "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" We cannot join in common public ministry with erring brethren who disregard and disobey biblical separation commands. We must take a clear stand while lovingly trying to restore them. Spurgeon said: "That I might not stultify my testimony I have cut myself clear of those who err from the faith, and even from those who associate with them." We must separate from apostasy today, and also not identify with *brethren* who finance and promote it.

MO. BAPTISTS OUST CHARISMATICS - Missouri's Webster County Baptist Assoc. (SBC) voted to withdraw fellowship from Calvary Baptist, Marshfield, over the issue of charismatic worship. The church split earlier over speaking in tongues and being slain in the Spirit.

HELL HAS NO EXIT - Some modern theologians say some who did not embrace Christ in this life may yet do so savingly in the next life. Even some so-called evangelicals expect this and think that our gracious God owes all a clear presentation of the gospel in terms they understand. Of course, postmortem-faith universalists expect all humans will go to heaven. Some others posit as many postmortem lives (reincarnation?) for each non-Christian as necessary to draw them to Christ. Modernist Nels Ferre described hell as having "a school and a door" in it: when those in hell come to their senses about Christ they may leave, so that the place ends up empty [J.I. Packer, 1/11 *Chr. Today*]. This is all dangerous, unscriptural nonsense!

PK'S MICH. MEN'S CONFERENCE - *Fundamentalist Digest* Editor Don Jasmin attended the Western Michigan Promise Keepers conference at Grand Rapids last August as a media rep. He mentioned "hard driving rock rhythms," and the mixture of good and evil in the messages. Roman Catholic charismatic "lay" leader Ralph Martin was one of the speakers. Dr. Jasmin concluded: "The PK emphasis is more dangerously ecumenical than ever, with Roman Catholics now occupying strategic places of prominence in administration and operation...."

COCU IS NOW CUC - At the conclusion of its five-day plenary meeting in Jan. the Consultation on Church Union decided on a new name - Churches Uniting in Christ. COCU, at its founding in 1962 with nine liberal denominations, proposed a Protestant superchurch. A new plan seeks affiliation without merger and to join forces to fight racism. They would by 2007 celebrate Eucharist together and accept one another's ministers.

DON'T DARE LOVE A FUNDAMENTALIST - "It seems that nobody loves a fundamentalist. The reason is

found in John 15:17-20. Frankly, I have found more real love during the thirty years I have spent among the 'fighting fundamentalists' than I ever saw demonstrated among the love-preaching liberals. And I am not too much impressed with the sentimental exaltation of love over doctrine as advocated by the new evangelicals when they apply it to everyone *except* those who have preserved for them their own faith." [James Boyer, 1-2/99 *Fund. Digest*]

NRB '98 - The *CC* editor attended a one-and-one-half day segment of the National Religious Broadcasters Convention in Nashville, along with ACCC leader Dr. Ralph Colas (who attended it all), as a member of the press. Promise Keepers staff presented plans for 1999 and new millennium celebration. Campus Crusade's Bill and Vonette Bright received this year's NRB President's Award. Former Lutheran Hour speaker Dr. Oswald C.J. Hoffmann was inducted into the NRB Hall of Fame. Chuck Colson and Brother Andrew of "God's Smuggler" fame were NRB speakers. It is ironic that Roman Catholic Alan Keyes was perhaps the best and most rousing speaker (we did not hear Colson) at this new-evangelical convention! Calling our president "the poster boy of moral depravity," Keyes in his one-hour keynote address focused on the moral and spiritual decline of the U.S. As is becoming more and more common in PK and NRB meetings, big-name CCM/rock music performers dished out repetitious lyrics and deafening drum/bass beats. In a press conference (2/1) NRB Chairman David Clark said this year's convention was the biggest and best ever, with over 5,000 registered attendees to date and over 224 exhibitors. The NRB, an arm of the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), voted to build a permanent headquarters facility in Manassas, Va. It meets at Anaheim 2000, Dallas 2001, then back to Nashville in 2002. Dr. Colas will later have a more complete report.

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NO ONE HAS TO BE A HOMOSEXUAL - All of nature is fallen. All men are sinners and have inborn tendencies toward various forms of sinful behavior. With some it is chemical addictions; with others it is a tendency to be ruthless or cowards; with others it may be a weakness to sexual sins. Yet our genes give us no excuse for sin; we can make moral choices [Dr. David Persing, genetics researcher, Mayo Clinic - Colson book]. Homosexuality is not biologically inbred; it is learned and thus can be unlearned. Genetic predisposition is not determinative, and does not remove personal choice and responsibility.

AMY GRANT & HUSBAND SEPARATE - Amy Grant began her career as a CCM singer, but crossed over into secular rock, throwing the CCM industry into an identity crisis. Now, she and husband Gary Chapman are splitting up after 16 years and three children (1/11 *CM*). Her music remains in SBC's Lifeway Christian Stores.

ENGLISH'S SLOW COMEBACK - Top CCM award winner Michael English left Contemporary Christian Music in disgrace in 1994 after it was revealed that he had an adulterous relationship with another CCM'er. He said he rebelled and "went crazy" for a time after that. He said, "I felt that if I didn't have Christian music, I couldn't be a Christian. I based my whole self-esteem on being a Christian singer... ." (1/99 *Charisma*). CCM/rock is very much a self-esteem/money thing, not really a Christian ministry. "Where [Amy Grant] once discussed her relationship with God, she now focuses on her relationships with other people - and herself." (10/1 *CC*).

MICHAEL W. SMITH MARKETS MUSICAL 'GOSPEL' - The 1/16 *Huntsville Times* reporting on an upcoming Jan. 25 Michael W. Smith concert at a local So. Baptist church quoted Smith as saying: "Now... we're getting better marketing, and we're doing whatever it takes to get it out there and get people to hear it." He quoted St. Francis of Assisi (RC): "He said 'Preach the Gospel... and if necessary use words'." Smith owns the Rocketown teen dance club-outreach haven in Franklin, TN where the music isn't all Christian. He defends this teen outreach, saying: "If Jesus were here today physically, I'm *not* really sure He'd be in the churches. He'd be hanging out at the bars, with the desperate and lonely... ." (8/1 *CC*).

CLINTON, THE PRO-ABORTIONIST LIAR AND ADULTERER, 'MOST ADMIRER' - This is the

heading supplied by *Christian News* to a RNS article in the 1/11 *CN* that showed our president ranked as the #1 "most admired" man in a Gallup Poll. Pope John Paul and Billy Graham were named the second and third most admired.

HOWARD-BROWNE GOES TO NEW YORK - South African "laughing evangelist" Rodney Howard-Browne has scheduled Madison Square Garden for a series of meetings, July 7-Aug. 13, resulting from a Feb. 1998 dream conversation he had with Billy Graham (2/99 *Charisma*). He says: "We're not coming to New York with judgment to say that God is going to send Americans to hell if they don't repent.", but, "We're going to tell them that God loves them and forgives them." The prophet Jeremiah had a different message for his sinful nation. Instead of laughter and love, it was tears and judgment. Howard-Browne has dubbed himself a "Holy Ghost bartender" serving up the "new wine" of Pentecostal fervor. He said (9/1 *CC*): "One night I was preaching on hell, and [laughter] just hit the whole place. The more I told people what hell was like, the more they laughed." This sounds demonic. Hell is no laughing matter nor joke.

AMERICA IS 'MORALLY CHALLENGED' - America is the greatest nation in the world - the richest, most powerful, and most envied. Yet we lead the industrialized world in rates of murder, violent crime, imprisonment, divorce, abortion, sexually transmitted diseases, single-parent households, teen suicide, cocaine consumption, and pornography production. We have become the kind of place to which civilized countries used to send missionaries (12/98 *Imprimis*). But if we criticize our president for adultery, lying, perjury, etc., we are said to be "judgmental." We're not to "judge" right and wrong, moral sins, since all is relative. But what if a jury was "nonjudgmental" of sex abusers, rapists, embezzlers, etc.?

AFEC RESOLUTION ON ECFC AND SEPARATION - "... It is unfortunate yet necessary that the [Assn of Fundamentalists Evangelizing Catholics] separate from the organization 'Ex Catholics For Christ' because of the doctrine of Separation. The founding body of ECFC (while having the same ultimate goal as AFEC, desiring to reach precious Roman Catholic people with the Gospel) has chosen... a more Neo-Evangelical approach... The ECFC has allowed Pentecostals and Charismatics the freedom to participate on their platform. One speaker stated in a letter in 1989, 'I had what I considered to be a genuine experience of being baptized in the Spirit and later had the experience of speaking in tongues.' Giving the brother a forum, even though he did not use the occasion to teach error, is a dangerous practice. [Those] who believe in works to be saved or to maintain salvation are as lost as the Roman Catholic people we are seeking to bring to Christ. A denomination that believes that speaking in tongues is a necessary part of or the evidence of salvation has fallen into the same trap as Romanism... ."

VOICE OF MARTYRS YOKES WITH YWAM - Richard Wurmbrand's "The Voice of the Martyrs" has provided Bibles and literature for decades to persecuted peoples over the world. But we have warned of his sometimes strange theology and lack of discernment (see 7/1/94 *CC*). We now see that Voice of the Martyrs is working in partnership with Youth With A Mission, providing it with literature, resources, and finances (1/11 *Chr. News*). YWAM is charismatic, ecumenical, has long been engaged in bridge-building with Roman Catholics (in Eastern Europe and Ireland, e.g.), and has had a Catholic director (see 4/15 & 9/1/93 *CCs*). YWAM now has 10,500 missionaries. Its new director is Frank Naea.

SCHULLER WARNING - Robert Schuller has shared pulpits with New Agers, Mormons, and Catholics. Some of his teachings and actions are liberal, postmodern and heretical (1/1 *CC*). He writes: "I don't think that anything has been done in the name of Christ and under the banner of Christianity that has proven more destructive to human personality, and hence counterproductive to the evangelistic enterprise, than the unChristian, uncouth strategy of attempting to make people aware of their lost and sinful condition." (1/4 *CN*). Be warned, be wise, beware!

SWINDOLL'S INSTANT MEGA-CHURCH - Superstar author and radio preacher Chuck Swindoll's new

congregation, as predicted (9/1 CC), seems to be on the fasttrack to becoming an "instant" mega-church. It is located in a little town 30 miles north of Dallas, and is adding a second service for its 750 attendees (1/9 *Dallas Morn. News*). Construction is beginning on a 2,500-seat auditorium - a mere stopgap until a 6,000-seat sanctuary can be built. Swindoll is President of Dallas Seminary which celebrates its 75th Anniversary in October with a National Leadership Conference, featuring the following ecumenical speakers (1/11 *Chr. Today*): Bruce Wilkinson, MBI-President Joe Stowell, Tony Evans, Howard Hendricks and Roman Catholic author William Bennett.

JEREMIAH TO SPEAK AT GRAHAM CAMP - Dr. David Jeremiah, a popular author and teacher, is again listed as a speaker at Billy Graham's "The Cove" Training Center. He routinely speaks in new-evangelical and ecumenical - and, sad to say, GARBC - pulpits. He speaks at Moody Bible Institute and was listed with Schuller-speaker John Maxwell for a Celebrate Jesus 2000 Southern Baptist conference (1/7 *Ala. Bapt.*). He was listed to speak in Tony Evans' Oct. 6-9 Urban Alternative conference with Promise Keepers speakers Wellington Boone and Chuck Swindoll. He honored neo-orthodox men in a 1994 book and quoted the Living Bible (9/15/94 CC)

PENTECOSTALISM'S 'LAUGHING REVIVAL' - Rev. David Cloud's new book, *THE LAUGHING REVIVAL From Azusa To Pensacola: A History And Refutation Of Pentecostalism*, traces the history of the Pentecostal movement from its origin in 1900 to the current day "Laughing Revival," also known as the Toronto Blessing and the Pensacola Outpouring. It analyzes key figures in the movement: William Branham, Paul Cain, William Seymour, Charles Parham, Aimee Semple McPherson, Kathryn Kuhlman, A.A. Allen, David DuPlessis, Kenneth Hagin, Oral Roberts, John Wimber, Charles & Frances Hunter, Rodney Howard-Browne, John Arnott, Benny Hinn, Kenneth Copeland, and many others. It refutes Pentecostal-Charismatic doctrine and practice (e.g., "tongues," "baptism in the Spirit," "holy laughter." It has chapters on "Charismatic Music Permeating the Churches," "Miracles," and a 10-page bibliography. Order this 186-page book from Way of Life Literature, 1701 Harns Rd., Oak Harbor, WA 98277, \$8.95 (plus \$3 s/h).

TURNER RETURNS TO GRAND RAPIDS - Dr. David Turner left GARBC-approved Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary a few years ago, after 11 years on the faculty, to pursue an additional doctorate at Hebrew Union University, but returns to GRBS this fall (1/99 *Baptist Bulletin*). Turner denied in Chapter 9 of a Zondervan book that the heavenly city in Rev. 21 is a literal city. Dr. Clay Nuttall (now at Piedmont Baptist College), a GRBS grad and former member of GRBS's Board - and also of the GARBC's Council of 18 - wrote a critique of this chapter. In a 1/20/95 letter to the CC editor, Dr. Turner offered to explain his position on heaven. In a 1/31/95 letter, we specifically questioned him on this but never received the promised response. [See 1/1 CC for GRBS & Cornerstone's new-evangelical Bible Conference speakers.]

WCC & CATHOLICISM - Dr. Ralph Colas, Exec. Sec'y of the American Council of Christian Churches, attended (with press credentials) the Eighth Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Harare, Zimbabwe in Dec., and reports thusly: At the first press conference a reporter asked WCC Gen. Sec'y Dr. Konrad Raiser about the relationship between the WCC and the Roman Catholic Church. He related that there was a joint working group regarding cooperation between the WCC and the RCC. A booklet, Joint Working Group Between the Roman Catholic Church and the World Council of Churches, was given to all in attendance. It rehearsed the past seven years' work and emphasized the "growing relationship of the WCC and the RCC." The RCC is already a full member of 56 national councils of churches throughout the world. Among special guests at this 8th Assembly were many RC priests and nuns. One, the Rev. Thomas Stransky, took journalists on a brief historical tour of Roman Catholic relations with the WCC. He said in 1972 the Vatican decided not to "seek membership of the WCC in the immediate future." But Stransky said, "I do not rule out that the Roman Catholic Church may in the future be in full membership with the WCC." A formal letter from Pope John Paul II, was sent to Dr. Konrad Raiser in which he "extended best wishes and congratulations to Assembly delegates. The WCC has been a valuable instrument at the service of the ecumenical movement, contributing... to the promotion of unity among Christians, in response to the Lord's prayer 'that they may all be one'." The Pope

added, "With regard to the relationship between the WCC and the RCC, it is our hope that ways of future collaboration within the framework of the Joint Working Group can be found in order to intensify the search for Christian unity, also in its visible dimension." The pontiff referred to an Encyclical Letter which stated, "This unity which the Lord has bestowed on his Church and in which he wishes to embrace all people... stands at the very heart of Christ's mission." It continued, "Such commitment is part of the Christian vocation, since every Christian by virtue of Baptism is called to promote the unity of all Christians modeled on the life of the Holy trinity." [Send offering for Dr. Colas' in-depth report to: ACCC, P.O. Box 5455, Bethlehem, PA 18015.]

McGRATH TO SPEAK AT WHEATON - Alister McGrath is a British theologian whose books are highly praised by fellow new-evangelicals such as Carl Henry, John Stott, Ron Sider, and J.I. Packer. [These men are ecumenical and some are borderline liberals.] McGrath is a "Consulting Editor" of *Christianity Today*, whose Board Chairman is Billy Graham. So, no surprise to see him listed (1/11 *CT*) as a speaker at a Wheaton College Healing, Health and Spirituality Conference, April 8-10.

NOTE: The source for the e-mail quote in the 1/15 *CC* Moody article was John E. Ashbrook, *New Neutralism II*.

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PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION NEVER A NECESSITY - Former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop asserted during a recent PBS interview that Pres. Clinton had been "badly misled" when he claimed that partial-birth abortion saves both women's lives and their fertility (1/4 *New Amer.*). "It never saves a mother's life," Koop declared, "and it may very well endanger her fertility."

THE PRINCE OF EGYPT MOVIE - The new animated film on the life of Moses, *The Prince of Egypt*, was made with input from evangelicals, Jews, and Muslims. The filmmaker, DreamWorks, in taking care not to offend these religious groups, took liberties with the Biblical account. It pressured an evangelical publisher, working on a children's book tie-in, to eliminate references to God as "he" and some references to God as "Lord." (12/98 *What In The World!*) To meet politically correct feminist criteria for an acceptable god, it has YHWH saying, "...I am the God of your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; the God of Sara, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah." (12/98 *Media Spotlight*) A Jewish rabbi says: "In terms of animation, it's very good. But it's hokey. God is reduced to a flicker of light. You have this sort of universalization..." (12/27 *Morn. Call*) But Graham, Dobson, and Falwell, were consulted and praise it.

MUSLIM CHAPLAINS - Islam is making inroads into our military chaplaincy program. Currently, there are two Muslim chaplains in the Army, one in the Navy and one in the Air Force - and a total of eight Muslim chaplain candidates in all the U.S. armed forces [12/23 *Soundings*]. Islam's god is not the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ [see 2/1/91 & 5/1/92 *CCs*]. Muslims deny His deity. The Pope and others say we worship the same God.

WISDOM FROM BORK - Judge Robert Bork (1/99 *Charisma*) says: "I am not a religious man, but America is now in moral anarchy! I do not believe it even can survive without a sweeping spiritual revival." In his 1997 best-selling book, *Slouching Toward Gomorrah*, he cited religious liberalism as a major cause for the virtual decline of decency, integrity, and traditional morality in many sectors of American life (4/15/97 *CC*).

CHRISTIANS FORCED TO ACCEPT SODOMY? - Christian employees must accept homosexuality or face demotion - even termination - at a growing number of corporations and government agencies. AT&T, IBM,

and DuPont (and Depts. of Justice and Commerce) now routinely conduct diversity-training programs that promote homosexual rights (11/98 *What In The World!*). The 11/98 *Focus on the Family* cited another example.

NCC, YOUNG FIND NO PERSECUTION IN CHINA - The National Council of Churches is moving closer to declaring officially that Jesus Christ is not the only way to heaven. NCC member denominations no longer insist that Christianity is the only saving faith (11/23 *C..News*). Former U.S. Ambassador to the UN, Andrew Young, takes over as NCC president this year. He once said South African leader and reputed communist Nelson Mandela is "as close to being a saint as can be." (2/1/87 *CC*) Young led a NCC delegation to China in October, and, despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary, he found "no evidence of excessive punitive treatment of Christians that we would use the word 'persecution' to describe." (1/99 *Nat'l Lib. Journal*) The very week he delivered his report to the NCC General Assembly in Chicago, the AP reported that the Chinese had beaten and arrested over 140 underground church members.

CATHOLICS RESTRICT CHRISTIANS IN BOLIVIA - Official state Catholicism limits other religions, including evangelicalism, in Bolivia. It forces citizens of other faiths to pay taxes that support a church they do not attend. Supreme Resolution 200282 obligates non-Catholic churches to submit to the government their membership rosters and members' identification card numbers (12/24 *Ala. Bapt.*). The resolution also requires evangelical churches to request government permission for the collection of public offerings. As a result of legal and lobbying efforts to throw out this resolution, the general director of worship was prompted to suspend it and has opened the possibility of modifying it.

FROM ABORTION TO INFANT HOMICIDE - In a partial-birth abortion, the abortionist begins delivery of a live unborn child feet-first, all the way up to the neck. Then he punctures the base of the skull with scissors (e.g.) and inserts a catheter to suck out the brain and collapse the skull. Then he finishes delivery of the dead child. Now 28 states have passed laws banning killing children in the birth canal but federal courts have shot down some of these (11/21 *World*). If a baby can be killed in the womb, or while being born, then why can't that same baby be killed after birth? (12/21 *New Am.*). Scary!

ST. PATRICK A BAPTIST - A new book titled - *The Real Saint Patrick* says he was a Baptist. This 40-page booklet combines two articles by H.A. Ironside and J.S. Wimbish, with an introduction by Pastor James Barker, and sets forth a case that this "Patron Saint of Ireland" was not Irish, was not a Roman Catholic, but was a Baptist missionary. Order from Pastor Barker at: 565 Park Ave., Cedarhurst, NY 11516, \$3 postpaid.

ETS MET IN FLORIDA - The Evangelical Theological Society met in Orlando, Nov. 19-21, for its 50th Annual Meeting. Speakers included J.I. Packer, Norman Geisler, "Father" Francis Martin (Catholic), Roger Nicole, D.A. Carson, Harold O.J. Brown, Robert Godfrey, John Piper, Luther Whitlock, John Warwick Montgomery, James Beverley, and Frank Beckwith (12/21 *Christian News*). The ecumenical ECT (Evangelicals & Catholics Together) and The Gift of Salvation (see 1/1/98 *CC*) statements were discussed. Packer and Martin were co-authors of the latter, and Packer is said to identify entirely with the ECT process. ETS said "no" to homosexual practice and also to slander of evangelicals for taking a stand on the issue. This seems in contrast to 1988 and 1992 ETS meetings which featured pro-homosexuality lectures by Latin American Mission author Thomas Hanks (see 1/1/96 *CC*). Papers were presented on Mormonism and Moonism. [The Adventist Theol. Society apparently met concurrently with the 1995 ETS meeting.] Carson observed that some Bible colleges like Moody are expanding to include a seminary program and mega-churches like Jack Hayford's are starting their own seminaries. ETS has grown to 2,500 members with 1,296 attending this meeting.

WHO IS THEODORE LETIS? - We noted in our 12/1 *CC* article that Dr. Theodore Letis, a textual expert used on Pensacola Christian College videotapes, was laden with new-evangelical baggage from what we had read. We based this on reports by David Cloud, the Ohio Bible Fellowship and others. After being questioned on this, we have looked further. Letis is listed as a speaker for a Jan. 19-22 Symposia at Concordia Theological

Seminary at Fort Wayne, Ind. This Lutheran symposia also features Dr. Moises Silva (a professor at new-evangelical Gordon-Conwell Seminary) and an organist from Notre Dame. Dr. Letis, by his associations (e.g., with Catholics, per a fundamentalist leader) and his own words, is not a fundamentalist. In a 1997 book, he identified himself as a confessional Lutheran who is "outside of American fundamentalism," is in agreement with "those free from the modern dogma of belief in 'inerrant autographs,'" and is particularly critical of independent-separatist Baptists. Dr. Don Jasmin says Letis has identified himself at various times as a charismatic, a United Methodist, a Baptist, and is now a practicing member of a LCMS church. The LCMS is a mixed bag - most of its high schools teach evolution; it has liberal, modernist, feminist, and conservative clergy, similar to the SBC.

NOTABLE NOTES & QUOTES - "The Episcopal Church is so nice; it is almost as good as having no religion at all." [Convert from Anglicanism -- 1/99 *C.E.C. Jrm.*] *** Christians killed in Russia under communist rule: "Untold millions were martyred, and 90 percent of all churches were destroyed." [1/99 *Charisma*] *** Former SBC president Tom Elliff and Henry Blackaby are featured speakers at Life Action's 1999 "Spirit of Revival Ministers Gathering" [11-12/98 *Fund. Digest*] *** Susan Perlman has been elected president of the board of the Interdenominational Foreign Mission Association. She is associate executive director of Jews for Jesus [1/99 *Moody*]. IFMA and JFJ have new-evangelical ties. *** There are more than 400,000 spiritist mediums in Brazil and 14,000 spiritist centers, some of which offer a form of surgery performed by witches. *** Jim Bakker and new bride work with drug addicts and "broken people." In a new book, he criticizes the prosperity message he preached for years at PTL. [1/99 *Charisma*]. *** NAE's recent president Don Argue was listed, along with Pat Robertson and Robert Schuller, as a keynote speaker for Jerusalem 2000, an "event of the millennium." [10/26 *CT*]

F. GRAHAM, HYBELS AT MOODY - Moody Bible Institute's Founder's Week in Chicago, Feb. 1-6, features as speakers Tony Evans, Franklin Graham, Bill Hybels, Luis Palau, Jan Silvius, Ravi Zacharias, and MBI Pres. Joseph Stowell. A Nov. 4, 1997 e-mail from Andy Neckar stated: "Alas, there is a different Moody today. No declaration was ever made saying, 'We have left fundamentalism and are now in the new-evangelical camp.' By a quiet progression, the change was made. I recall hearing a former Moody president declare that the school would not support the Graham Crusade in Chicago because of its ecumenism. However, at its 100th anniversary celebration in 1986, Billy Graham was the featured speaker. The favor was returned the following July when Moody's president, Dr. George Sweeting, gave a major address at Graham's Amsterdam '86 conference."

'I DON'T WANNA HEAR IT' - We regularly receive letters expressing disapproval of our exposing ungodliness in the professing church. We're accused of sowing discord among brethren, of being unloving - or hateful - and are exhorted to concentrate on positive issues.... Evidently it disturbs many Christians to think that evil is in their midst. But it *is*, and there are plenty of books and periodicals already available giving a feel-good, positive perspective.... Just peruse the shelves of any "Christian" bookstore and you'll see that 98% of the books are inspirational, educational or technical (Bible study aids, etc.), instructional on living (how to pray, raise family, etc.), and even heretical or dangerously, doctrinally aberrant. You could carry in one arm those that expose the unfruitful works of darkness within the church.... Satan doesn't mind if we Christians feel good about ourselves in our moral lifestyle and church attendance, comparing ourselves with the lost.... [Adapted from 1992 *Media Spotlight* via *BDM*] Many today are like those in Isa. 30:10 who said, "...speak unto us smooth things... deceits." They don't wanna hear truth and sound doctrine.

LOVE AND TRUTH - The real joy of Biblical Christianity is the balance of love and truth, "...speaking the truth in love..." (Eph. 4:5). Truth always proceeds love and is the basis for love. Biblical Christianity is "truth in love." One can not be Biblical and have truth only, nor can one have love only. Love is a motive. It may be more difficult to observe. Let us be careful when we say another is not loving. Acting in an ugly and hateful manner is a lack of love. But to say that someone is unloving because they present truth misses the mark completely. In fact, one can not be loving if they do not present truth. We resent truth-tellers when they present

facts that stand contrary to the way we believe and live. [*Shepherds Staff*, Dr. Clay Nuttall, editor, Director of Project 21, Piedmont Bible College]

C.S. LEWIS PAPER - Nov. 29 marked the centennial of the birth of C.S. Lewis. Many evangelicals rate him the most influential writer. We have run over a dozen articles warning of Lewis. Pastor John Helgerson has compiled a 32-page paper listing serious errors that permeate Lewis' writings. Warning: The paper has a page of profanities found in Lewis' books. Order from: Church of the Open Bible, Winn & Wyman Sts., Burlington, MA 01803.

KIM MILLER & CONCERNED CHRISTIANS CULT - The Concerned Christians cult, which counts only several dozen members, began selling their homes around Denver last fall. Their leader, Monte Kim Miller, believes he will die in Jerusalem next Dec. and be resurrected (1/4 *HT*). Some members were arrested and expelled from Israel in Jan. The new *Media Spotlight* (P.O. Box 290, Redmond, WA 98073) has a 5-page report on this doomsday cult.

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ABORTIONS ON THE WANE - The abortion rate recently hit its lowest level since 1975. The 1995 tally was 1.21 million, down from the peak of 1.43 million in 1990 (12/7 *USN&WR*). Fewer women need them, due to: fear of AIDS, increased contraceptive use, fewer abortion facilities, etc. In addition, Congress has barred the use of federal Medicaid funds for routine abortions, 29 states now require minors to notify or get parental or judicial consent, and arson and bomb attacks on clinics are up since 1996.

ROMANIA'S DISPOSABLE KIDS - Even after wicked Ceaucescu was ousted in 1989, Romania is still throwing away its children. Abandonment of children is epidemic. Hundreds are left daily in hospitals and at the front door of orphanages. There are nearly three abortions for every live birth, the highest rate anywhere (12/12 *World*). An estimated 350,000 street children huff inhalants, panhandle, and live underneath bridges and in various city dumps.

SCHULLER SPEAKS FOR MOONIES, MORMONS - Robert Schuller has appeared as a main speaker for the Unity School of Christianity's (New Age) annual conference ridiculing evangelical Christianity, at Unification Church (Moonies) functions with Sun Myung Moon, and at an interfaith prayer breakfast at the Mormon Tabernacle (11/98 *Vantage Point*). New Agers, Mormons, and Catholics have spoken from his Crystal Cathedral pulpit. Some of his teachings and actions are liberal, postmodern and heretical.

SBC PRESIDENT WARNS OF MUSIC - Southern Baptist Convention president Paige Patterson at a Sept. conference challenged youth ministers to be creative by using music that has "depth" and "theological insight" to teach young people biblical doctrine (12/98 *Bapt. Banner*). "If you have weak little anemic ballads that don't tell anything about the Word and ways of God, how do you expect your young people to grow up strong in the Lord?" While there is nothing wrong with "taking good tunes of the world and putting godly music to them [some would question this!]," Patterson stressed God's holiness and said: "We have come to a time in the church where we are more likely to have music that makes you shake a leg than bend a knee.... When the music is more experiential than it is focused on the [triune] God of Heaven...then we have gone too far."

INDIA TELLS MISSIONARIES TO LEAVE - The Hindu nationalist Vishwa Hindu Parishad wants all

foreign missionaries working in India to leave because of "forcible conversions." This despite the fact that India stopped issuing missionary visas in 1964 (12/7 *Chr. Today*). A quit-India movement has been launched against Christians, and there have been over 30 attacks on them since March.

POPE OFFERS EARLY SALVATION? - In a recent 29 page decree, Pope John Paul II proclaimed the year 2000 a special jubilee year for Catholics. The edict includes ways of earning indulgences to help get to heaven faster, including by abstaining from smoking and drinking (for even one day is rewarded) during the Holy Year and by giving to charity (12/7 *C. News*). He also asked rich nations to ease or greatly eliminate Third World debt. (11/28 *Houston Chron.*).

MORAL INTEGRITY, OR ECONOMIC PROSPERITY? - If the people and the lawmakers of the U.S. are willing to tolerate a man of squalid moral posture to be President, if they are willing to accept that lies, perjury, physical threats, abuse of power, predatory sexual proclivities, and hundreds of other immoral and illegal acts are nothing in comparison to the fool's paradise of a counterfeit and ephemeral economic prosperity, then they will have sacrificed their own moral integrity and brought forth a gathering darkness of despotism upon the formerly God-protected country. [James Thornton, 11/23 *New American*]

WHITEHEAD & RUTHERFORD HAVE CHANGED - John Whitehead and his Rutherford Institute took a major role in the Paula Jones sexual harassment suit against Pres. Clinton. In college Whitehead was a radical Marxist, but after his 1974 conversion he later was a law professor at Oral Roberts University, and in 1982 founded the Rutherford Institute and handled religious freedom cases. But the Spring '98 *Record*, a pro-homosexual paper, says he now defends some gay rights clients and quotes him as saying, "I've changed a lot in recent years." The 11/28 *World* says the kinder, gentler Whitehead supports the big government behemoth Americans with Disabilities Act and he says that belief in the death penalty is not pro-life.

GENDER-NEUTRAL BIBLES - Some Bible translations are going "gender neutral," replacing "he" and "man" with "they" and "humankind" or similar words with neutral gender (11/21 *World*). Eighteen months after the Internat'l Bible Society said it had abandoned its "inclusive language" Bible project, new supplies of the gender-neutral New International Reader's Version are back in circulation.

NRB '99 SPEAKERS - The 56th Annual Convention & Exposition of the National Religious Broadcasters is set for Jan. 30 - Feb. 2 at Opryland Hotel, Nashville, Tenn. Speakers include: Chuck Colson, Alan Keyes (RC), Bill Bright, Brother Andrew, T.D. Jakes, Joni, Erwin Lutzer (Moody), Steve Brown, Larry Burkett, and David Gibbs.

DR. COLAS HAS RETURNED FROM ZIMBABWE WCC MEETING - Watch for excerpts from his report in next CC.

GEORGIA BAPTISTS ON CHARISMATICS & GAYS - An amendment to the Georgia Baptist Convention (SBC) constitution to exclude churches that participate in charismatic worship failed at its Nov. annual meeting (12/3 *Ala. Baptist*). The vote, 1,190 for and 747 against, fell short of the required two-thirds for passage. But they did vote, by a large majority, to withdraw fellowship from member churches that support homosexual behavior. Wake Forest Baptist Church [NC] voted Nov. 15 to allow its ministers to officiate at same-sex weddings, but stopped short of affirmation of such unions (11/98 *PBC*).

UCC: FIRST IN LIBERALISM - United Church of Christ president Paul Sherry wants a pastoral letter he wrote supporting acceptance of homosexuality read from all 6,000 UCC pulpits (12/5 *World*). Back in 1980, the UCC became the first and only mainline denomination to officially allow practicing homosexuals and lesbians to serve as pastors. It allows Catholic priests to serve as UCC pastors (4/13/92 *Chr. News*). It passed a resolution in 1991 making it the first mainline group to back active euthanasia and allow suicide (8/1/91 *CC*). Its official

statements have supported abortion. The UCC allows its pastors and professors to deny key Christian doctrines.

RC CARDINAL ADDRESSES BRITAIN'S BAPTISTS - Cardinal Basil Hume made the first ever visit by a Roman Catholic archbishop to the assembly of the Baptist Union of Great Britain last May (8/98 *Australian Beacon*). The Baptist Union is a member of the Baptist World Alliance, of which the SBC is a major member and supporter.

BILL BRIGHT & CATHOLICS - Dr. James M. Boice, pastor of Tenth Presbyterian Church (Philadelphia) and president of the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals, in a recent interview with *Christian News* (12/7 *CN*), commented on Campus Crusade president Bill Bright as a signer of ECT (Evangelicals & Catholics Together) thusly: "Bill Bright just isn't theological. He's a businessman. I don't think he knows any theology at all. And he's just out to 'evangelize the world.' Well, he's got these 'millions and millions' who are becoming Christians because they've seen his 'Jesus' film. Well, Catholics want to do good things too, so Bill Bright doesn't really have any reason not to think that Catholics are wonderful - co-belligerents, faithful soldiers of the Lord - and they believe in Jesus, right? Catholics believe in the 'Four Spiritual Laws' - that's fine with Bill Bright. So he's with them - he doesn't think any deeper than that. But what has really disturbed us then, is somebody like J.I. Packer who has signed on [to ECT]..." But Packer, though a theologian, is ecumenical like Bright. Bright and Campus Crusade have worked closely with Catholics for years and welcomed them on staff (6/8 *CN* - also, see 12/15 *CC*).

COLSON & CATHOLICS - Dr. James Montgomery Boice in a recent interview with *Christian News* said: "Chuck Colson [is] a great dynamic mover and shaker... trying to do something significant for God. That's great. He has a Catholic wife. His best friends, or at least the people he looks up to in his books, are Catholics - Mother Teresa rates very highly, Malcolm Muggeridge ...I genuinely think he inclines toward a high view of Catholicism. But I've always said that I think that if it weren't that his income comes from Protestants, that he would convert to Catholicism....That's my impression."

BLAKE EXITS BIBLE TRACTS - Rev. Ralph Blake who succeeded the late Evangelist Paul Levin as Exec. Dir. of Bible Tracts, Inc. and the voice of Bible Tract Echoes, resigned in August. No successor has been named. Rev. Don Winch has fulfilled some of Rev. Blake's speaking schedule. Dr. Ralph Wingate is doing the radio program.

MARANATHA HAS NEW PRESIDENT - Maranatha Baptist Bible College (Watertown, Wis.) by a unanimous vote of the Board has called Dr. Dave Jaspers as its third president. MBBC was established in 1968 by Dr. B. Myron Cedarholm who served as its first president until 1983. Dr. Arno Q. Weniger then served as its president until 1998. Dr. Jaspers (son of Dr. Glen Jaspers) was called to preach while working at the Bill Rice Ranch in 1969. He graduated from Maranatha in 1976 with majors in Bible and Pastoral Studies. He has pastored in Michigan and Iowa, served as president of the Iowa Chapter of the American Association of Christian Schools, and as vice-president of the Iowa Mid-America Baptist Fellowship. He entered full-time evangelism in 1986 and has preached over 500 meetings. Since 1994 he has served both in evangelism and as director of the West Branch of the Bill Rice Ranch camp in Flagstaff, Ariz. He and family plan to move to Watertown in Jan. and begin their ministry, with inauguration set for May 6, 1999. Dr. McLaughlin is a member of MBBC's Board.

FALWELL DENIES LU PRESIDENT A CATHOLIC - FBF president Dr. Rod Bell writes in the Nov.- Dec. *Frontline*: "Recently, it came to my attention that the new president of Liberty University, Dr. John Borek Jr., was a Roman Catholic.... It has now been verified that John Borek was and may still be identified with Rome, and when given an opportunity to testify of a clear-cut conversion he did not do so...." We first heard this last June and later e-mailed Dr. Falwell directly and received this response from him: "Jerry, to my knowledge, President John Borek has never had a Roman Catholic association." Falwell claimed two decades ago to be a

Fundamentalist, when all the while his actions belied the claim, causing him to be considered somewhat the father of pseudo-Fundamentalism. We have long since found him and LU Dean Dr. Elmer Towns to be a bit less than forthright at times. Dr. Bell adds: "Last year, Falwell said that he was not joining the Southern Baptist Convention. This year he joined!...True Fundamentalists don't join the SBC; they separate from it." He terms Falwell's actions "deception and betrayal."

GRAHAM'S MUSIC AT TAMPA - On Oct. 24, Billy Graham preached in person to over 74,000 in Tampa, FL and another 6,257 logged onto computers on the Internet to hear him (12/7 CT). The Sat. night cyberspace event included music by rock groups dc talk and Jars of Clay in a "Concert for the NeXt Generation." In some ways, this was "like a regular rock concert." People danced in the stands and on the field, per a report in *Foundation*. Graham's TV special included the Charlie Daniels Band. *Moody* (8/94) favorably reviewed a country rock "gospel" album by Daniels (see 9/1/94 CC), but an interview in the 7/31/94 *Huntsville Times* quoted him using profanity.

GRAND RAPIDS' NEW EVANGELICAL SPEAKERS - Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary is a GARBC-approved school. Again this year's Annual Bible Conference, set for Feb. 15-19, features speakers who have clearly positioned themselves in a new-evangelical orbit. Included are: Howard Hendricks, Haddon Robinson, Knute Larson, and Alistair Begg (12/98 *Bapt. Bulletin*). We covered the Mar. 1994 NAE meeting in Dallas as a reporter and heard Larson deride fundamentalists. GRBS v-p Robert Nienhuis' listed speaking schedule included chapels for Bryan College, Toccoa Falls, Reformed, and Moody.

NEW PICKERING BOOKLET - Many of Dr. Ernest Pickering's helpful booklets are available from Baptist World Mission, P.O. Box 2149, Decatur, AL 35602. Some of these are \$2 each, postpaid, including his new 14-page booklet entitled, *Should We Kick Theology out the Door?*

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EVOLUTIONISTS DRIVEN BY RELIGION - Some evolutionists are willing to accept even a mythical theory so long as it does not posit the supernatural. Pro-Catholic ecumenist Chuck Colson in his 1997 book *Burden of Truth* says physicist Paul Davies has written a book *The Mind of God* - yet he doesn't even believe in God! Colson quotes Davies as saying the real issue "is whether or not some sort of supernatural act is necessary to start the universe off." Colson says "Davies is...admitting that for him *it doesn't matter* whether a scientific theory is right or wrong; it matters only whether the theory gets rid of the supernatural. This amounts to admitting that even a myth is acceptable, so long as it's a *naturalistic* myth - so long as it reassures scientists they don't have to worry about a Creator."

'ALPHA COURSE' WARNING - We have twice-warned (3/1 & 5/15 CCs) of the highly controversial and dangerous Alpha Course. It was devised by Holy Trinity Brompton, London, a large charismatic Anglican church. Anglican priest Nicky Gumbel began teaching it in 1990. It is now the largest evangelistic effort in Britain and has been taken up by the main denominations and spread to the U.S. and elsewhere (11/28 *H. Times*). J. I. Packer, Luis Palau, and other new evangelicals have endorsed it. Its philosophy is said to be New Age, leading to experiences rooted in the occult. C. S. Lewis is the first author recommended. The Alpha Course, originally intended for new Christians, is now aimed at the unchurched. But at its core is a "watered down" gospel (*CRN Newsl.*). It is geared less to conversion than to seeking the spurious Toronto Blessing experience.

JAMES DOBSON'S GOSPEL OF SELF-ESTEEM & PSYCHOLOGY - is a revised and retitled edition of *Prophets of PsychoHeresy II* by Martin & Deidre Bobgan (4137 Primavera Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93110, 248 pages, \$14). They write: "Because of the tremendous influence in bringing psychology and self-esteem teachings into the church, Dr. James Dobson's work is an appropriate subject for examination. What he has written and said is examined from both a biblical and scientific point of view. There are pluses to Dobson's ministry. However, after all pluses and minuses are added together it is concluded that Focus on the Family...too often honors man and his opinion over God and His Word. Contrary to what he claims... some of [his]...teachings actually originated from secular psychological theorists whose opinions are based on godless foundations. Thus, Dobson uses the Bible as a sanction for dispensing unbiblical ideas to unsuspecting readers

and listeners. The use of psychology to help people eclipses the Scriptures at Focus on the Family. Self-esteem and psychology are...major thrusts that too often supersede sin, salvation, and sanctification. They are another gospel."

POPE'S POWER RESTATED - The Vatican's "guardian of orthodoxy," Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, recently said: "Popes alone can determine the limits of their powers." (10/31 *HT*) But he conceded that "in the history of the papacy, human errors and grave failings are not lacking."

TM: LUCRATIVE NEW AGE RELIGION - Transcendental Meditation is the offspring of Hinduism. It is presented to the West as a "scientific" meditative method of reducing stress and finding inward peace without drugs (Watchman Fellowship *Profile*). Since it claims it is not a religion, Jewish, Protestant, and Catholic leaders endorse it to members. TM founder Maharishi Mahesh Yogi's TM enterprise is worth between three billion and four billion dollars.

CHINA SIGNS UN TREATY, ARRESTS CHRISTIANS - On Oct. 5, China signed a UN treaty protecting freedom of religion. A month later it arrested over 140 Protestants and beat their leaders (11/10 *H. Times*). China permits religious freedom only within official churches which have government approval. It persecutes Christians who meet in unapproved house churches (11/5 *Ala. Baptist*). A new law signed by Pres. Clinton will do little good as long as business and political interests supersede religious freedom.

UNITES STATES OF EUROPE? - On January 1, 11 European nations take a step toward economic and political convergence by adopting a common currency called the *euro*. This is the latest step in the march toward European unification, giving greater clout and economic growth.

RELATIVISM: 'ALL TRUTHS ARE EQUALLY VALID' - A 10/19 *Christian News* article listed some slogans used by those 66 percent of American adults (Barna, 1991 survey) who don't believe absolute truth exists: "Christianity's true for you, but not for me." "Everything is relative." "Who are *you* to judge that person?" "You can do whatever you want just as long as it doesn't hurt anybody." "Christianity is just one path among many to God." "Belief in Jesus as the only way to God is totally intolerant." Postmodernism!

DOBSON BLASTS MEDIA IN HOMOSEXUAL MURDER - Focus on the Family Pres. James Dobson denounced NBC *Today Show* host Katie Couric for her question to the Wyo. governor that implied Christians were responsible for the murder of a Wyo. college student, an admitted homosexual.

MacARTHUR BOOKLET - George Zeller, in a 28-page booklet, critiques John MacArthur's *The Sonship of Christ* booklet which was presented to IFCA leaders in 1991 and later mailed to each IFCA member. Order critique from Zeller at: 349 East St., Middletown, CT 06457, \$1 postpaid.

CAMPUS CRUSADE'S BILL BRIGHT NOW LESS RIGID IN THEOLOGY? - Former Campus Crusade leaders say founder Bill Bright is no longer as rigid in his theology and leadership, but is still socially conservative. He has embraced charismatics in recent years (11/7 *Dallas Morn. News*). Participants in his Fasting & Prayer event (Nov.) included Pat Robertson and PK's Bill McCartney. (See 10/1 *CC* for others.) Bright believes prayer coupled with fasting is a powerful discipline that proves to God Christians are repentant. In a new book, he calls for "Christianizing" America. In 1996 he won the \$1 million New Age related Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion (4/1/96 *CC*). Bright has Catholics on his staff. He signed the ecumenical ECT (Evangelicals & Catholics Together) document. He plans to step down from Campus Crusade leadership in three years, but won't reveal his successor.

WHITHER VINEYARD AFTER OUSTING TORONTO BLESSING CHURCH? - John Wimber pruned the "Toronto Blessing" church from his Vineyard movement in Dec. 1995, for its services which featured "over

the edge" laughing, barking, and other animal noises (see 1/15/96 CC). He was "tired of defending a revival that Hank Hanegraaff had demonized." (12/98 *Charisma*). But Wimber died in Nov. 1997 and some churches have left the Vineyard, including Promise Keeper James Ryles' church (see 8/15 CC). The *Charisma* article tries to link "holy laughter" and other oddities to Charles Spurgeon, Jonathan Edwards, and George Whitefield. Hanegraaff said the Toronto Blessing is "a great apostasy," called the church a cult, and blasted its pastor as a false prophet.

CALVER STRESSES LIFESTYLE, SOCIAL ACTION - Clive Calver spent 14 years as director general of the Evangelical Alliance of the United Kingdom. Last May 1 he became president of the NAE's World Relief arm (3/29/97 *Dallas Morn. News*). Moody Pres. Joseph Stowell praised him highly, and arrangements were made for Calver to speak at Moody. The 12/98 *Charisma* reveals Calver's stress on linking social action as part of the "whole gospel." He says: "Jesus preached the gospel and healed the sick. There was unity between His message and His life. For me, this is a crucial point. I gave my life to Jesus Christ not because of the message an evangelist preached but because of the way he lived his life."

SIDER: 'FEED HUNGRY, CLOTHE NAKED OR GO TO HELL' - Evangelicals for Social Action President Ron Sider has been called a pro-Marxist who "acts and talks like a radical socialist." Yet he parades as an evangelical (see 5/15/90 CC). He misapplies Scripture (12/98 *Charisma*) by saying: "Jesus said that if we do not feed the hungry and clothe the naked, we go to hell (Matt. 25:41-46)."

CATHOLIC CHARISMATICS REMAIN CATHOLICS - The 12/98 *Charisma* quotes the world president of the Catholic Fraternity thusly: "In the last 25 years, the Catholic charismatic renewal has moved from being seen as on the fringe of the Catholic Church right into the heart of the Church." Pope John Paul II has thanked charismatics for leading the church to embrace the "presence and power of the Holy Spirit." Covenant communities connect to Rome with their common dedication to serve the Catholic Church worldwide. They along with the pope are dedicated to fostering unity with all Christians. Catholic charismatics are said to feel an obligation to maintain their Catholicism and further the work of the kingdom by working within the Church. But God's Word commands Christians to "come out."

ERRATA - In "Binge Drinking" article in 12/1 CC, "sex" obviously should have been "six." In Ed Dobson article, his church is "Calvary Church," not "Calvary Baptist."

GROUP DENOUNCES WCC - The Association for Church Renewal, consisting of evangelical church leaders and renewal organizations, says the World Council of Churches has turned its back on Christianity and adopted an agenda that encompasses a variety of false religions (12/98 *Nat'l Lib. Jrnl.*). The result is an abandonment of missionary outreach, exclusion of evangelicals, promotion of syncretism, and liberalized standards on sexuality. An ACR leader said the WCC, on a path of macro-ecumenism, is becoming a vague umbrella with multiple faiths - Christianity being only one of many "religious" groups. ACR members want the WCC to "repudiate all other gods and saviors" and proclaim "Jesus Christ as the only truth...." But the ACR itself is criticized for embracing not only Christian theology, but also Roman Catholic and Orthodox communions. The WCC is meeting this month in Zimbabwe at its eighth seven-year assembly.

PK IS FALTERING - *Sword of the Lord* Editor Shelton Smith writes: "Reports continue to indicate that the Promise Keepers organization is faltering badly. They are scrambling to regroup and find a way to recapture their momentum. Since these ecumenical organizations have such an anemic doctrinal base (they do not like the word *doctrine* at all) underneath them, it is difficult to sustain themselves. When unity is contrived without solid doctrine, it is a false unity and cannot produce solid results...."

FALWELL & CHARISMATICS AT TODD MEETING - Cecil Todd's 50 year celebration at Branson, MO, April 5-8, 1999 features Jerry Falwell, Bob Harrington, Rod Parsley, Jesse Duplantis, and Tommy Barnett as

speakers (12/98 *Charisma*). Jake Hess will perform. A conference last April also hosted by Cecil and Linda Todd featured John Hagee, Jim Bakker, Bob Harrington, John Maxwell, and a couple of TBN charismatics as speakers. (5/1 CC).

CBF LIBERALISM - Southern Seminary v-p and dean Daniel Akin read from a list of charges, prepared by conservative Southern Baptists in Missouri against the moderate/liberal Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, in an address to Alabama Southern Baptists in Nov. (11/26 *Ala. Baptist*). "They (the CBF) are willing to tolerate people who have radical views. They are making the tent too big." Akin charged that the CBF has leaders who deny the deity of Christ, the need for His sacrificial death and the importance of the virgin birth. He said some CBF leaders hold liberal views on abortion and homosexuality.

Tensions between Southern Baptists in Va. and Texas have resulted in conservatives establishing alternative state Baptist conventions. But Ala. conservatives endorsed the convention new nominees and warned of CBF danger.

LIBERAL 'EVANGELISM' - NAE's World Relief President Clive Calver said: "I gave my life to Jesus Christ not because of the message an evangelist preached but because of the way he lived his life." (12/98 *Charisma*). Ron Sider (Eastern Seminary) said if we don't feed the hungry and clothe the naked, we go to hell. Now, in the American Baptist Churches USA's paper *The Christian Citizen* (p5) we see this for evangelism: "Evangelism is not to preach whatever comes to our mind but to announce the coming of the kingdom with the transforming and liberating power of God." Any "evangelism" that does not include the biblical Gospel (1Cor. 15:1-4, Rom. 1:16), is not biblical evangelism, but a powerless "social gospel."

'LAUGHING REVIVAL' REPORT - The first 16 pages of David Cloud's latest *O Timothy* magazine gives a helpful report on the charismatic Laughing Revival, Toronto Blessing, Brownsville Revival and Pensacola Outpouring. Contact him at: Way of Life Literature, Bible Baptist Church, 1701 Harns Rd., Oak Harbor, WA 98277.

PRAY FOR ACCC EXEC. SEC'Y DR. RALPH COLAS - as he goes to Zimbabwe to cover the Dec. WCC meeting!

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BINGE DRINKING A CAMPUS KILLER - It is estimated that America's 12 million undergrads drink the equivalent of six million gallons of beer a week and that excessive drinking is involved in thousands of student deaths a year (11/98 *R. Digest*). Per a survey of college administrators, 38 percent of academic problems are alcohol-related, as are 29 percent of dropouts. The article said alcohol is a poison - often pleasurable, but a toxin nonetheless. It increases aggression, impairs judgment and is related to 25 percent of violent crimes and roughly 60 percent of vandalism.

TV, MUSIC VIDEOS START TEEN DRINKING? - A new Stanford University survey shows that high school students who watch lots of television and music videos are more likely to start drinking alcohol than other youngsters (11/3 *Hunts. Times*). Most drinking on television is said to be done by the most attractive and influential people, and often associated with sexually suggestive content. The study also found each increase of one hour per day of watching music videos brought a 31 percent greater risk of drinking.

ASTRONAUTS DEBUNK EVOLUTION - Logic-oriented scientists and daring pilots turn spiritual after their space flights. Liberal Democrat Senator and astronaut John Glenn (Presbyterian) after his recent flight said: "To look up out at this kind of creation and not believe in God is to me impossible." The 11/3 *Huntsville Times* article this was taken from had similar quotes from other astronauts. Randall Hedtke in a new 67-page book titled The Plight of the True Science Teacher refutes Darwinian and theistic evolution. He says: "The problem with evolution as a theory is that it is long on persuasion but short on self-criticism and experimentation." Order it from: True Science, PO Box 103, Alexandria, MN 56308, \$9.50 postpaid.

HOLLYWOOD SHAPES VALUES - UNICEF, the UN children's fund, is being used to change Third World culture attitudes about women. Cartoon character Meena is featured on Asian TV, and a million *Meena* comic books were distributed in Bangladesh (11/14 *World*). Hollywood, meanwhile, tells US that entertainment simply reflects the culture, it doesn't change it. It says the entertainment industry doesn't shape our children, culture, or national values. If that be so, then why are social policy experts and their Hollywood allies banking on a cartoon to change Third World cultural values? Fact is, media images DO influence thinking/behavior, as evidenced by commercials.

SAME-SEX MARRIAGE DEFEATED IN HAWAII - In a stunning defeat for the gay-rights movement, voters in Hawaii and Alaska overwhelmingly (by over 2 to 1 margin) approved ballot initiatives to preserve traditional marriage.

TED TURNER: RICH BUT DUMB - Ted Turner, owner of CNN and the Atlanta Braves (and v-c of Time-Warner), divides the world into two groups: smart people and dumb people. He claims to be smart, and tries to save the world from overpopulation and bad environmental practices. He is indeed rich and worldly-wise. But spiritually he is foolish. He says: "The message must be preached that heaven is on earth." and "You will do a lot better at saving yourself than praying to somebody to save you. I think the savior is right here. With our current technology, we can save ourselves." (11/14 *World*). He has his own version of the Ten Commandments which he calls the Ted Commandments. He says he looks forward to going to hell (9/21 *Christian News*). He said a place that's perfect would be "boring."

DISNEY EXPOSED - A new book, *Disney: The Mouse Betrayed*, by Peter and Rochelle Schweizer exposes The Mouse for a rat. Under Michael Eisner since 1984, Disney branched out into entertainment. Its Hollywood Records had The Lifers Group, a rap band made up entirely of convicted felons at a NJ prison. It bought into Viewer's Choice, now a leading purveyor of pornography (11/14 *World*). The book tells of crimes involving pedophiles at Magic Kingdom. It gives dozens of examples of rottenness.

RUSSIA'S SAD PLIGHT - "In a single month, the ruble lost half its value; the Russian stock market has declined 80 percent; and the nation is effectively bankrupt. The life expectancy of the average Russian man is only 56 years, lower than in Third World countries, and the population is plagued by alcoholism, suicide, and despair." (Gene Veith, 10/31 *World*). What happened? Capitalism won't work without a rule of law, a moral base. Communists destroyed Russia's moral base, and it can't be rebuilt overnight.

CLINTON 'PROTECTS' HOMOS - Pres. Clinton's exec. order last May added "sexual orientation" as a protected class of federal workers against discrimination (10/26 *C. Today*). Conservatives fear this will lead to quotas. James Dobson says "The wording guarantees that those who claim to be homosexuals will henceforth be given preferential treatment in hiring, firing, and job-related activities."

PENTAGON REMOVES PORN - The Pentagon directed military store managers to remove 153 sexually explicit magazines from sales outlets on Sept. 21, but failed to ban or consider "sexually explicit" *Playboy* and a dozen others.

IVCF POSTPONES URBANA '99 DUE TO Y2K GLITCH - Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship has postponed its Ill. triennial meeting from Dec. 27-31, 1999 to a year later (11/16 *CN*). Reasons cited included Y2K "unknown variables."

PCC'S OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON KJV - Pensacola Christian College's V-P for Institutional Relations, Dr. Joe Rammel, last month sent us the following official stance on the KJV textual issue: "Pensacola Christian College teaches that God gave the words of Scripture by inspiration without error in the original autographs. God promises that he will preserve His Word; Jesus said '*...but my words shall not pass away*' - Matt. 24:35. We believe God has kept that promise by preserving His infallible Word in the traditional Hebrew and Greek manuscripts and that the Authorized Version (KJV) is the best translation of the preserved Word of God in the English language. We hold it with confidence believing that it accurately reflects the inspired and infallible words of the Hebrew and Greek." PCC caused a firestorm of controversy with a video tape earlier this year that featured a "scholar" (Letis) laden with new-evangelical or heretical baggage, from what we have read. This new official statement would seem to be a step back toward a less divisive original stance. We are grieved at the extent that the Bible version issue is dividing Fundamentalism. We deplore Ruckmanism, but also have had

articles warning of many of the untrustworthy modern Bible versions. But it would seem that we should exercise charity and not allow micro considerations of the KJV to become such an emotional "break fellowship" issue.

BURGEONING PENTECOSTALISM - The size of the Pentecostal movement is staggering. Vinson Synan of Pat Robertson's Regent University says that of the world's 540 million Pentecostals, 52 million are from China, 92 million are charismatic Catholics, 71 million are Protestant charismatics, and 215 million are in classical Pentecostal denominations. Charismatics and Pentecostals make up over 88 percent of Brazil's evangelical population. Pentecostalism is the largest and most dynamic movement within evangelicalism (11/16 *CT*). The Pentecostal and charismatic church is growing by 19 million per year.

BROWNSVILLE 'REVIVAL' & RICH PREACHERS - The Brownsville Assembly of God (Pensacola) claims to be hosting "the largest local church revival in the history of America." But the *Pensacola News Journal* says three of the main leaders have acquired large tracts of land and have built or are building opulent homes. Church pastor John Kilpatrick travels in a \$310,000 deluxe motor coach and has built a \$340,000 luxury home. Evangelist Stephen Hill's ministry bought 40 acres in Ala., listed at \$847,931 (BJU's *What in the World!*). Michael Brown who heads Brownsville's School of Ministry is building a house that the paper says will cost \$727,360, but Brown says it is worth less than \$425,000. "Revival" leaders still sometimes plead 20 minutes for donations.

DOBSON'S CHURCH IS MEMBER OF IFCA - Dr. Richard Gregory, Exec. Dir. of IFCA, Int'l in an e-mail last month said Ed Dobson (Pastor of Calvary Church, Grand Rapids) is not a member of the IFCA but that the church he pastors (Calvary Church, Grand Rapids) is. Gregory said Dobson is a good preacher and "honorable man" but that he is "much broader than IFCA in his associations." Calvary Church is the old M.R. DeHaan church. Now a "seeker sensitive" church (see 6/1/94 *CC*), it features rock music and its pastor has positioned himself in the New Evangelical camp. An IFCA church in NJ supported a 9/91 Billy Graham Crusade (see 4/15/91 *CC*).

SBC SEMINARY MAKES PROFS SIGN SUBMISSION RULE - Southwestern Baptist Seminary board members have changed a bylaw to require faculty members to sign the updated version of the SBC's statement of faith that includes a statement that women must submit graciously to their husbands (10/24 *HT*). One prof says he won't sign.

PK NO HELP TO LOCAL CHURCH ATTENDANCE - Of the Promise Keepers' seven promises, Promise #5 reads: "A Promise Keeper is committed to supporting the mission of the church...by actively giving of his time and resources." So, what is the result of the past eight years? Religion researcher George Barna reported recently that male church attendance has shown no increase since 1990, when PK sponsored its first event in Colorado (11/98 *Charisma*). Although PK has touched millions of men, critics say the "pep rally" atmosphere of PK events provides an emotional high but little discipleship for men to become better husbands, fathers and spiritual leaders.

FORMER SBC LIBERALS DEFEND CLINTON - Exiled Southern Baptist liberals who call themselves moderates have become Pres. Clinton's Baptist enablers. E. Glenn Hinson, professor at the "moderate" Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond, VA says the president's sin is none of our business (11/7 *World*). Hinson was Prof. of Church History at Southern Seminary (Louisville) for over twenty years, teaching that Jesus had no consciousness of "divinity," and that "the risen Christ had not a physical but a spiritual body" (David Beale, *SBC: House on the Sand?*). Former SBC liberal James Dunn and Foy Valentine have also defended Clinton. Valentine said: "What he did is disgusting, but not what I would consider adultery." Such amazing blindness!

WAKE FOREST SELLS ALCOHOL ON CAMPUS - Wake Forest University sells beer and wine on campus and Southern Baptists say a college-operated pub sends the wrong message to students (11/11 *H*).

Times). WFU cut governance ties with the State Convention over a decade ago, but still has fraternal ties with it. WFU's 1997-98 "Year of Religion" program featured a Buddhist monk, a rabbi, and liberals as speakers (see 10/1/97 CC).

LETTER FROM LOCAL RELIGIOUS EDITOR PRAISING HER DEPARTING SBC PASTOR TO HIS NEW CHURCH: - "If you expect to hear fire and brimstone from the pulpit, you've called the wrong man. He's never once... raised his voice...or pounded his fist on the podium. His messages are thought-provoking and challenging, never threatening or condemning....His sermons last 15 to 18 minutes....If you want [him] to tell you exactly what you should believe, you've picked the wrong man....He will...offer his take on the issue, then let you decide your own approach to God and the Scriptures...." [11/7 HT]

DU PLESSIS WORKED WITH CATHOLICS - David du Plessis was known as "Mr. Pentecost" but "Mr. Ecumenical" would have been just as accurate. At his death in 1987, he had been active in World Council of Churches and Catholic-Pentecostal dialogues (see 4/15/87 CC). He accepted the Catholic dogma of papal infallibility and tolerated apparitions of the Virgin Mary. He was the first non-Roman Catholic ever to receive the distinguished Renemerenti Medal (11/98 *Charisma*). He was a resident consultant on ecumenical affairs at Fuller Seminary.

NEW PUBLICATIONS - Pastor Jim Singleton (Tri-City Baptist Church, 2150 E. Southern Ave., Tempe, AZ 85282) has some pamphlets on various subjects such as gambling, evolution, charismatic false anointing, etc. Send \$1 to help cover postage and request some samples. Since May, he also publishes *The Whetstone* where he discusses current issues of interest to fundamentalists. He has started a series on "small groups" that some may find controversial, but he also has helpful articles on such topics as New Evangelicalism, revival, and Christianity and Culture.

PRAY FOR ACCC EXEC. SEC'Y DR. RALPH COLAS - as he goes to Zimbabwe to cover the Dec. WCC meeting!

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VATICAN SEEKS TIES WITH HINDUS - The Vatican last month called for a closer dialogue between Christian and Hindu world communities. Dialogue leader Cardinal Francis Arinze said while following separate spiritual paths, both could work together to offer hope to humanity. He said increased friendly ties between Christians and Hindus, especially in India, should facilitate a dialogue based on mutual respect for religious traditions (10/3 *Houston Chronicle*). The Catholicism claim to be Christian is again revealed to be false. Christians cannot have "mutual respect" for a pantheistic religion (2Cor. 6:14-17).

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM DECLINING IN RUSSIA - Non-Orthodox Christians have less freedom in Russia now than they did a year ago when a law restricting religious freedom was signed by Yeltsin (10/26 *C. Today*). This law initiated a season of religious harassment and discrimination and has visited official favors on Russia's dominant Orthodox church. Longtime KGB leader Yevgeny Primakov's (new Prime Minister) filling his government with communists may have an even further chilling effect on religious activity.

'HATE CRIMES' & HOMOSEXUALS - Homosexuality, and lying to a grand jury about adultery, seem to be politically protected sins. The recent deplorable murder of a sodomite in Wyoming has revived a clamor to broaden the current federal hate crime act. But the idea of providing special protection for minorities violates the principle of equality under the law and adds additional punishment based on perceived motivation and frame of mind. Hate crime laws keep expanding. A Wisconsin hate crime statute, upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court, allowed the tripling of the sentence for an assault motivated by prejudice (10/26 *USN&WR*). John Leo asks: "Is it morally three times worse to attack an Asian or a gay than it is to attack a randomly selected straight white male?" Should it be illegal to decry homosexuality and oppose special rights for homosexuals?

DISNEY'S HORDES OF HOMOSEXUALS - A new book *Disney: The Mouse Betrayed* details the swift rise to prominence of the company's homosexual workers (11/98 *NLJ*). Its co-chair says there are "hordes of gay and lesbian people at Disney." Disney Chairman Michael Eisner has estimated that 40% of his employees are homosexual. So the annual Gay Day at the Magic Kingdom is no surprise.

NDP '99 TO FEATURE HAGGARD, MARSHALL - The keynote speakers for the May 6, 1999 National

Day of Prayer are Pastor Ted Haggard and Rev. Peter Marshall. A Jan. NDP Coordinators' Conference will be hosted by NDP Chairman Shirley Dobson. Haggard (charismatic) is an NAE board member and ORU grad (see 7/15/97 CC).

GAMBLING: A BAD BET - Churches in Canada are becoming alarmed by the social costs of legal gambling and the growing dependence of government on its cut of gambling revenues. The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC) calls gambling "an insidious form of evil which takes advantage of the poor and disadvantaged and undermines a healthy and just society." (10/26 *Chr. Today*) It says gambling is wrong because: it appeals to greed; it contravenes the Christian duty to care for neighbors instead of taking from neighbors; it encourages the reckless investment of God-given resources; it undermines a healthy philosophy of work, industry, and saving; and it can become addictive. The EFC further claims that when governments sponsor gambling for education, etc., they give "an implicit endorsement of greed, materialism, and the denigration of the value of productive work."

DR. LAURA & THE LAW - We have not read Dr. Laura Schlessinger's new book, *The Ten Commandments*, but a *Christian News* (10/12) writer in a long review says she does what all psychology does: "It rightly uses the Law as a hammer to break hard hearts. It rightly uses the Law as a mirror to show dirty hearts. But then it wrongly uses the Law to try to change hearts. DO these things and your marriage will be better...." Dr. Laura gives some good, frank advice, but her Jewish faith blinds her to the Gospel.

ACCC '98 RESOLUTIONS - The American Council of Christian Churches at its 57th Annual Convention in Monett, Mo., Oct. 27-29, passed resolutions concerning: Flying the Flag of Fundamentalism (convention theme), AWANA Clubs, Int'l (continued compromise with ABC-NCC apostasy), The World Council of Churches Jubilee Assembly in Zimbabwe (Dec.), Presidential Misconduct (called for resignation), Reaffirming the Reformation, Violence in our Society, and Environmental Paganism. Send postage and request a copy of these resolutions, to: ACCC, P.O. Box 5455, Bethlehem, PA 18015. [Note: The World Council of Biblical Churches, chaired by Dr. Jim Fields, also met and received new members at ACCC '98.]

NEW BOOK ON MASONIC & OCCULT SYMBOLS - We have just received a new big book by Dr. Cathy Burns that gives in-depth meanings behind the symbols used by Masons, occultists, witches, New Agers, Satanists, and others. This big 550-page (includes 134 pages of endnotes, bibliography, and index) "encyclopedia" includes 728 illustrations. [Note: A few of the symbols may be sexual in nature.] Some Christian groups use some of these symbols. The book sells for \$21.95 + \$1.55 postage, but if you mention our paper you can have it for \$15.00 postpaid, from: Sharing, 212 E. 7th St. (Y), Mt. Carmel, PA 17851.

LAURIE CRUSADE BIG, BOLD, BUT...BIBLICAL? - Loud rock music and hard preaching were featured at Greg Laurie's Harvest Crusade, Aug. 27-30, in So. Calif. This is the largest annual evangelistic gathering, and was this year attended by 140,000 people. Rock bands such as Audio Adrenaline performed. *Sword of the Lord* Editor Shelton Smith said of this culture-friendly evangelism: "It's big! It's bold! It's barnstorming! But is it biblical?" Laurie has spoken at Billy Graham, Promise Keepers, and other ecumenical and charismatic gatherings, and has been endorsed by John MacArthur (see 2/15/97 CC). With the crusade, Laurie held a three-day church leader conference in Anaheim with speakers such as Chuck Smith, Chuck Swindoll, and David Jeremiah (10/98 *Foundation*).

FALWELL PRAISES PROMISE KEEPERS - Dr. Jerry Falwell in his 3/95 *Nat'l Liberty Journal* praised Promise Keepers and promoted an upcoming PK gathering at his Liberty University's Vines Center. Falwell's 11/98 *NLJ* now has an article reporting PK's financial woes, and its redesigned new millennium approach of utilizing local churches similar to Billy Graham's method. The article stated that PK is "back on solid footing" and ready "to minister to men in pursuit of godly living...." No warning was given concerning PK's ecumenicalism, charismaticism, psychobabble, worldly rock music, etc.

WCC TO MEET IN ZIMBABWE - The World Council of Churches' Eighth Assembly is set for Zimbabwe, Dec. 3-14, celebrating its 50th anniversary. The WCC recently declared itself a failure - in its stated aim of achieving Christian unity. But the financial crises it faced three years ago has reportedly been allayed. Another possible crisis is looming with the Russian Orthodox Church, the WCC's largest body, threatening to withdraw, depending on the WCC's "total reconstruction." Former WCC general secretary Dr. Philip Potter is one of the main speakers. He is a liberal Methodist who in 1977 praised the communist victory in Vietnam. The WCC for about two decades financially aided Marxist terrorist groups (11/1/88 CC). ACCC Executive Secretary Dr. Ralph Colas, pending availability of funds, plans to attend the WCC Jubilee assembly as a press-credentialed reporter.

PINNOCK'S DRIFT TO APOSTASY - In the 1960s and early 1970s, theologian Clark Pinnock was a staunch defender of biblical inerrancy. But in the mid-1970s he began to shift. He abandoned his position on inerrancy and said that there were historical and scientific errors in the Scriptures. Then Pinnock abandoned the doctrine of hell, teaching instead that sinners are merely annihilated after death. In 1997, Millard Erickson included Pinnock in his discussion of "postconservative evangelicalism." In addition to Pinnock's views of the Scripture and hell, Erickson noted his shift on the doctrine of God. Pinnock was now holding that God is not omniscient, knowing all things past, present, and future... [From Mark Sidwell's new book - see 11/1 CC].

CHARISMATISM Q & A - That's the title of a new very helpful book by Dr. Jeffrey Khoo. The sub-title is: "Biblical Answers to Frequently Asked Questions on the Charismatic phenomenon." It covers Third Wave, Signs and Wonders, Faith Healing, Charismatic Worship, Satan, Demons, Spiritual Warfare, Prophecy, Visions, Dreams, Tongues, etc. Some may question Khoo when he says God visited John Sung in a special way on three occasions. He says: "God spoke to him in a vision, a dream, and lastly by a voice." He admits these are not normative but *very exceptional* and not to be taken as Scripture. Don't let this keep you from ordering this timely 96-page book from: Far Eastern Bible College Press, 9A Gilstead Rd., Singapore 309063, US\$4.00. E-mail: febc@pacific.net.sg.

SCHULLER HAS CATHOLIC SPEAKER - Robert Schuller's Institute for Successful Church Leadership at the Crystal Cathedral, Jan.25-28, features "Father" Hank Albiets as a workshop speaker. In reply to our query to the Crystal Cathedral, Holly Lovas wrote: "Father Hank is a Roman Catholic priest from St. Patrick Church, Bellefontaine, OH....We are lucky to have him speak this year on goal setting in the ministry." Other speakers are Bill Hybels, Habitat For Humanity's Millard Fuller, etc.

PCA SURPASSES CRC - The Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) has surpassed the Christian Reformed Church (CRC) as the largest [new] evangelical Reformed denomination with 283,381 members, compared to CRC's 279,029 members (10/26 CT). PCA membership increased 22 percent over the past six years, mainly due to church planting, while CRC membership declined by 12 percent. The latter is said to be due partly to conflicts over the ordination of women and issues such as theistic evolution.

CT PANS LYONS' 'SCANDALOUS BEHAVIOR' - National Baptist Convention USA's beleaguered president, Dr. Henry Lyons, received unanimous forgiveness for his confessed "inappropriate" relationship with a female employee, from his 195-member board in a September annual session. Federal prosecutors have charged him with 54 counts of wire fraud, bank fraud, mail fraud, tax evasion, extortion, money laundering, and conspiracy. *Christianity Today* (10/26) comments thusly on Lyons's "scandalous behavior": "Because Lyons's peers did not carefully monitor his behavior, he was enabled to carry on an extramarital affair and waste allegedly ill-gotten monies on extravagances for himself and his lover. More scandalous, however, has been the unwillingness of his denomination's leadership to hold him accountable...."

PENTECOSTAL GROWTH IN LATIN AMERICA - The growth of the Pentecostal movement in Latin America should point to an increased Protestant presence in those countries, but that is not happening (per the

AD2025 Global Monitor). Catholics who become "Pentecostals" are staying in the Church of Rome rather than "becoming Protestant." Doesn't this point up the shallowness of the Pentecostal movement? People are simply adding experience-oriented Pentecostalism to works-oriented Catholicism. [Dr. Morris McDonald, PMU's *Mission Banner*]

ACCC 'FLYING THE FLAG OF FUNDAMENTALISM' - This was the theme of the American Council of Christian Churches' 57th Annual Convention in Monett, Mo., Oct. 27-29. A resolution stated that the ACCC lifts high the Flag of Fundamentalism: 1) For the clerics of the dying apostate denominations of the failed National and World Council of Churches to see. 2) For the "scholars" in apostate colleges and seminaries to see. They have distorted us by equating biblical Fundamentalism with Khomeini and Islamic terrorists. They have assured our children of "new evidence" of science that renders trust in the Bible as foolish. They have failed, and God's Word stands. We declare the problem is not new evidence, but rather, old unbelief. 3) For New-Evangelicals, who have betrayed Christ by accommodating themselves to so much of the world's standards. They have branded Fundamentalists as "Pharisees," "without love," "fomenters of dissent," etc. They teach that one must work in cooperation with the apostate church to succeed in God's work. They are open to reexamining the inerrancy of Scripture, evolution and even the mission of the church. Yet a faithful ACCC remnant remains, teaching that the Bible alone is sufficient for tasks of today and tomorrow. [Adapted excerpts from the first three points of this seven-point resolution. Send postage and request a copy of this and other six resolutions: PO Box 5455, Bethlehem, PA 18015.]

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MORMON PRES. ADMITS ITS CHRIST IS DIFFERENT - Mormon President Gordon B. Hinckley, speaking June 6 in Switzerland, acknowledged that Mormons do not believe in the same Jesus as traditional Christians (6/20 *Church News* - a Mormon paper - via 10/5 *Chr. News*). He said: "The traditional Christ of whom they speak is not the Christ of whom I speak." This confirms what Christians have long claimed. But the Mormon media director still contends that Mormons adhere to the New Testament account of Jesus.

HAWAII TO APPROVE HOMOSEXUAL MARRIAGE? - Hawaii may become the first state where a homosexual couple can legally marry. An amendment to its constitution lets the state legislature limit marriage to heterosexuals. If voters defeat this (Nov. 3) homosexuals would likely flock there. Same-sex newlyweds could then take their licenses back to their home states and challenge state laws that limit such unions (10/5 *C. News*). The U.S. Constitution now "requires" states to honor contracts made in other states.

SECULAR ROCK EBBS, CCM/ROCK RISES - Swing music is making a comeback, rock 'n' roll is at a low ebb. Rock lyrics often reflect the nihilism and hopelessness of the late 20th-century mind (10/3 *World*). But as rock music hits rock bottom in the secular world, it is riding high in worldly entertainment-oriented churches. Gordon Sears has a new 4-page tract, *It's The Music, Brother!* that warns of this evil and tells how YOU can make a difference. It deserves wide circulation. Send an offering for a quantity of these to him at: P. O. Box 182, Coldwater, MI 49036.

WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT CLINTON - Unsavory dealings and immoral acts by the President and those close to him have rendered this administration morally unable to lead. [10/5 *Chr. Today*] The Lewinsky affair has obscured far more important impeachable conduct by the President concerning our national security, such as the apparent bribery by foreign contributors and the concessions and transfers of critical technology to Communist China. [10/12 *New American*] Clinton's sex scandals have badly set back the feminist effort to clarify the difference between sex and harassment. [9/28 *USN&WR*] The Senate again failed to overturn Pres. Clinton's veto of a ban on gruesome "partial-birth abortion." His veto is all that stands between Congress and women's right to abortion. [10/5 *Chr. News*]

TBN'S PAUL CROUCH SAYS GOD WANTS YOU RICH - Trinity Broadcasting Network's Paul Crouch writes (10/98 *PTL*): "How, pray tell, can the Body of Christ obey God's call to [set up His kingdom] if we are poor, broke, in debt, sick and afflicted? God wants you and me to be rich in every way!" Rich Crouch gets funds from poor charismatics.

TV WORSE THAN EVER - The vulgarity dike has been broken on TV fare, so now expect a flood of sex, violence, bad language, scatology and pedophilia (8/22 *World*). Today, sex, bathroom humor, and vulgarity rule the air, practically unopposed. It seems that anything goes, and ratings are not accurate (10/10 *World*). Over 90 percent of shows with sex did not have an "S" rating, nor an "L" for bad language per a recent report by the Kaiser Family Foundation.

TUTU TO BE EMORY PROF - South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu has been appointed as a Visiting Professor of Theology at the ultra-liberal Emory University's Candler School of Theology in Atlanta in the 1998-99 academic year. Tutu is a liberation theologian who believes Christ was a revolutionary similar to Castro or Mao (9/14 *Chr. News*). He does not believe in the inerrancy of Scripture, but believes that all great religions lead to God. He was quoted in the 12/29/83 *Sunday Times* as saying: "I am a socialist. I hate capitalism." Yet Tutu was the "highlight" of the recent Baptist World Alliance's General Council Meeting and spoke at the American Baptist Churches' 6/95 meeting. He favors ordination of homosexuals (4/1 *CC*).

MISSOURI SYNOD LUTHERANS SUPPORT CHINA - *Christian News* Editor Herman Otten writes (9/28 *CN*): "*CN* has often noted that the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and the Lutheran Laymen's League have been supporting the communist-approved China Christian Council rather than the persecuted Christians in the house churches. Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne [Ind.], awarded Wenzao Han, president of the CCC, an honorary doctorate even though Han supports the murderous one-child-per-family abortion policy of communist China."

ROBERTSON DECEIVED BY CHINA - When Christian Broadcasting Network Pres. Pat Robertson visited Red China (Sept.), he confined his contacts to official circles and did not raise the subject of persecution. His trip was front-page news in *China Daily*, an English-language paper (10/3 *World*). It quoted him praising freedom of religion in China and saying he believes the government respects religious freedom. A house-church leader said Robertson should have stood up for the persecuted millions. The bridge-building approach leaves him open as a propaganda tool.

GEORGIA BAPTISTS TO EXCLUDE HOMOSEXUALS & CHARISMATICS? - The Georgia Baptist Convention (SBC) will be asked in November to radically alter its constitution and bylaws (10/3 *HT*) to set new membership requirements excluding any churches that endorse homosexual behavior or charismatic styles of worship, such as speaking in tongues and "being slain in the Spirit."

CATHOLIC CHARISMATICS GROWING IN BRAZIL - The Catholic charismatic renewal movement is expanding at an incredible rate in Brazil. Over 8 million people participate in over 60,000 prayer groups (10/98 *Charisma*). Liberal priests and bishops oppose the trend partially fueled by the Pope's blessing of charismatics. "Reports indicate that the Catholic Church of Brazil is losing 8,000 members per day to Protestant baptism. If that rate continues, the Catholic Church here could empty by the next century," per *Charisma*. But this rapid growth of "evangelicals" in Brazil has helped "wake up" Catholics, and ECT 2 should slow this "proselytizing" (see 7/1 *CC*).

GARBC TO DROP APPROVAL SYSTEM? - The Council of Eighteen has proposed a change in the GARBC Constitution which would result in, among other things, possibly dropping or revising the Approved Agencies article (10/98 *Baptist Bulletin*). Messengers will vote on this at next year's annual conference in Bellevue, Wash. Dr. John Greening (Nat'l Rep) said: "I personally feel that the approval system has run its

course....I am far more interested in creating proactive partnerships with independent Baptist agencies...." The approval system has often been divisive, with Agency heads being on the "approving" Council. Agencies such as ABWE, Western, Cornerstone, and Cedarville have long been, at times, hardly distinguishable from mainline New Evangelicals.

SBF '98 - The *CC* editor attended a one-day segment of the Southwide Baptist Fellowship meeting Oct. 5-7 at Highland Baptist Park Church (TTU), Chattanooga. We heard sermons by Drs. Johnny Pope, Steve Byrd, and Bob Kelley. There had been a record attendance of over 5,000 at the time we were there. Pope's "antics" received a Pentecostal-type reception, with exuberant hollering! Ditto for the reception given Stephen Davis's jived-up singing accompanied by his "rocking" piano. Byrd said 21,000 had been saved at his church since he came there 26 years ago. He said he didn't know the battle today was the pulpit [speakers] taped music, etc. He added: "I thought it was the Book, the Blood, and the Blessed Hope." He said many Fundamentalists criticize everybody and everything. It is sad to see brethren "criticize" those Fundamentalists who are "criticizing" those who pulpit-share with compromisers. We again heard the tired old misused and over-used wail, "We are the only people who shoot their own wounded." [The "wounded" in this context today are mostly those who are consorting with and/or aiding (directly or indirectly) the enemies of truth.] So there is silence about the apostasy while some criticize those who seek to expose it and those who compromise with it. SBF Resolutions were a big letdown this year compared to the good strong ones last year when the Committee was headed by *Sword* Editor Dr. Shelton Smith. The 1998 ones were good, but there was nothing about separation, ecumenism, modern-day New Evangelicalism, or the charismatic movement. Next year's SBF meeting is set for Northside Baptist, Charlotte.

SBF RESOLUTION ON IMPEACHMENT - "Whereas, 1998 has been a year of public embarrassment for our nation brought upon us by the licentious, sinful, adulterous and illegal behavior of our 42nd President, [Bill] Clinton; be it therefore resolved that we call upon the elected officials of both the House...and the Senate... to duly perform their constitutional duty to bring impeachment hearings against Pres. Bill Clinton. To allow such indecent and illegal behavior to go unpunished, will only demonstrate to the populace of our nation and to the world that such behavior has no consequences. Furthermore, be it resolved that this should act as a wakeup call to all God-fearing people to follow the command given by the Apostle Paul in I Timothy 2:1-3..."

NEW BOOK ON SEPARATION BY MARK SIDWELL - Dr. Mark Sidwell's new book, *THE DIVIDING LINE: Understanding and Applying Biblical Separation*, will help fundamentalists to do just that. It is well-documented and has a very helpful Glossary of Terms. It is written as a supplement to earlier good books on separation, such as by Drs. Fred Moritz and Ernest Pickering. We would not call Bernard Ramm an "Evangelical," as Sidwell (pages 106 and 111) and some others do (see 10/1/92 *CC*). He does, however, warn readers of Ramm's defense of Karl Barth, so it is not as if he is endorsing Ramm. As can be seen from the following excerpts, this is a much-needed, helpful 200-page book. Order it from: Bob Jones University Press, Greenville, SC 29614, \$11.95 + postage.

PUBLIC REBUKE, SEPARATION FROM BROTHER WHO PUBLICLY COMPROMISES - Public sin committed by a public figure must be publicly rebuked for the sake of those who are being deceived. For example, a man who advocates fellowship with apostasy and who cooperates with false teachers and unbelievers is guilty of a public defiance of God's command. For the sake of those whom he is leading astray or who might be led astray by him if not properly warned from the Scripture, a faithful minister of Christ must warn against that man even though he pretends to, and perhaps to an extent does, preach the gospel. At best, this is a situation in which a disobedient Christian is behaving like a false teacher. It is unfortunate that men are associated with positions. It would be well if we could concentrate only on the position and deal with the issue of scriptural disobedience or compromise. But when some man is the prime instigator, promoter, and advocate of an unbiblical position, we must expose that man as we denounce the sin he is promoting. [An excerpt from Dr. Mark Sidwell's new 200-page book, BJU Press, Greenville, SC 29614.]

AVOID EXTREMISM IN SEPARATION - There is always the danger of extremism in separation. Personal interpretations are elevated to points of division, and separation is practiced almost for its own sake rather than out of sound biblical conviction. So writes Dr. Mark Sidwell in his new book. He quotes John Ashbrook: "Separation is God's answer to apostasy. Separation is God's answer to the problem of disobedient brethren who will not separate from apostasy. But separation is not the answer to every disagreement between brethren."

ECUMENISM OF POPULAR WRITERS - Prof. Mark Sidwell in his new book *The Dividing Line* warns against the "Neo-Fundamentalism" of Jerry Falwell and Jack Van Impe. He also warned of popular [New] Evangelical authors who defend inerrancy (Lindsell), protest theological compromise (Schaeffer, Wells), and warn of Charismaticism (John MacArthur) and Catholicism (R.C. Sproul). He says Fundamentalists may read their critiques with great profit, but should realize that these authors still differ with them on separation. He writes: "They remain part of a network of organizations and alliances that accepts and promotes tolerance of false teaching and wrong practice. It was part of the Neo-Fundamentalist error to assume that a common opposition to certain danger provides a basis for unity between Fundamentalist and non-Fundamentalist Evangelicals. But the basis for unity must not be a common opposition to error but a common commitment to biblical truth and biblical practice."

HARRY LOVE WITH THE LORD - Dr. Harry Love, retired Gen. Dir. of the Independent Fundamental Baptist Association of Michigan and founder of Camp Co-Be-Ac, passed away Sept. 30. Renal failure was the suspected cause of death. The funeral service was at Community Baptist Church of Saginaw, Dr. Doug Jackson, pastor.

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240 METHODIST MINISTERS WOULD PERFORM HOMOSEXUAL UNIONS - A recent binding ruling by the United Methodist Church's highest court stated that same-sex unions by UM ministers shall not be conducted in UM churches. But a conservative UM leader says that 240 UM ministers earlier this year signed statements saying they would conduct same-sex unions if asked (10/5 *CT*). *World* for 9/19 said Glide Church (UM) pastor Cecil Williams (San Francisco) and other clergy signed a declaration stating their willingness to officiate at same-gender unions.

GLOBAL PRAYER AT UN - United Nations Sec'y Gen. Kofi Annan addressed world leaders (at St. Bartholomew's Church in NY) representing religions such as Hinduism, Islam, Shintoism, and Buddhism, yoked with Christian, Jewish, Jain, [and] Sikh groups in a UN-sponsored "Global Religious Service for Peace." (9/26 *World*). He put a new slant on the meaning of prayer, saying the challenges before the UN "give prayer a rightful place in the work of the United Nations," and, "prayer is compassion and concern; it is thanksgiving and atonement; it is yearning and relief."

CT PRAISES LIBERAL CATHOLIC THEOLOGIAN - The 9/7 *Christianity Today* highly recommended the late "Father" Raymond Brown's *An Introduction to the New Testament* and said he "provides an excellent synthesis of contemporary New Testament scholarship." Brown was an influential Roman Catholic theological liberal who said Jesus was not the all-knowing God and was in error. He rejected the Bible's inerrancy, and was active in the World Council of Churches. He went to New York's liberal Union Seminary in 1971 and became its first tenured RC professor (9/14 *C. News*). Yet Fuller Seminary's 1984-85 catalog listed Brown as a recent-year lecturer at Fuller (10/15/84 *CC*). *CT*'s founder and Board chairman is Billy Graham. Joe Stowell (Moody), Warren Wiersbe, and Ed Dobson (IFCA) are listed with Catholics as *CT* "Advisory Editors."

REAGAN COMMUNISM COMMENTS FIT CLINTON - We received the following in an e-mail from Colorado pastor Dan Unruh: "I've just finished reading Dinesh D'Souza's book, *Ronald Reagan*. I find it interesting that comments Reagan made concerning communism fit Pres. Clinton as well. Just substitute Clinton's name any time the Soviet Union or communism is mentioned. For example, on Page 135: '...the only morality the Soviets recognized [was] that which [furthered] their cause...' Pg. 76: 'Calling a Communist a liar is pretty frustrating. How do you insult a pig by calling it a pig? Communists are not bound by our morality. They

say that any crime, including lying, is moral if it advances the cause of socialism.' Any question as to where Bill Clinton got his philosophy of lie, deny, 'forget'?"

REASONS TO OPPOSE THE LOTTERY - 1. It changes the values of the state from a work ethic to a chance ethic. 2. It diverts dollars from goods and services to lottery tickets. 3. The state becomes a bookie. 4. The chance of winning is very low. 5. It is an unpredictable source of state revenue. 6. It exploits the poor and creates new gamblers (9/24 *Ala. Baptist*). 7. It is immoral and bad social policy.

ROCK IS ROCK, WHO DO CCM'ERS FOOL? - A secular writer in our local paper rightly discerned what a contemporary "Christian rock" performance is all about. He wrote (9/20 *HT*): "Yes, it looks like a rock concert, it sounds like a rock concert, and in every aspect except for the lyrics, it's just like any standard rock concert by today's teen-oriented bands: plenty of flash and lots of thrash on stage; heads bobbing and bodies moshing in the crowd...." The message is the music - the rock beat!

RELIGION BANNED IN UZBEKISTAN - Former Soviet country Uzbekistan's constitution provides for religious freedom, but a harsh new law bans all religious activities not certified by the government, and makes it illegal for anyone except government-certified clergy to talk about religion. Sunday School and home Bible studies are banned, Any church with fewer than 100 members must close its doors and stop all activities in this mainly Muslim country.

BROTHER ANDREW NEUTRAL ON THEOLOGY? - This year, for the first time, Open Doors with Brother Andrew (of *God's Smuggler* fame) linked up with the ecumenical Global March for Jesus (6-8/98 *Contending for the Faith*). In answer to critics, Andrew said it is not his task to expose wrongs in theology, and that "Open Doors as an organization does not have a standpoint on doctrinal issues." This neutrality is evident also by his guesting with Robert A. Schuller in the Crystal Cathedral, Apr. 10, 1994.

WELLS TO G-C CHARLOTTE - David Wells is new dean of new-evangelical Gordon-Conwell Seminary's Charlotte, NC campus, replacing Wayne Goodwin (9/7 *CT*). He will continue as theology professor at Gordon's Mass. campus.

STORMER HAS NEW BOOK ON EDUCATION - John Stormer sold 6 million copies of his 1964 book, *None Dare Call It Treason* in eight months. He writes: "My new book, *None Dare Call It Education* documents how Goals 2000, Outcome-Based Education, School-to-Work, sex education, and other school 'reforms' are transforming how we live and the way of life we will pass down to our children...." This 224-page hardcover book is priced at \$21.95 + \$3 shipping, but until Oct. 15, it's available for \$20 postpaid, from: Liberty Bell Press, P.O. Box 32, Florissant, MO 63032.

PROBLEMS WITH SWINDOLL - Dallas Seminary President Chuck Swindoll plans to grow a new megachurch near Dallas. The 7/98 *Australian Beacon* said Swindoll is one of the most eminent popularizers of new evangelicalism and pop psychology, and also highly esteemed in charismatic circles. It says he has no qualms in supporting Billy Graham and the work of Mother Teresa. In the past five years he has spoken on NRB, MBI, Word of Life, and Promise Keepers platforms. He has praised the unreliable Living Bible, referred to Chuck Colson as a prophet, and promoted Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Swindoll's "grace" in his *Grace Awakening* book disregards its bounds of doctrinal truth. This "legalism vs. liberty" book is ably refuted by fundamentalist theologian Dr. Ernest Pickering in a 33-page 1994 booklet, *Are Fundamentalists Legalists?*" (Baptist World Mission, P.O. Box 2149, Decatur, AL 35602, \$2). Much of the above is discussed in greater depth in a 5-page paper from BDM, P.O. Box 679, Bedford, IN 47421, \$1.

MORE PK DOWNSIZING - Promise Keepers this month in a major ministry realignment is trimming its full-time staff by 28 percent, from 250 to 180. Former CEO Bill McCartney is now overseeing three divisions as president and founder (10/5 *CT*). Randy Phillips has moved from president to the new position of vice president for global ministries. McCartney concedes that these and other changes will not be easy and admits there's an up-

and-down staff morale problem. PK will continue holding conferences but they will be smaller and based on a Billy Graham crusade model that requires an invitation from a local network of churches that do most of the groundwork.

NEW EVANGELICAL PULPIT-SHARING MEETINGS - Franklin Graham and E.V. Hill are slated to speak at Bill Hybels' Willow Creek Community Church's Evangelism Conference, Oct. 19-21 (6/15 *Chr. Today*). *** Hybels, Habitat For Humanity founder Millard Fuller, Lyle Shaller, and Bishop Charles Blake are listed speakers for Robert H. Scholler's conference, Jan. 25-28 (10/5 *CT*). *** John Maxwell and Chuck Swindoll were listed as main speakers at Jerry Falwell's Super Conference, Oct. 4-7. Maxwell was also listed to speak at charismatic Jack Hayford's new King's Seminary, August 26-28 (6/15 *CT*).

AEF MERGES WITH SIM - The boards of the Africa Evangelical Fellowship and SIM have agreed to become one mission under the name of SIM (Sep-Dec '98 *Action Africa*). Organizationally, AEF will join Andes Evangelical Mission, Int'l Christian Fellowship, and Sudan Interior Mission as part of an expanded SIM (Society of International Ministries). Sadly, SIM and AEF have been solidly in the New Evangelical camp for about three decades (see 3/15/91 *CC*). Both are members (SIM a charter member) of the IFMA. Fundamentalist missionaries (e.g., Drs. J.B. Williams and George Birch) separated from SIM's compromise about 30 years ago.

THE ART OF PASTORING - is the title of a new 230-page book by Pastor David Sorenson. The sub-title is "New Testament Principles for Pastoring Independent Baptist Churches." We read only part of it but it looks very helpful to pastors, and is recommended by evangelists, educators, and pastors such as: Drs. Bill Hall, Joe Mark, Frank Bumpus, & Ron Comfort. It retails for \$16.95 but is available now for \$10.17 + shipping, from: Northstar Baptist Ministries, 1820 W.Morgan St., Duluth, MN 55811.

'WHAT KIND OF FUNDAMENTALIST?' - Dr. Rick Arrowood is starting a new series on this subject in his free quarterly *Temple Trumpet* (Troy Baptist Temple, 691 Staunton, Troy, OH 45373). The Fall '98 issue deals with Pseudo-Fundamentalism, with help from Dr. J.B. Williams.

BROWNSVILLE REVIVAL: AN INSIDER'S REPORT - Dr. Ralph Colas recently attended a crusade at Penn State University led by the Brownsville Assembly of God's staff (see 10/1 *CC*). He sent us a big pictorial book (1997) by insider Cathy Wood chronicling the Brownsville "revival." She gives first-hand accounts of charismatic happenings - healings, people laying on the floor for hours ("completely out of it"), "heads shaking or jerking," in a "dazed, drunken condition," "woozy," "dancing in the Spirit," and strange bodily manifestations. Wood says (2/10/96): "Full-blown revival broke out along with many being slain in the Holy Spirit for hours as waves of something came, cleaning us all out. We did not know what hit us..." She said (2/16/96): "...[We] have heard over 170 sermons in a row that are very similar." She tells (2/18/96) of "dancing in the Spirit" and being "completely lost in another place." She added: "I felt like I had jumped off a ski slope and was flying. It was so glorious to be free. I did end up on the floor right in front, but no one noticed except my husband who graciously covered me....Being picked up by God in uninhibited worship is unlike any human experience." She said intercessors (3/17/96) were all "slain in the Spirit in the hallways and went into deep wailing and moaning. She says of leaving church at 2 a.m. "it seemed like it was not the same day we arrived...I think it is because we actually do GO somewhere while we are in that building!" Wood (7/14/96) told of an experience that was "like a bolt of lightning hit me. I hit the wall, slid down it, and shook and jerked uncontrollably for I do not know how long. It took my breath away and I was taking deep gasps over and over...my head would jerk...I was being filled with a fresh anointing of the Holy Ghost." On the way home, she started "wailing out loud." She said (9/29/96) that Pastor Kilpatrick came toward her waving his hand. "When he blew air toward me, it knocked me completely down." She said, after services, the next morning, if Vineyard music was on, she would be "deep bowing, swaying, and staggering, running into counters, sometimes falling on the floor...praising and worshipping." Get Dr. Colas's report from: ACCC, P.O. Box 5455, Bethlehem, PA 18015.

PREACH THE ONE TRUE GOSPEL! - Dennis Costella (7-8/98 *Foundation*) wrote: "...The forerunners of

the ecumenical movement long ago replaced the emphasis on personal redemption for social reform. Ecumenical evangelism and programs like Promise Keepers presently cloud the issue of what it really means to be saved and do not differentiate between the Gospel of God and the gospel of man's invention. Universalism has become the default theology of mainstream evangelicalism, even of Billy Graham. Ecumenical dialogues between Roman Catholics, Evangelicals, Lutherans, etc. have so twisted Bible terminology that the Gospel which is the 'power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth' (Romans 1:16), is made ambiguous at best...."

ACCC MEETING - The American Council of Christian Churches meets in its 57th Annual Convention at Monett, MO, Oct. 27-29. Speakers include: John Ashbrook, George Youstra, Bill Hopewell, Howard Carlson, Allen Griffith, and Mark Franklin. Host pastor is Kevin Hilton. Panel discussions: "Claiming the Future for Fundamentalism," "Organizations Challenging Fundamentalism," and "How the ACCC can be More effective." Conference theme is: "Flying the Flag of Fundamentalism." ACCC President is Richard A. Harris, and Exec. Sec'y is Ralph Colas. The Exec. Comm. of the World Council of Biblical Churches, headed by Jim Fields, meets Oct. 29. For more info, contact ACCC at above address, or call 610/865-3009.

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SOUTH AFRICA HAS 350,000 WITCH DOCTORS - A South African government-proposed code of conduct for its 350,000 witch doctors would classify traditional healers into four categories: herbalists, diviners, birth attendants and surgeons (9/3 *Alabama Baptist*). Up to 80 percent of South Africans are estimated to at some point consult a witch doctor. New Age shamanism is on the rise in the U.S.

MORE GUNS, LESS CRIME - In a book by this title, John R. Lott Jr. details why gun-control laws don't work. Much of his study comes from FBI files. In areas over the country where average citizens can easily carry guns, criminals are less likely to attempt violent crimes because they don't want to risk getting blown away-especially when concealed weapons are plentiful (9/5 *World*). Stricter gun controls only open the door to more attacks on innocent people. Criminals like helpless victims. A gun owner is less likely to be helpless. Where guns are common, a crook is more likely to try car theft or larceny than rape or robbery.

ROCK SINGER AMY GRANT - Amy Grant was the first contemporary Christian artist to earn a gold album for sales of over 500,000. But her lyrics have become increasingly secular, per the 8/20 *Ala. Baptist*: "Where she once discussed her relationship with God, she now focuses on her relationships with other people and herself."

WORLD REVIEWER DIDN'T WARN OF PROFANITY - *World* magazine (9/5), caught a lot of deserved flak for movie reviewer Chris Stamper's review of *Saving Private Ryan* in its Aug. 8 issue. He noted that the movie was rated R for violence and gore, but failed to mention the profane language. Readers objected to the "air turned blue" language, and one said the film "contains many uses of the "F" word. *World* often has good articles, but intermixes bad and good. Why would it praise and favorably review even the "good meat" from Hollywood's garbage can?

THE Y2K SCARE - The "Millennium Bug" or "Y2K" (short for "Year 2000") problem is the inability of many computer systems, using 2-digit dates, to differentiate between year 2000 and year 1900. Some predict chaos, and societal collapse near Jan. 1, 2000. We are told the Internet is abuzz with scare-narios, and, indeed we as Christians should be concerned as the time approaches, but not panic. Extreme fear itself could become a greater problem than Y2K. There is the potential for world chaos, that governments may use this as a pretext for suspending civil liberties and creating police states. Stockpile, if you wish (canned/dried foods, flashlights,

firewood, matches, etc.), but let's trust our God, use common sense, and not help dire predictions become self-fulfilling prophecies.

BROWNSVILLE 'REVIVAL' AT PENSACOLA - ACCC Exec. Sec'y Dr. Ralph Colas recently attended an AWAKE AMERICA! crusade at Penn State University, led by the Brownsville Assembly of God staff of "Pensacola Outpouring" fame (see 3/15/97 CC). He has prepared a Special Report on this meeting, attended by over 12,000 charismatics. Pastor John Kilpatrick, Evangelist Stephen Hill, and Worship Leader Lindell Cooley were the featured personalities. Dr. Colas wrote: "About 20 ministers were on the platform as the crusade began. As the loud, syncopated music filled the auditorium many of the pastors began to dance, hop, and jump all over the platform. The 'worship music session' lasted almost two hours, and many of those in attendance stood for the entire time. The shaking, dancing, swaying, and jumping was not limited to the young people." Speaking in tongues, shaking and falling were hardly uncommon. Get Dr. Colas's Special Report from the American Council of Christian Churches, P.O. Box 5455, Bethlehem, PA 18015. A small offering would be appreciated and help underwrite such vital research.

HORROR OF AIDS IN BLACK AMERICA - Because of the widely held and documented connection between AIDS and homosexuality-the latter of which is derided as sinful and immoral by influential leaders of black churches-helpful talk about AIDS prevention and treatment rarely, if ever, emanates from the pulpit. The correlation between AIDS and drug abuse is another tangible reason for the spread of AIDS in the community. The black writer of this article we're quoting, from the 9/13 *Huntsville Times*, says: "Over 641,000 men, women and children in America have contracted AIDS, and 385,000 have died." He said: "The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently reported that while blacks comprise just 13 percent of the U.S. population, we now account for 57 percent of new HIV infections. A whopping 82 percent of HIV-positive women ages 13-24 are black and Hispanic."

HAGIN'S STRANGE TEACHINGS - Kenneth Hagin says he died at age 15, went to hell and was brought back to life. He claims that Jesus has appeared to him eight times and talked with him (4/15/96 CC). Hagin rejects historic Christianity. He is "father" of the word-faith and positive-confession movements. David Cloud characterizes Hagin's unscriptural "spirit slaying" phenomenon as demonic and says people have fallen into trances at his meetings (*O Timothy*). He says "Hagin tells of a woman who danced off a platform and levitated in the air while she was 'dancing in the Spirit.'" Cult-watcher Hank Hanegraaff has compared Hagin and protege Kenneth Copeland to "wolves in sheep's clothing," and described their movement as being as heretical as the Mormon Church.

NCC HEAD SUPPORTS CLINTON - Although she is not his pastor, National Council of Churches Gen. Sec'y Joan Brown Campbell, in her "pastoral response" to Pres. Clinton's immorality, says we should all feel sorry for him and remember how understanding God is! (9/12 *World*). She then puts her imprimatur on Clinton's key argument: "Our long experience in pastoral care has taught us the wisdom of protecting personal life from public display," she says. "I hope that, as a nation, we are now learning that truth. The private lives of our public leaders are best left private or we will have none allowed to lead." Sin has serious consequences and God is not so "understanding" that he overlooks it and lets it go unpunished. Lying, immorality, and many other crimes or sins which occurred in a taxpayer-supported workplace were not "private." Campbell is very "un-Nathan-like."

SCHULLER TO OPEN A FOOD COURT - Robert H. Schuller 40 years ago popularized a "drive-in church." Then in 1980 he opened his 12-story glass and steel Crystal Cathedral with its 10,000 glass panes. He plans in 2000 to open a 50,000-square-foot food court and offer meals and snacks after church services (9/7 *H.T.*). We hope this food is safe. His spiritual food is tainted. There may be a kernel of truth but it's encased in a toxic shell.

ECUMENICAL SPEAKER AT SBC SCHOOL - James R. Torrance, professor emeritus of Systematic Theology at the Univ. of Aberdeen (Scotland), will present the 10th annual Reformation Heritage Lectures Oct. 27-29 at Samford University's Beeson School of Divinity (9/10 *Ala. Baptist*). Torrance has been chairman of the

Joint Commission on Doctrine of the Church of Scotland and the Scottish Roman Catholic Church, and of the British Council of Churches' Commission on the Trinity, and of the international conversations between the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and the Lutheran World Federation. Sadly, this speaker's liberal links are but one more indication that the Southern Baptist Convention is still far from being a conservative Baptist body!

LYONS TAKES A CUE FROM CLINTON - Taking a cue from President Clinton, embattled National Baptist Convention USA president Henry Lyons begged his church's forgiveness for an "improper relationship" with a convention employee. He was indicted July 2 on several federal charges, but NBCUSA board member E.V. Hill has said, "If his boat sinks, I will be the last to jump off."

WORLD CHURCH CONTEST - The World Council of Churches is an agent of Satan and promotes his lies. By its ecumenical movement, it seeks to build a one world super church. The WCC would like to be the dominating force to unite all religions into such a conglomerate body (8/98 *Servant*). But Islam, Romanism, pagan religions and New Agers are very much in the competition to bring about the great harlot church of the Antichrist. Interfaith dialogue, postmodernism, and universalism are also factors for consideration in this great contest. A proposed Presbyterian catechism says Jews, Muslims, Buddhists and others might be destined for [heaven]. The Pope and others have proposed something similar.

A FRUSTRATING SEPARATION - FBF Exec. V-P & *Frontline* editor Dr. John Vaughn writes (in Jul.-Aug. *Frontline*): "...Sadly, one of the most frustrating forms of separation is the all too frequent form of separating from another separatist over a misunderstanding of separation. We're not talking about separating from a disobedient brother-that is clearly Scriptural-but about cutting off the discussion as soon as a disagreement occurs with the assumption that the brother knows everything you know but has chosen to do wrong anyway."

BILL BRIGHT'S FASTING & PRAYER '98 - This year's Fasting & Prayer gathering is jointly sponsored by Mission America and Campus Crusade. Participants listed are an ecumenical "who's who." Included are: Bill McCartney (PK), Franklin Graham, Don Argue (NAE), Paul Cedar, Kay Arthur, Bill & Vonette Bright, Adrian Rogers, Pat Robertson, Thomas Trask (Ass'y of God), and David Bryant. Billy Graham, John Perkins, and Bright are honorary co-chairmen. Others listed above are on the executive committee. Steve Green, Robertson, Cedar, and Bright lead one session. Another is led by Rogers and McCartney. It originates live from Houston, TX, Nov. 12-14, and is linked across America by satellite.

RICK WARREN'S MARKETING MANIA - In an 8/98 OBF *Visitor* pamphlet entitled "How to be Successful Without Being Spiritual" Pastor Tim Potter examines Rick Warren's methods and teachings from his book, *The Purpose Driven Church*. (See 6/15 CC). Warren's book is endorsed by Robert Schuller, Bill Bright, Fuller Seminary Prof. Archibald Hart, and by U. Methodist Ezra Earl Jones, with Foreword by W. A. Criswell. Potter lists some philosophical and theological flaws, and other problems. He says: "Market driven ministry is a cancer that will eventually lead to unbelief because it caters to the unbeliever." (Order pamphlet from Ohio Bible Fellowship, 3865 N. High St., Columbus, OH 43214, 10/\$3.50).

POSTMODERNISM - For postmodernists, truth is merely a "construction" by the culture or individual. Truth is relative. What is true for me may not be true for you (9/12 *World*). Postmodernism represents a growing rejection of rational empiricism, science, and Christian absolutes, or any objective truth. Relativism and one's experience or feelings is the basis of personal truth in postmodernism. (9/98 *Watchman Expositor*). According to surveys, 86% of Americans claim to be "Christian," yet 72% reject the notion of absolute truth, 61% reject a literal Satan or hell, and 40% believe in a New Age (pantheistic) view of God.

DON'T DELAY DEALING WITH ERROR - When unbelievers try to sway any fellowship away from God's Word, true believers must insist that they repent or leave. If they allow the evil to gain sufficient strength to force "dialogue" over clear scriptural matters, they will have already lost the battle. Either cast them out immediately, or risk having to fight for truth against terrible odds....(adapted, *Media Spotlight*) But if error is already entrenched, Spurgeon said: "As soon as I saw, or thought I saw, that error had become firmly

established, I did not deliberate, but quitted the body at once. Since then my one counsel has been, "Come ye out from among them."

SINFUL SILENCE - When a person or group that claims to be Christian seriously departs from historical biblical doctrines of orthodox Christianity, one should not stand idly by in silence (Tit. 1:9-11). To not speak would be dishonoring to God and unloving to both the propagators and the hearers of the error (*7/98 Vantage Point*). A silent watchman is more dangerous than no watchman because people feel a sense of security if they think a watchman is on duty. God called pastors of Judah "blind watchmen" and said "they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark" (Isa. 56:10). He did not accuse them of false doctrine, only of sleeping when they should have been warning (*9/1/95 CC*).

FFBC RESOLUTIONS - Rev. Ed Cotton sent us a copy of resolutions passed at the annual August meeting (in NJ) of the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches (P.O. Box 206, Penns Grove, NJ 08069). Topics include: Muslim Terrorist Bombings, Immorality in High Places, and National I.D. Card. FFBC President is Rev. Mark Franklin; V-P is Gary Myers; Bro. Cotton is Secretary.

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FILMS, TV SHAPE U.S. CULTURE - A culture that is fed a steady diet of Hollywood fare heavy with violence, crime, all manner of sexual perversion, rebellion, and disrespect for authority is a culture that will find itself increasingly reflecting these behaviors in real life (8/31 *New American*).

TOO MUCH SELF-ESTEEM MAKES KIDS VIOLENT? - Psychologists warn that a seemingly benign attempt to raise children's self-esteem may actually be creating a violent society (8/30 *H.T.*). Out-of-control self-esteem (narcissism) could be responsible for a recent spate of school shootings.

INTOLERANT HOMOSEXUALS WANT TOLERANCE - A world that for thousands of years viewed homosexuality as unnatural and shameful has been coerced into granting special privileged status to it. This, in spite of the fact that the so-called gay lifestyle is replete with the most unhealthy practices which spread diseases that threaten society and cut life expectancy nearly in half. And, once in power, homosexuals who pleaded for tolerance have proved to be totally intolerant, viciously attacking any who retain an independent opinion (8/98 *Berean Call*). Globalist tolerance permits no tolerance for Bible-believing Christians.

JARS OF CLAY NO CHRISTIAN BAND - The lead vocalist of the Beatlesque alternative rock band Jars of Clay, says: "We don't want to be called a 'Christian band' because it is a turn-off." (8/20 *Ala. Baptist*). Don't worry, we would not accuse it of such! (See Mark 8:38, Rom. 10:11.)

CAN'T MIX CCM & TRADITIONAL MUSIC? - Many "seeker sensitive" megachurches today use contemporary music in a Saturday evening service and in a 9:00 a.m. Sunday service, then use traditional music with a blend of choruses in the 11:00 a.m. service. But Elmer Towns quotes a pastor (9/98 *NLJ*) who says: "I have learned that you cannot mix music in a worship service. If you use contemporary music, some people will not like it; and if you use traditional music, some will not like it." He explained that when you try to use both types of music in the same service, you will eventually get everyone mad. Worldly CCM/rock music and the "give the people what they want" philosophy is dividing and destroying churches.

RUSSIAN ORTHODOXY IS ENEMY OF GOSPEL - Dave Hunt in his 8/98 *The Berean Call* wrote: "Orthodoxy, like Roman Catholicism, is the sworn enemy of the gospel. The Orthodox Church has kept the

Russian people in bondage and superstition, looking to it for salvation, kissing its icons, paying for prayers and sacraments. Though it rejects Catholicism's purgatory, it teaches that, by our prayers, souls can be moved from hell to heaven...."

CLINTON'S CYNICISM TOWARD REPENTANCE - President Clinton evinces a cavalier attitude toward seeking forgiveness, saying it "gets a little easier the more you do it," and said he has become an expert at it (8/29 *H. Times*). If truly contrite, instead of seeking advice from politicians, pollsters, and lawyers he should resign and turn to Bible-believing preachers who could steer him toward true repentance/restoration/salvation. Billy Graham forgave him before he confessed. Wogaman, Schuller, Campolo, and Hybels have seemingly failed him. As in Jeremiah's day, "prophets prophesy falsely" and too many of God's people seemingly "love to have it so." (Jer. 5:31). But economic prosperity is not proof of, nor a substitute for, morality.

ECKSTEIN: JEWS SAVED WITHOUT CHRIST - Jewish rabbi Yechiel Eckstein of Chicago, known for building bridges with Christians, frowns on evangelism of Jews. Like other Orthodox rabbis, he believes Jesus is a way Gentiles can graft onto a branch of their own covenant with the God of Abraham, but he says Jews have a special covenant with God that does not require the Christian concept of salvation (9/98 *Charisma*). Eckstein defends the Pharisees who Jesus said were of their father the devil. He denies that Jesus said this (9/15/95 *CC*), and has been praised by Pat Robertson, Paul Crouch, and Jerry Falwell for his bridge-building ministry between evangelicals and Jews.

HUBBLE PREVIEWES DEATH OF EARTH IN SIX BILLION YEARS? - A U. of Washington astronomer says Hubble Space Telescope pictures of dying stars support a theory that in about six billion years the sun will flare out streamers of hot gas at over 100,000 mph and fry the earth to a crisp (1/5 *Chr. News*). He says: "We won't go to hell - it would come to us." This man apparently disbelieves or is unaware of the Bible's teachings and how to rightly divide them, and is evidently not looking for the soon return of our Lord. Meanwhile Jim Odom (no evolutionist), who managed the Space Telescope Project for NASA from 1983-86, says: "The more I learn about science or physics, the more I appreciate God's creation." (7/23 *Ala. Baptist*).

MARCH FOR JESUS SMASHES BARRIERS - Seattle was one of 700 U.S. cities that participated last May in the annual March for Jesus which drew an estimated 1 million (10 million globally). The 8/98 *Charisma* stated: "In the first visible Catholic involvement in the Seattle march, a priest led prayer and invited believers to his church that day for a Pentecostal feast." The goal is to "break down" racial and denominational walls. This year Open Doors with Brother Andrew linked up with MFJ, explaining, "Open Doors as an organization does not have a standpoint on doctrinal issues." Unity is more important than doctrine!

SO. BAPTISTS UNITE WITH CHARISMATICS - Jim Herrington, director of the Union Baptist Association which represents some 500 Southern Baptist churches in Houston (TX), says: "We Southern Baptists have always had a vision of reaching the city as Baptists...But until around 1993 I'd never seen that we could involve the Methodists, the Pentecostals and others. Scales fell from my eyes." (9/98 *Charisma*) Charismatic leader Doug Stringer says it is unity for the purpose of evangelism. "We are putting aside our divisions so we can win souls," he said. Herrington is convinced that if Southern Baptist and charismatics can cooperate to win Houston, any other division can be overcome. Bible doctrines cannot be put aside to win souls or for any other godly endeavor.

PACKER CRITICIZES FUNDAMENTALISTS - J. I. Packer criticized fundamentalists at a 1995 conference on *Ecumenism at the Threshold of the Third Millennium*, saying: "Can conservative Protestants, Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholics of mainstream type join together in bearing witness to all that I have spoken of? I urge that we can, despite our known and continuing differences about the specifics of the salvation process and the place of the church in that process....To be sure, fundamentalists within our three traditions are unlikely to join us in this, for it is the way of fundamentalists to follow the path of contentious orthodoxism, as if the mercy of God in Christ automatically rests on persons who are notionally correct and is just as automatically withheld from those who fall short of notional correctness" Focus on Missions Pres. Leigh Adams comments on this,

thusly: "[Packer's] railing accusation does not bode well for this noted theologian and expositor. Sadly, it appears he has chosen to walk with the crowd rather than follow the clear teaching of the Word of God to separate from error. Obedience to the Word of God cannot be defined as 'the path of contentious orthodoxism'...."

GRAND RAPIDS PROF PROMOTES PENSACOLA BOOK - Dr. Michael Brown was appointed Visiting Professor of Jewish Apologetics at Fuller Seminary (1997) and has been affiliated with Pat Robertson's Regent University. In 1996 he became part of the "Pensacola Outpouring" Brownsville Revival team (see 3/15/97 CC), and is president of its School of Ministry. Brown has written a book confronting the critics of this "wild and weird" charismatic "counterfeit" revival. The shocker, to us, is that on the back cover, Dr. Victor M. Matthews, Professor Emeritus of Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary (a GARBC-approved school), highly praises this book. He writes: "Michael Brown has pointed the way for us in these days of revival, drawing our judgmentalism and traditionalism out into the open. And he has presented a biblical model which, if followed, will lead us into freedom from standing in judgment on one another. My prayer: Oh Lord - that all believers may read this book!"

WAS C.S. LEWIS A CHRISTIAN? - Since C.S. Lewis' death in 1963, sales of his books have risen to 2 million a year, and he was recently rated the most influential writer by some *Christianity Today* readers. The 9/7 CT listed some "weaknesses": his idea about the Atonement, his failure ever to mention justification by faith when discussing forgiveness of sins, his hospitality to baptismal regeneration, and his noninerrantist view of biblical inspiration, plus his affirmation of purgatory and the possible final salvation of some who left this world as nonbelievers. Martyn Lloyd-Jones doubted whether Lewis was a Christian at all. His closest friends were Catholics. He is well received by Mormons. He taught a Medieval idea of salvation by becoming good. God was to help man become good enough to be saved. Such salvation by infused grace is not grace at all (6/29 CN). Lewis's theology is fatally flawed.

SAVORY SALT, DIM LIGHTS - Christians today have a two-fold duty: to be "salt of the earth" and "light of the world." Many New Evangelicals would have us join forces with Catholics in battling abortion, homosexuality, pornography, and other evils. We may join with others as individuals but must not pray together, march and minister together in a religious mode with false religious leaders. We see a danger in yoking with unbelievers to strengthen our "salt" role, at the expense of compromising and confusing our "light" role. God's work, to have His blessing, must be done God's way - or it's not His work. Spurgeon said: "Complicity with error will take from the best of men the power to enter any successful protest against it." How can we tell Catholics they need to be saved, when we "put theological differences aside" and work and worship with their leaders who promote a false gospel? In doing the latter, we "hide our light under a bushel." "If our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost." God commands separation (2Cor. 6:14-17). We are to be salt AND light, and not weaken the "light" in order to strengthen the "salt."

BRAD GSELL IS NEW PMU PRESIDENT - Dr. Morris McDonald reports in the 9/98 *Missions Banner* that Brad Gsell of Charlotte, NC is the new Presbyterian Missionary Union president. He is an elder and minister of music in the Charlotte Bible Presbyterian Church. McDonald, as PMU field rep, works closely with an executive committee in PMU's day-to-day operations. BPC at its recent synod passed resolutions on such topics as Worship, Evangelical-Catholic Compromise, Women in Combat, Pharmaceutical Abortion Pills, PCUSA apostasy and advocacy of Civil Disarmament, and Commendation of Trent Lott for courage in stating that homosexuality is sin.

THE ECUMENICAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER - Many today propose that all Christians ignore their differences and unite for the purpose of evangelism or prayer. Shirley (Mrs. James) Dobson is the chairman of the National Day of Prayer which features Catholics, Jews, charismatics, and new evangelicals. NDP '98 began with prayers by Rabbi Howard Hirsch and Bishop William Lori (5/18 CN). NDP's *Prayer Lines* (Sum. '98) reveals the unscriptural, ecumenical nature of this event. It said: "Nothing has been more exciting than to hear of Baptists, Episcopalians, Catholics, Presbyterians, Lutherans, Messianics, Pentecostals and others joining in prayer for the nation!" Vonette Bright was co-chairman of NDP, and liaisons were: Rabbi Joshua Haberman, Dr.

D. James Kennedy, and "Father" Robert A. Sirico.

NAUSEATED BY NEGATIVITY - We saw this phrase mentioned recently in a religious paper and thought how it increasingly seems to be the attitude of some pseudo fundamentalists of our day who seek to be "neutral" and "balanced." But such lukewarm neutrality in the battle for truth makes God "nauseated." [Rev. 3:16] Jesus spoke more of Hell (negative) than Heaven (positive). When he said he must go to Jerusalem to be killed (negative), he rebuked Peter's "positive" view. But former fundamentalists want their compromise (scandals) kept secret. They (like Pres. Clinton?) say it is a private matter, and that we are "negative" by reporting it. They by their accusation are "negative" toward us! They are nauseated by negativity, but God is nauseated by lukewarmness.

HELPFUL LITERATURE -1) *The Deity of Christ*, 24 pgs, \$1 postpaid. Exposes error of Jehovah's Witnesses. Order from George Zeller, 349 East St., Middletown, CT 06457. 2) *A Scriptural View of Hell*, Cathy Burns, 40 pages, \$4.95. Order from Sharing, 212 E. 7th St., Mt. Carmel, Pa. 17851. (Media Spotlight, P.O. Box 290, Redmond, WA 98073, also has a helpful document on this subject.)

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DEATH TO INFANTS & ELDERLY - Australian ethicist Peter Singer says the disabled and the unwanted should be killed. Not just passive euthanasia, but active, eugenic euthanasia for infants, the sick, and the elderly - everyone whose "life is not worth living." (8/8 *World*). In the U.S., Singer is joining the faculty of Princeton University that once included Jonathan Edwards and J.Gresham Machen!

EUTHANASIA, HUMANISM CONFUSION - Radical Catholic theologian Rosemary Radford Ruether says: "We need to seek the most compassionate way of weeding out people. Our current pro-life movement is really killing people through disease and poverty." (8/15 *World*). She blames Christianity for environmental and social woes. Humanism has failed. It used to deify Man, calling him the measure of all things. But now Man is dismissed as sexist and morally inferior to animals and worth nothing. Just try to find "compassionate" ways to weed out the weak!

MARY PRIMARY TO SOME CATHOLICS - The quotes below are from the Summer'98 *Fatima Crusader* (published by Catholics): "The Immaculate Conception is the first step in our salvation." "...God has decreed that souls are to be *saved* by devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Obviously those souls must first *believe* in the Immaculate Heart of Mary as an object of faith..." "Mary is the surest and easiest means for uniting all persons with Christ..." The 8/98 *Charisma* lists four official dogmas Catholics adhere to about Mary: 1) Mary is the "mother of God" 2) Mary remained a virgin all her life 3) Mary was born without sin 4) Mary didn't die but was assumed into heaven. The Bible does not teach Mariolatry. It presents her as blessed, but a sinner who needed a Savior (Lk. 1:47).

MORE WOMEN PREACHERS - The Aug. 10 *USN & WR* says "Women are admitted to the ministry in about 80 Christian denominations and to the rabbinate in Reform, Conservative, and Reconstructionist Judaism. They account for a third of all students in seminary programs." Leadership by women is becoming more and more prevalent, even in Southern Baptist churches. The largest church in the world is in Korea, pastored by David Yonggi Cho, a charismatic, and women make up two-thirds of the 700 pastors who help guide this megachurch (10/94 *Charisma*). What the Bible says seems to no longer matter.

DOBSON HIRES FORMER HOMOSEXUALS - Focus on the Family has hired two former practicing homosexuals to work in its public policy department as key players to counter homosexual activism (8/13 *Ala. Baptist*). One was hired for her "media know-how, and the other is board chairman of Exodus Int'l, an "ex-gay Christian ministry."

WHY KIDS KILL - The introduction of television in the 1950s resulted in a doubling of the homicide rate. After the Jonesboro shootings, high school students reacted with laughter when told of the shootings at the middle school. A similar reaction happens all the time in movie theaters when there is bloody violence (8/10 *C. Today*). Young people laugh and cheer and keep right on eating popcorn and drinking pop. We have raised a generation of barbarians who have learned to associate violence with pleasure, as the Romans did when Christians were butchered in the Colosseum. Gory media violence presented as entertainment (TV, video games, etc.) destroys the violence immune system and conditions kids to derive pleasure from violence.

ISLAM IS GROWING FAST IN U.S. - Five to 6 million strong, Muslims in America outnumber Presbyterians, Episcopalians, and Mormons, and are more numerous than Quakers, Unitarians, Seventh-day Adventists, Mennonites, Jehovah's Witnesses, and Christian Scientists, combined (7/20 *USN & WR*). Over half the respondents in a recent Roper poll described Islam as inherently anti-American, anti-Western, or supportive of terrorism. Some Muslims deceptively say their Allah is the same as the Christian's God. But this has been shown to be untrue (see 5/1/92 *CC*).

MORMONISM'S CELESTIAL LOTTERY - Mormonism founder Joseph Smith's claim that the LDS Church is the only true church (and that all others were an abomination) rests solely upon his credibility as a prophet and upon his integrity as a man. Today over 10 million Mormon faithful are playing celestial lottery with their very souls (Sum.'98 *Inner Circle*). Either Smith was, indeed, a prophet and the Mormon Church is the only true church, or he was a deceiver of millions and his church is as false as he is.

LARRY CRABB'S GOSPEL - That's the title of a new 210-page book by Martin & Deidre Bobgan (\$11, Psycho-Heresy Awareness Ministries, 4137 Primavera Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93110). In spite of Crabb's 1995 Moody Pastor's Conference talk and *Christianity Today* interview, the Bobgans show that he still supports his past books, his psychologized model of "biblical counseling," counseling for pay, and the unbiblical American Association of Christian Counselors. He continues to integrate psychotherapy and its underlying psychologies with the Bible. He attempts to make psychological counseling better by adding the Bible, and Christianity better by adding psychology. The Bobgans say: "While some of Crabb's goals for believers may appear admirable, his doctrines and vision for the church are psychotherapeutically bound." In his integration model, Christian sanctification involves deep probing into the unconscious and necessity of a counselor to expose its contents.

GRAHAM'S QUEBEC CRUSADE UNITES ENGLISH PROTESTANTS, FRENCH CATHOLICS - *Christianity Today* for Aug. 10 stated: "...[In] the months preceding the June 25-28 Billy Graham mission to the [Ottawa] region, an area of about one million people, the barriers between Catholic and Protestant - and to an extent, between French and English - began to dissipate. Out of the 470 area churches that supported the campaign, 60 were Catholic. The Catholic involvement was the most significant of any Graham evangelistic crusade ever." *CT* reported that some new converts wound up in a Catholic church. The largest crowd came the night of the [rock] concert, featuring Jars of Clay and Michael W. Smith.

CHRIST-DENIER BORG SPOKE AT SBC CHURCH - In February, Jesus Seminar leader Marcus Borg spoke for three days at Myers Park Baptist Church in Charlotte - a So. Baptist Church (8/6 e-mail, David Cloud, FBIS, 1701 Harns Rd., Oak Harbor, WA 98277). Borg, an Episcopalian, denies doctrines of Christ (e.g., the bodily resurrection of Christ), as does other Bible-doubting scholars of the so-called Jesus Seminar (see 5/1/96 *CC*) which met several times in recent years and voted that Jesus only said about 18 percent of what is attributed to him in the Bible.

PAKISTAN UPC SYNOD WITHDRAWS FROM ICCC - Emanuel Nasir, International Council of Christian Churches V-P, sent a letter "To the ICCC Executives, Head of Churches, Fellow Christians and friends" stating: "Let it be known that as of August 1, 1998, the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church of Pakistan withdraws from the [ICCC] and stands alone in witness and missions." Seven reasons were listed, one of which disputed the ICCC's claim of having 700+ denominations. Dr. Carl McIntire is the ICCC's president and a founder.

PANNENBERG'S SACRAMENTAL THEOLOGY - A review of Wolfhart Pannenberg's Systematic Theology, Volume 3, in the 8/10 *Chr. Today*, states: "Throughout this work Pannenberg engages in dialogue with Roman Catholicism and tries to build bridges wherever he can... He is willing to make a place for apostolic succession and papal leadership among Christians. He entertains the possibility that the Petrine office of the bishop of Rome could become 'a visible sign of the unity of the whole church to the degree that by theological reinterpretation and practical restructuring the office is subordinated to the primacy of the gospel.'" Some evangelicals fear that this widely acclaimed theologian's views could lead to a new sacramentalism that would subordinate the Word to the sacraments. We documented his liberalism concerning doctrines of Christ, the Bible, etc. in the April 15, 1995 *CC*.

NEW REPORT ON NRB 98 - ACCC executive secretary Dr. Ralph Colas has a report on his coverage of the National Religious Broadcasters convention earlier this year. He lists speakers (Charles Stanley, Tim LaHaye, RC William Bennett, Chuck Swindoll, Toronto Blessing's Pastor John Arnot, Charismatic bishop Carlton Pearson, e.g.), others involved (Shirley Dobson, John Hagee, e.g.), awards (Moody Bible Institute, e.g.), musicians (Amy Grant, Carman, Michael Card, e.g.), and much more. Get the complete report from: ACCC, P.O. Box 5455, Bethlehem, PA 18015 (send offering). [ACCC needs funds for Dr. Colas to attend the World Council of Churches' once-each-seven-years full meeting in Zimbabwe in Dec.]

THE NEW DEFINED KJB - *The Defined King James Bible* (Bible For Today, 900 Park Ave., Collingswood, NJ 08108) has no changes in the KJV text, but a few hundred KJV words whose meaning has changed are listed at the bottom of each page with current definitions. D.A. Waite Jr. is the main compiler of the due-by-December *TDKJB*.

DR. WENIGER RESIGNS AT MARANATHA - Maranatha Baptist Bible College [Watertown, Wis.] regretfully announces the resignation of its president, Dr. Arno Q. Weniger Jr. The reasons for the resignation are personal, but Dr. Weniger has anticipated retirement for the past few years and had begun a search process for a successor which the Board of Trustees will continue. The Board expresses full confidence in his Christian character, integrity, and personal fidelity. In the 15 years under Dr. Weniger's leadership, the college saw construction of the Cedarholm Memorial Library and Resource Center, new dorms, a student center, expansion of the gymnasium, renovation of the campus, and over 60 percent growth in enrollment. Over 1,100 graduates have entered the ministry and other Christian service vocations. Thousands of pastors and churches have been influenced through his life and ministry as a pastor, national Christian education leader, and college president. Dr. Weniger and his late father (of the famous Weniger family of fundamentalists) were longtime friends of the *Calvary Contender* ministry. We pray that God will continue to bless Maranatha and Dr. Weniger as he relocates to St. Germain, Wis.

LEIGHTON FORD CONFUSED ABOUT THE GOSPEL - Evang. Leighton Ford declared that individuals "should preach the gospel," but they shouldn't "be so negative as to refuse to endorse or work with those who belong to a group that proclaims a different gospel." (8/98 *Fund. Digest*) Did he get this ecumenical idea from his brother-in-law Billy Graham? He didn't get it from the Bible (Gal. 1:9).

CRISWELL CHURCH HAS DANCING, ROCK CONCERT, IN NEW YOUTH 'MINISTRY' - Southern Baptist patriarch Dr. W. A. Criswell is pastor-emeritus of the historic First Baptist Church in Dallas. We grieved to see an article in the 8/1 *Dallas Morning News* picturing young people slam-dancing the night away July 25

during a Hard-Core-a-Thon concert that kicked off a new youth ministry, Cadence. It said: "The stately Spurgeon Harris Building, part of First Baptist Church of Dallas, seemed to shake" from the hardcore concert, "complete with slam dancing, thundering guitars and Christian piety." The July-Aug. *Fundamentalist Digest* reports a sad new trend toward dancing - often featuring worldly sensual CCM/rock music and immodest apparel - in charismatic and new-evangelical circles and is also beginning to infiltrate some professing fundamentalist ministries.

SWINDOLL TO START NEW CHURCH - Dallas Seminary president Dr. Chuck Swindoll has announced that he is organizing a new interdenominational church, Stonebriar Community Church, on a 60-acre cornfield in Frisco, TX (7/25 *Dallas Morn. News*). It is expected to grow quickly to megachurch status. He will continue his radio program and his role as seminary president.

PK UPDATE - Promise Keepers is asking for funds and for men to bring their wives and children to state capitals for two-hour rallies planned for Jan. 1, 2000 (6/15 *Chr. News*). Randy Phillips, head of PK's operations in Denver, says: "Beginning in 1999, Promise Keepers will move beyond hosting massive regional rallies to working in partnership with local groups to support smaller citywide events (8/13 *Ala. Bapt.*). The difference is filling arenas or civic auditoriums rather than 60,000-seat stadiums.

FALWELL \$200 MILLION WORLD HEADQUARTERS - Dr. Jerry Falwell plans to relocate Thomas Road Baptist Church and 20 other ministries to a 1,400-acre site on Liberty Mountain. Phase I of the Jerry Falwell Ministries world headquarters is set for completion before Christmas 1999 and includes a new 12,000-seat sanctuary (largest in America), adjacent to Liberty University.

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UN OPPOSES CHRISTIANITY - Christian relief workers charge that United Nations efforts are prolonging war and famine in Sudan. They say they have to register with and get permission for everything they do from the UN. It then gives veto power over everything to Sudan's Islamic government (8/1 *World*). The project director for Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse, Ken Isaacs, said it cannot take Bibles in with its privately-funded food and medicine. He said, "We as an evangelical organization cannot work with the UN because they will not let us take Bibles in." Frontline Fellowship's Peter Hammond said, "The UN is not against religion, it is just against Christianity."

VINS' RUSSIAN GROUPS SPLIT - With the new-found religious freedom in the USSR in the late 1980s, Georgi Vins' beloved Council of Evangelical Baptist Churches began taking on a stronger hierarchical nature. Claiming higher authority over local pastors and churches, it deposed or ex-communicated pastors who questioned it or its authority. Autonomy of the local church is not recognized by CEBC's present leaders. Vins' Russian Gospel Ministries began funding local churches directly and now says its closest ties are with these independent ones that have been planted in recent years, or have separated from the CEBC. The CEBC has a new ministry in the West with a similar name to RGM, Russian Evangelistic Ministries. Vins died Jan. 11. Dr. Ed Nelson was in Ukraine in late June. He distributed copies of Strong's Concordance in Russian and led a seminar on the Biblical basis for forming a fellowship of churches without violating local church autonomy.

GAMBLING A DEADLY MENACE - Even the liberal U. Methodist Church in 1996 added an anti-gambling statement to its Social Principles: "Gambling is a menace to society, deadly to the best interests of moral, social, economic, and spiritual life, and destructive of good government." The poorest families have the most gambling-related problems (8/1 *World*). A Miss. State University study found that poor gamblers lost about 10 percent of their income to gambling but richer ones lost only about 1 percent.

PK'S JAMES RYLE PULLS OUT OF VINEYARD - Pastor James Ryle withdrew his prominent church (Boulder Valley Vineyard) from the Association of Vineyard Churches last May (8/98 *Charisma*). He told AVC president Todd Hunter: "The Vineyard as it now exists is not the same as what we aligned our church with in 1984." The AVC changed its structure after founder John Wimber died last year. Ryle, co-founder of Promise Keepers with Bill McCartney (and is the latter's pastor), said his congregation has been renamed Vinelife

Community Church. Ryle, McCartney, Promise Keepers, and Vineyard are all very ecumenical.

OPRAH'S GOSPEL - The Oprah Winfrey Show is touted as the highest-rated talk show in television history. Oprah denies being New Age, but spouts its philosophy. And Shirley MacLaine is a close friend and sometimes guest. The 7/98 *Vantage Point* quoted Oprah: "There couldn't possibly be only one way...Does God care about your heart or whether you called His Son Jesus?", "[Claiming exclusive Divinity] would make Jesus the biggest egotist that ever lived.", and "You are responsible for your life - the power of God is within you [whether you are a Christian or not], above you and through you. You control your life." For an expanded version of "The Gospel According to Oprah" contact Watchman Fellowship, P.O. Box 530842, Birmingham, AL 35253, Phone 205/871-2858.

CATHOLIC SHROUD A HOAX - TBN chief Paul Crouch said he believes the Shroud of Turin is "the actual burial cloth of Jesus Christ." (7/98 *PTL*). But scientists from Cambridge and Oxford have called it a fake and dated it around 1350 A.D. Bandaging was the Jewish custom for burial in Jesus' day (10/15/88 *CC*). John 19:40 says Jesus' body was "wound" in linen clothes (plural). John 20:7 says his head was covered with a napkin, not a shroud. A 7/20 *Christian News* article calls the shroud "an elaborate fake."

PRESIDENT'S 'GAY' DIRECTIVE - The liberal news media have been quiet about a May 29 executive order Pres. Clinton issued mandating affirmative action on the basis of homosexuality. Gary Bauer says the President's real agenda is to force acceptance of homosexuality on everyone (6/15 *CN*). He said: "This creates a special advantage in [mostly federal] employment for people who are defined solely by engaging in behavior that most people and all major religions declare to be immoral and destructive."

NATIONAL ID CARD? - A New York Times article says the Clinton Administration is quietly laying plans to assign every American a "unique health identifier," a computer code that could be used to create a national data base that would track every citizen's complete medical history. A privacy consultant (8/3 *USN&WR*) is concerned that a health ID would become a national ID overnight.

PRO-HOMOSEXUAL NEW EVANGELICALS? - The pro-homosexual Evangelicals Concerned headed by Ralph Blair holds annual summer retreats. Its Spring '98 *Record* states: "Since 1980, gay and lesbian Christians from around the country have gathered...to share in fellowship and to deepen evangelical discipleship. Over the years our keynoters have included Rosalind Rinker...Peggy Campolo, Nancy Hardesty, Letha Scanzoni, Virginia Mollenkott, Lewis Smedes, Mel White, Ken Medema...and other evangelicals."

BWA PRESIDENT SAYS TUTU 'GREAT EXAMPLE' - About 500 Baptist leaders of the general council of the Baptist World Alliance, at a meeting July 5-11 in South Africa, "sat in rapt attention" as Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu described South Africa's atrocities under apartheid and reconciliation efforts (7/23 *Ala. Baptist*). BWA President Nelson Fanini told Tutu, "We have, in you, one of the greatest examples of (leaders in) human rights." Tutu in 1996 called for the ordination of practicing homosexuals (6/1/96 *CC*). In the 1980s, Tutu admitted to being a socialist, and said: "I think the West, for my part, can go to Hell." Some "example," he! The SBC is a major member and supporter of the BWA.

SCHULLER MEETS WITH CHO AND POPE - Dr. Robert Schuller joined David Yonggi Cho in Sicily's first Church Growth conference in March, visiting Pope John Paul II en route. Korean Cho pastors the world's largest church. The 9/19/94 *Christian News* called Cho "a charismatic and occultist who rejects historic Christianity." It was "the fourth time Schuller and the Pope had met, hand-to-hand, heart-to-heart at the Vatican." (5-6/98 *Foundation*). The Pope expressed interest in how their churches could work together in the Vatican's preparation for the Year 2000 Jubilee celebrations.

YFC PROJECT GETS UN FUNDS - According to the Youth For Christ International's 8/98 *Global Perspective*, the Uruguay YFC's Youth Guidance Center was funded partly by the United Nations. Why would a so-called evangelical group accept funds from the satanic UN? Catholics, charismatics and all stripes of New

Evangelicals have been involved in YFC endeavors. The YFC (USA) list of colleges involved in DC/LA '97 (see 9/15/96 CC) included Oral Roberts, Western Baptist (GARBC-related), Liberty, and John MacArthur's The Masters College.

IFCA NAME CHANGE - A letter from a reader states: "You mentioned the Independent Fundamental Churches of America in the July 15 CC....As of the 1996 national meeting in Grand Rapids, they voted to no longer use that name. As Richard Gregory stated publicly, he was embarrassed by the term 'fundamental' when checking into motels and the clerk would associate him with militant Muslims. They are now known as IFCA International."

BIBLICAL SEPARATION - "Separation from disobedient brethren is not 'secondary separation,' it is Biblical separation. Failure to separate from disobedient brethren is not love, it is disobedience." (Rev. E.D. Hettinger, 7/98 *Perilous Times*) In the battle for truth, it is traitorous to forge alliances with the enemies of truth. Those who aid and abet God's enemies do His cause great harm. We must separate from, warn, and exhort (in love) such disorderly and disobedient brethren (II Thes. 3:6, 14-15).

SPONG'S ATHEISM - Episcopal Bishop John Shelby Spong says there is no personal God (7/13 *Chr. News*). He rejects miracles, the Virgin Birth, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus as historical events. He said: "I would choose to loathe rather than to worship a deity who required the sacrifice of his son." (6/15 *Chr. Today*). He favors ordaining homosexuals, speculates that Paul was a "deeply repressed, self-rejecting gay man," and that the Virgin Birth maybe was to cover up Jesus' illegitimacy.

PERSONAL NOTE - Our area code has changed from 205 to 256. The new phone and FAX number is (256) 830-1905. Our E-mail address is: jhuffman2@juno.com Web page: www.whoisit.com/contender Question: Does anyone out there have a sequential (by name/orgn.) data base of CC articles for the past 3 years (preferably one that runs on Word for Windows 95, or Word Perfect)?

METHODIST CONSERVATIVES MAY LEAVE - Some Methodist conservatives say "we can no longer in Christian conscience remain members" of the United Methodist Church. Some quotes from a report in the 7/25 *World*: "Believers cannot be spiritual partners with those who do not affirm the basics of the faith," "We have two separate faiths in this denomination that cannot be held together," and, quoting Wesley on schism: "In churches where ungodliness and apostasy prevail, the evil of schism rests on those who make it impossible to stay." The catalyst for much of the recent controversy is UMC pastor Jimmy Creech's recent performance of a "covenant" union ceremony for two lesbians, and his "preaching" at a Gay Pride Sunday service at notorious Riverside Church (NYC). And Glide Memorial UMC pastor Cecil Williams (San Francisco) said his moorings are in Liberation theology. He said: "Rules and doctrines aren't what's important; relationships are." He said he has performed union covenants for homosexuals for over 30 years.

FREDDIE GAGE SEEKS SBC UNITY - Southern Baptist evangelist Freddie Gage is founder of Wounded Heroes, a "Christian" psychotherapy ministry. In 1982-83 he was president of Southern Baptist Evangelists. A 7/4 *Houston Chronicle* article tells of his bout with depression, entering a psychiatric hospital, later becoming marketing director for Rapha. His Wounded Heroes has received \$50,000 from the SBC Annuity Board and \$20,000 from the SBC's North American Mission Board. Gage is convinced that Wounded Heroes not only will help ministers and their families, but also bring together the divided SBC. Both moderates and conservatives sit on the board. He says "It's time for Baptists to quit fighting and go fishing for men, to minister to wounded people." It is unscriptural to bring moderates-liberals together with Bible believers.

BWA ECUMENISM - At the March Executive Meeting, Baptist World Alliance President Nilson Fanini said: "While theology sometimes divides us, mission and evangelism can bring us together." (7-9/98 *Baptist World*). Billy Graham made a similar statement a few years ago. Graham and Coretta Scott King will be Co-Chairs for the Internat'l Summit of Baptists Against Racism, Jan. 9-11 in Atlanta. The So. Baptist Convention, Jerry Falwell's "new" denomination, is a member of the apostate BWA.

THE COMPROMISERS ARE THE 'BAD GUYS' - The "fundamentalists" of our day who insist on fraternizing in ministry with New Evangelicals try to excuse such disobedience with an unscriptural "degree" system of separation. Their disobedience causes a serious breach of fellowship with historic biblical fundamentalists who they then blame for the breach. But responsibility for the evil schism among these brethren rests upon those who ignore or disobey separation commands. Compromisers are the ones who break the fellowship and lack love. If they loved their fundamentalist brethren, they would abide in the light (1Jn. 2:10, 1:7). Their compromise with ecumenicals and New Evangelicals demonstrates a lack of love for fundamentalists who by God's grace cannot tolerate evil and sacrifice truth for unity, and sadly must withdraw from the compromising brethren who have already broken the fellowship. But even though they are "bad guys," they are not our enemies (2Thes. 3:6, 14-15).

TOLERATION - "There is a toleration which is treachery. There is a peace which issues in paralysis. There are hours when the church must say NO to those who should ask communion with her, in the doing of her work, upon the basis of compromise. Such standing aloof may produce ostracism and persecution, but it will maintain power and influence....The Church today has destroyed her own influence by compromise." - G. Campbell Morgan

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CYBER PATROL BLOCKS WRONG ONES - Internet filter company Cyber Patrol won't block the Web sites of homosexual activist groups but *are* blocking Don Wildmon's American Family Association's Web site because of the "intolerance" of AFA's pro-family stand on homosexuality (6/98 *Wash. Watch*). The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), a militant pro-homosexual group, is a charter member of Cyber Patrol's oversight committee!

ROE BECOMES CATHOLIC - Norma McCorvey, former pro-abortion plaintiff "Jane Roe," converted to Christianity in 1995 but in June said she will convert to Catholicism.

EVOLUTIONISTS' INTELLECTUAL IGNORANCE - An 8-page article in the 7/20 *U.S. News* titled "What Came Before Creation?" presents a wide range of evolutionary speculation. "Inflation" is the hottest new pre-big-bang theory, with the idea that multiple new universes come into existence constantly - and will for all time. Experts think they can understand (from fossils, helium, etc.) what happened *after* the first millisecond of creation but are perplexed at what happened one second *before* a big bang! Allan Sandage, one of the world's leading astronomers, said that contemplating the majesty of the big bang helped make him a believer in God, willing to accept that creation could only be explained as a "miracle." It is admitted in a concluding section of the article that "If nothing else, the theological idea of creation *ex nihilo* - out of nothing - is looking better all the time as "inflation" theories increasingly suggest the universe emerged from no tangible source. Evolution is an absurd "everything from nothing" hoax/religion by men who profess to be wise intellectuals (Rom. 1:22) but who are "willingly ignorant" (2Pet. 3:5) moronic rejectors of God's creation account.

PREVENTION IS BEST WAY TO FIGHT AIDS - HIV cases among African-Americans represented 57 percent of all HIV cases over the 2 1/2 years that ended June 1997. The 7/13 *U.S. News* says the marketing and availability of condoms, HIV testing and counseling, STD services, needle exchanges, and peer programs prove that one of the best ways of attacking AIDS is prevention, as shown by the gay community's success in curbing the spread of HIV in the early '90s. Though AIDS is largely caused by the homosexual sinful lifestyle, and thus largely preventable, our president bragged last Nov. at a fund-raising dinner for a homosexual activist group that his administration had allocated more money for AIDS research than to breast or prostate cancer combined (6/98 Dobson ltr). CDC figures for the five deadliest diseases show that AIDS/HIV received over three times as

much federal money per death (1994) than all the other four (diabetes, cancer, heart disease, and stroke).

COMMUNIST CHINA RESTRICTS RELIGION - The Chinese government places boundaries on religion at every point: 1) Worship places must be registered, which normally entails joining one of five officially recognized religious associations. 2) Publication of Bibles and religious materials must be state approved. 3) Admission to seminaries or other religious training for registered church pastors or lay leaders requires permission of local authorities. 4) Believers may be required to provide identification on receipts when purchasing Bibles at a registered church. 5) Communist party members are prohibited from expressing religious beliefs, so only atheists are allowed to head government offices that regulate religion. 6) Government officials determine which religious beliefs are heretical, and thus illegal. 7) No religious group outside China is permitted to have control over any Chinese religious body or religious affairs, or to establish an independent operation (7/13 *Chr. Today*). At any time, the Communist government can come in and require a church to register.

MICHAEL W. SMITH THINKS JESUS WOULD BE AT BARS- CCM singer Michael W. Smith says he appreciates many different kinds of music (Beatles, Madonna, Stevie Wonder, e.g.) and owns the Rocketown "teen dance club-outreach haven" in Franklin, TN. The music at the club isn't all Christian. He defends his approach to teen outreach, saying: "If Jesus were here today physically, I'm *not* really sure He'd be in the churches. He'd be hanging out at the bars, with the desperate and lonely. And I don't think He'd be going in and preaching - I think He'd be going in and befriending people." (5/98 *CCM* via BJU's *What In The World*)

POPE ACCEPTS THEISTIC EVOLUTION - The Roman Catholic Church no longer accepts the historicity of the Genesis account of creation. The new *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, which the Pope has recommended, accepts some of the destructive theories of liberal Bible critics (6/8/98 *Christian News*). The Pope has long accepted theistic evolution but says it is secondary to divine action.

CAMPUS CRUSADE 'SIGNS & WONDERS' - Recent newsletters from Campus Crusade report that "God is still performing signs and wonders" through their evangelistic film "JESUS." The July letter tells of a 16-year-old girl in India who died for several hours and was about to be buried, miraculously "like Lazarus before her, came back to life." She claimed to have gone to the place of the dead, but said God told her to come back for seven days. The letter says that after seven days she died. It says this and other "miracles" passed the three tests for miracles listed in Dr. Adrian Rogers' book on the subject. Campus Crusade is building a \$48 million World Center in Orlando.

THOMPSON CALLED CC A SCANDAL SHEET - Dr. Milo Thompson, President of the GARBC-approved Baptist Bible College & Seminary (Pa.), spoke at the recent GARBC annual conference, and said: "...In the past I have seen some of these scandal sheets that come around, Christian tabloids. But over time I got to the place where I felt like when I read one of those, whether it's the *Calvary Contender* or some other one that I feel like I need to take a bath. I have been named in some of those, and our school. Never has one of them ever called me to say 'Is this true, how do you respond to this?'" First of all, I don't believe the *CC* has ever "named" Dr. Thompson, unless it was to report him becoming the new BBC&S president, or some such. Secondly, he seems to violate his own complaint. He did not check with me for a "response" before stating/implying my "guilt" to the whole GARBC gathering (and tape distribution). Thirdly, the *compromise* being reported should make us feel more in need of a "bath" than the reporting of it. There are none so blind as those who DON'T WANT to see! Fourthly, yes indeed, the *CC* is a "scandal sheet" in the sense that it reports/exposes "scandals" that God's people need to be informed of to avoid deception. One of the most shameful scandals of our day is the massive defection of "fundamentalists" into the new-evangelical orbit. Some GARBC and approved agency/school leaders in recent years fellowship in ministry and pulpit-share with ecumenicals and their fellow travelers. This kind of compromise is one of the late 20th century's greatest "scandals." With God's enablement we shall continue to stand for truth and report manifestations of these "scandals," even when faced with ad hominem derision.

GARBC MEETING - We did not attend the recent General Association of Regular Baptist Churches' annual

meeting in Lancaster, Pa. However, we have received reports from some who did. Only one was overall positive. Others expressed concern primarily about the youth speaker's message, the music, the dress, and worldliness. The music was termed as "more country- western-contemporary than traditional," "pop-rock christian," etc. The casual dress (no coat/tie) of some on the platform was said to be more like that at a Promise Keepers meeting than at past GARBC meetings. National Rep Dr. John Greening recommends dropping the approval system. BBC&S Pres. Dr. Milo Thompson, a seminar speaker, favors not making music, coat-and-tie for pulpit speakers, and whether to have a Sunday night church service, a test of fellowship. His remarks on these things were similar to those made by modern "designer," "user friendly," church growth advocates. Over twice as many churches left the GARBC in the past year than came in (18 vs. 8). Sadly, we see no evidence that the GARBC is returning to its separatist roots. Some newly elected to the Council of Eighteen can hardly be termed "separatists."

TOZER ON TOLERANCE - The fashion now is to tolerate anything lest we gain a reputation of being intolerant. The tender-minded saints cannot bear to see Agag slain (1Sam. 15), so they choose rather to sacrifice the health of the Church for years to come by sparing error and evil; and this they do in the name of Christian love. We are under obligation to disturb all seats of wickedness, and where this is done out of sincere love for God and men, great good [will] follow. No true work of God will suffer from the prayerful examination of Spirit-filled men. Timidity masquerading as love has allowed useless forms and unscriptural practices to persist in many a church till they have slowly smothered the life out of it and brought it to desolation. We must not be afraid to inquire...in a Christian spirit. It is hard to find fault without being a faultfinderBut we have it to do if we hope to keep the work of God pure in a day of iniquity. [A.W. Tozer, 7/98 *Berean Call*].

FULLER REJECTS INERRANCY - Fuller Seminary at one time defended the inerrancy of God's Word. After it rejected this doctrine, it began promoting the charismatic movement (6/29 *Chr. News*). It now strongly supports women pastors and the ordination of women.

FALWELL JOINED SBC IN 1996 - *The Baptist Banner* is the official organ for Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia (SBCV), Dr. Jerry Falwell's home state. The June-July issue reports: "Falwell first became affiliated with Southern Baptists in 1996 when his church gave \$1,000 to the SBCV. Fifty percent of that contribution went to the SBC and made the church a cooperating Southern Baptist congregation." Falwell has seemed less than forthcoming about just when he joined the Convention by saying at the time of his 1996 contribution that he did not consider himself a So. Baptist. He and messengers from his church attended the 6/98 Salt Lake City SBC meeting.

ECUMENICAL DOUBLESPEAK - The World Lutheran Federation Council unanimously approved a proposed "Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification" at its recent annual meeting in Geneva. (7/4 *Dallas Morn. News*). However, a day later, high-level Vatican officials praised the document but offered several pages of "clarifications" that included this sentence: "We can therefore say that eternal life is, at one and the same time, grace and the reward given by God for good works and merits."

CATHOLICS, EVANGELICALS, & EVOLUTION - The 7/6 *Christian News* includes quotations from Dave Hunt's recent book on the occult which show that the Roman Catholic Church, the Pope, *Christianity Today*, Billy Graham, Promise Keepers and many other church groups now go along with evolution. Hardly any today defend a six-day creation. Even such an evangelical as James Dobson has been promoting the works of Hugh Ross who leaves the door wide open for theistic evolution.

PCA: CREATION DAYS, WOMEN IN COMBAT - The fast growing Presbyterian Church in America is the nation's second largest Presbyterian denomination. It began in 1973 as a split from the liberal Presbyterian Church in the U.S., and joined the NAE in 1986. It set up a study committee, at its annual meeting last month, on the role of women in the military and to determine if the creation story consisted of six literal 24-hour days. It elected a new stated clerk for the first time in ten years.

FALSE RELIGIONS IN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - Huntsville's Interfaith Mission Service last month presented a program on "Sacred Sounds" in Faith Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) at its monthly meeting. (7/11 *Huntsville Times*). Representatives of several faiths, including Baha'i, Buddhist, Jewish, Islamic and three "Christian" denominations made up a panel which addressed the role sound plays in their style of worship.

NEW PUBLICATIONS ON PCUSA, GRAHAM - The liberal Presbyterian Church (USA) has lost over a third of its membership in the last 15 years and now numbers 2.6 million. Brad Gsell covered its 210th General Assembly in Charlotte, June 13-20. He has an 8-page report (send offering), and has also updated his *Legacy of Billy Graham* book. Order the new revised edition (7 extra pages) from: Fundamental Presbyterian Publications, P. O. Box 26164, Charlotte, NC 28221, \$4.75 postpaid.

THE BAPTIST CHALLENGE'S FINAL ISSUE - The May issue of *The Baptist Challenge* was its final one. We have quoted from it, and it has featured many of our articles for well over a decade. We commend Editor M. L. Moser for a job well done, and for his discernment.

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NEA FUNDS INVOLVED IN PLAY DEPICTING JESUS AS 'GAY' - A firestorm of controversy surrounds *Corpus Christi*, an off-Broadway play about a homosexual Jesus character (Joshua) who has sexual relationships with characters resembling the twelve disciples - most especially Judas (7/98 *NLJ*). The group scheduled to put on the play received \$125,000 in government grants last year from the National Endowment for the Arts, the agency that has funded blasphemous "art" attacks on Christianity and promoted the most sordid homosexual lifestyle "art."

COST OF ILLEGAL DRUGS TO U. S. ECONOMY - Combining the abuse of alcohol with other drug abuse, the total cost to the economy is estimated at \$246 billion per year (7/6 *New American*). This 1992 figure (latest available) is much higher today. Some two-thirds of alcohol abuse cost comes from lost productivity; with drugs, over half the abuse costs are associated with crime. The estimate represents about \$965 per person in the country.

TV VIOLENCE & VULGARITY - A recent study found that 61 percent of TV shows depicted violent acts in 1997. Viewers see an average of six acts of violence per hour. (5-6/98 *Light*). The *N.Y. Times* says mainstream television this season is flaunting the most vulgar and elicited sex, language, and behavior that it has ever sent into American homes.

GOLDWATER ENDED UP LIBERAL - Barry Goldwater was called "Mr. Conservative" in the 1960s, but in the recent years preceding his death May 29 he made a u-turn on religion, morality and politics (see 12/1/93 *CC*). An Episcopalian, he became the liberals' favorite conservative, hostile to the Religious Right - pro-abortion (a daughter had an illegal abortion in the 1950s) and pro-homosexual rights (a grandson was homosexual). He credited his second wife, a founder of Planned Parenthood, for his change.

PRISON FELLOWSHIP NOW HEADED BY CATHOLIC - Detroit businessman Michael Timmis has been named chairman of Prison Fellowship Int'l, succeeding founder Chuck Colson who remains on the board as Chairman Emeritus (8/98 *Moody*). Timmis is a Roman Catholic who also serves on the Promise Keepers board (9/1/97 *CC*), and spoke at the October 4th PK assembly in Washington, DC.

SBC MASON PROBLEM - Several thousand Southern Baptist pastors and hundreds of thousands of SBC laymen are Masons. Masons deny the Trinity and teach salvation by works. Masonry is just as anti-Christian as Mormonism (6/1 *Chr. News*). The SBC should demand that its pastors withdraw from Masonry. Meanwhile, SBC "conservatives" are dialoguing with SBC liberals for "common ground."

OUR SEX-CRAZED CULTURE - Can Christian teenagers stay pure in today's world? Absolutely, but God's protection is a must (6/98 *Charisma*). For America's teens, sexual immorality is no longer the *accepted* lifestyle; it's the *expected* lifestyle. Sex saturates the atmosphere in our schools, our entertainment, and even our shopping malls.

SECULAR COMPANIES OWN CCM RECORD LABELS - Christian music is now virtually owned by the secular entertainment industry (5/20/96 *CT*). CCM'er Jill Chambers is quoted in the 7/98 *Charisma*: "Contemporary Christian music may be called 'Christian,' yet it's being influenced and governed by a secular mind-set. They are taking the music of these people, who ultimately have a gift to write songs about the Lord, to the chopping block and extracting the Spirit of God because they're afraid it won't make money." We disagree with her on the Lord's involvement in CCM, but the lady has a point. Her husband Danny says: "We believe you take on the spirit of what you align yourself with," given that non-Christian companies own most major "Christian" labels. A musician from his church took songs to a leading record producer who said he loved the music but couldn't help him, saying, "Ultimately, I work for 'Pharoah.'" As CCM becomes more worldly, it is more evident that "Egypt" and mammon control most CCM.

SALVATION ARMY & 'DOMESTIC PARTNERS' LAW - The Salvation Army decided in June to end its contracts with San Francisco and reduce its benevolence programs because of a city ordinance that requires companies that do business with the city to provide the same benefits to unmarried partners (specifically homosexual couples) as they do to married couples (7/98 *Nat. Lib. Jrnl.*). The action to terminate the contracts was apparently initiated by our 7/15/97 *CC* article (reprinted in the *Baptist Challenge*), according to a letter from the SA's Commanding Officer.

WORLD VISION'S SEIPLE TO STATE DEPARTMENT - World Vision President Robert Seiple was appointed last month to the newly created State Department position of senior advisor on international religious freedom. Seiple recently said the UN needs reform but that it fills a necessary role Christians should support (1/1/96 *CC*). He said: "Evangelicals must change their basic attitude toward the UN. Instead of demonizing it, we should work toward persuasive influence." The UN is an ungodly tool for bringing a new world order, a one-world government of anti-Christ. World Vision is a radical new-evangelical relief agency that has used funds donated by Christians to help communists, Muslims, etc. Seiple has called for diplomatic relations and trade with communists, and can hardly be expected to aggressively defend religious freedom from their tyrants.

FALWELL YOKED WITH SBC UNBELIEF - After all the late 1996 hoopla and doublespeak, Dr. Jerry Falwell now admits the long obvious. He says (7/98 *Nat'l Lib. Jrnl.*): "For the first time ever, Thomas Road Baptist Church sent ten messengers [to the recent Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Salt Lake City] and we voted." This puts his church as a sister church to Pres. Clinton's and in fellowship with thousands of SBC pastors who are Masons. He says his decision to join the SBC follows its completion of its move to a conservative stance. His *NLJ* article paints the SBC picture a bit rosier than it really is. He says: "All six SBC seminaries now have fundamentalist presidents and faculties." [Actually none are - especially Southwestern's Hemphill. To Falwell, a fundamentalist is an inerrantist who believes "the five fundamentals," but may not practice biblical separation.] He doesn't mention the Georgia SBC's Mercer College liberal president. He says not one moderate or liberal has been elected president since 1979. But Jim Henry was pro-moderate. Falwell says "Over 12,000 delegates" were in attendance, but the number was 8,586 (6/18 *Ala. Bapt.*). His church, in the SBC, will also continue its relationship with the BBF. Next step for Falwell: SBC president?

BBF 'FLAGSHIP' CHURCH HAS ROCK CONCERT - Temple Baptist Church (near Detroit) under G. Beachamp Vick became known as the "flagship" church of the Baptist Bible Fellowship. We are saddened to see

quotes from the 2/12 *Oakland Press* [MI] reporting that rock group Audio Adrenaline [AA] was to appear at Temple Baptist Church Feb. 13. The reporter said AA's sound was so loud that it "nearly blew off the roof of the church," the "exterior plate glass doors were vibrating," and said over "2,000 teens [were] jumping, dancing, yelling and rawking...." AA performed Mar. 3rd at a charismatic tongues-speaking church in Pensacola. [5-6/98 *Fund. Digest*] The *Huntsville Times* referred to AA as a "hot Christian rock act" when AA performed locally June 18.

STOWELL, ALDRICH, UNITY AT ALL COSTS? - In recent years we have been told that for a revival, and for evangelism to be fruitful, evangelicals must unite with any and everyone (even Catholics and Mormons). Doctrinal distinctions are allowed, but are not to be a barrier to ecumenicity. For example, Moody President Joe Stowell [a PK speaker] participated in The National Consultation on Evangelism (5/1/96) near Washington, DC. Reportedly, he "reminded participants that God historically moves only when His body is unified." Multnomah then-president Joe Aldrich argues that unity is the universal cure for all spiritual ailments. [Thomas Ice, IFCA's *Voice*, May-June, 1998] God's Word does not exalt unity above truth. "Better to be divided by truth than united in error."

CHARISMATIC, EVANGELICALS TO UNITE? - The 7/98 *Charisma* had this quote: "There is an inevitable tension between evangelicals and charismatics, but by the grace of God, if love predominates, we are going to come together and be united." And, "Pastors must drop their denominational barriers and pursue unity." The NAE has a large and growing constituency of charismatics.

PEALE'S 100th ANNIVERSARY - Last month about 2,000 worshippers celebrated the 100th anniversary of Norman Vincent Peale who died at age 95 in 1993. Peale said, on a 1984 Phil Donahue program: "It's not necessary to be born again. You have your way to God: I have mine. I found eternal peace in a Shinto shrine....Christ is one of the ways. God is everywhere." (6/8 *CN*). Peale was the main speaker at a Mormon president's birthday festivity in 1980 and praised Mormon leaders. He was a Mason and denied Christ's virgin birth, deity, and resurrection, yet was praised by Billy Graham and other evangelicals.

IFCA & SEPARATION - The Independent Fundamental Churches of America's stance on biblical separation is so anemic that it has allowed them during the past decade to pulpit-share with new-evangelical compromisers of various stripes. To the IFCA, to separate in ministry from the likes of Joe Stowell, John MacArthur, Woodrow Kroll, Tony Evans, and Ed Dobson would be "second degree" separation. But biblical separation does not allow for "degrees" of obedience and is not limited to separation from liberals. The 5-6/98 *Voice* has an article on "Ecclesiastical Separation" by Southeastern Bible College Pres. Dr. John Talley where he discusses Romans 16:17-20, 2Cor. 6:14-7:1, and 2John 7-11. He says: "These passages emphasize separation from false teachers, not separation from people not practicing separation. The suggestion is, therefore, that what has been called 'second degree separation' is not biblical." *These* three passages may not (?) teach separation from those not practicing separation, but that doesn't prove it's not taught elsewhere. Many passages (e.g., 1John 1:6-7, 2Thes. 3:6, 14-15). teach separation from disobedient brethren. It is not surprising that five out of eight of the names listed in the bibliography for this article are: Earl Radmacher, A. Plummer, John R.W. Stott, B.F. Westcott, and F.F. Bruce. These "scholars" are hardly reputed as stalwart fundamentalists. Talley concluded the article by listing the "five fundamentals" which sadly today do not distinguish a Fundamentalist from a New Evangelical.

EVANGELICALS & SCHULLER - A defining aspect of New Evangelicalism is its refusal to separate from error. The relationship of many "evangelical" leaders with modernist Robert Schuller is a prime example of this. Schuller reinterprets Bible doctrines to conform with his self-esteem philosophy. His Christ is a Jesus who provides men with self-esteem. His gospel is the replacement of negative self concepts with positive ones. To Schuller, sin is merely the lack of self-esteem. To him, the greatest evil is to call men sinners in a biblical fashion and thereby injure their self-esteem. Schuller is a universalist who believes that all people are the children of God. His goal is to help each person understand and enjoy this "fact..." Yet a wide range of popular

evangelical leaders appear with and praise Schuller. [Adapted excerpt, David Cloud's *O Timothy*, Way of Life Literature, 1219 N. Harns Rd., Oak Harbor, WA 98277.] Schuller is a "disciple" of Peale.

FBF RESOLUTION ON AWANA - The Fundamental Baptist Fellowship recognizes the valuable contribution made by AWANA Clubs International in the evangelization and discipleship of children and youth. It appreciates the benefits of Scripture memory in the many churches whose pastors are identified with the FBF. According to its own documents and published correspondence, the AWANA Charter, prior to 1995, was "not available to churches affiliated with denominations that (were) members of the National Council of Churches (USA only) and/or the World Council of Churches." By its own admission, NCC churches, such as those in the American Baptist Churches, USA, were chartered since 1963. When the American Council of Christian Churches pointed out this contradiction, AWANA changed its policy to state that "the AWANA Charter is not available to churches that are supportive of the National Council of Churches..." The FBF affirms its agreement with the ACCC in its concern over this significant weakening of the AWANA policy. Whereas AWANA should have enforced its original policy, it changed its policy to state more directly its own contradictory practice. The FBF calls on the AWANA Clubs International to correct this unscriptural compromise with the NCC and declares its conviction that there can be no NCC member that is not in "de facto" support of its unscriptural mission.

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RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH'S EVIL TACTICS - The Russian Orthodox Church has worked hard to stir up nationalist sentiment through the parliament, in efforts to ban Protestant, Catholic and foreign-originated evangelistic work altogether (6/98 *Charisma*). One source said that Gideon Bibles, after being given out free to Moscow hotels, have vanished from the rooms, later ending up for commercial sale at Russian Orthodox churches over town.

THE MORMON EMPIRE - Some say Mormonism will be the next world religion. With 55,000 missionaries serving in 160 countries, and doubling since 1981, it now has a membership of over 10 million. Each Mormon missionary, on average, leads about six people each year to Mormonism (1998 *On Mission*). The Mormon Church produces an estimated \$5.9 billion a year and has over \$30 billion in assets. It owns many temples and meeting houses, 16 radio stations, a television station, a daily Salt Lake City newspaper, a book company, a ranch near Orlando worth \$858 million, and Utah's largest department store chain. All these make Mormonism the largest religious financial enterprise in the U.S. outside of the Roman Catholic Church.

L'ENGLE PRAISED BY NEW EVANGELICALS - Fiction writer Madeleine L'Engle is praised by Chuck Colson and other New Evangelicals, but a critic says her writings are "laced with occultism and New Age imagery." (1/1 *CC*). Her manuscripts and papers are at Wheaton College. Two months ago an Orland Hills (Ill.) school opted out of an essay contest in honor of L'Engle's 80th birthday, saying her fictional works "do not glorify God," contain "appalling, degrading and blasphemous teachings about Jesus Christ" and "undermine the truths of the Bible." (6/11 *Chicago Sun-Times*). L'Engle says Christians are the only people who "don't get it." She said "fundamentalists are afraid of the word 'imagination.'" She added: "God is a god of love. He doesn't look like Moses in a bad temper. He isn't out to get you if you do wrong." On creationism vs. evolution, she says "Evolution seems the most likely at the moment."

FBF RESOLUTION ON 'GOSPEL OF SELF-ESTEEM' - The Fundamental Baptist Fellowship condemns the continued slide of the religious world into a Gospel of self-esteem which changes the Biblical message of how a holy God accepts depraved humanity into an emphasis of how good people accept themselves. This perversion has severely distorted the true Gospel of Christ and has produced a generation devoted to hedonism

(pleasure is the principal good in life) and narcissism (an infatuation with self). This has resulted in an "entitlement ethic" rather than a work ethic which has moved beyond simply wanting something into a feeling that we deserve it.

PAT ROBERTSON PREDICTS ORLANDO'S DOOM - Pat Robertson has warned Orlando, Fla. that it risks hurricanes, earthquakes and terrorist bombs by allowing homosexual organizations to display multicolored rainbow flags on street lamp poles in support of sexual diversity (6/10 *H. Times*). "Gay Days" at Disney World prompted Robertson's statement. He said the Apostle Paul made it very clear in Romans that the acceptance of homosexuality is the last step in the decline of Gentile civilization.

LOTT CALLS HOMOSEXUALITY SIN - Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott came under fire last month for delaying approving yet another Clinton-appointed sodomite to a high post (in this case, ambassador to Luxembourg). Lott called homosexuality a sin and said "gays" should be helped just like alcoholics, sex addicts, or kleptomaniacs. Lott is right and his critics better be careful debating the biblical consequences (Gen.19) of sodomy with someone named Lott!

ARNOTT TAKES 'TORONTO BLESSING' TO FRANCE - John and Carol Arnott and Guy Chevreau led a team from the Toronto Airport Christian Fellowship ("laughing revival" church) in March to Paris for a unity conference. This came at the invitation of a former Anglican who now pastors a Reformed church. Before the meeting, Arnott stressed gathering as many denominations as possible for the event. The preparation committee included 12 leaders from Pentecostals, charismatics, and mainline Protestants and Catholics (6/98 *Charisma*). In parts of France, Catholics and evangelicals come together once a month to pray for revival.

NewsNotes - Colombia (So. America drug center) has the world's highest murder rate (6/15 *CT*). *** Pres. Clinton on a recent Africa trip "apologized" for crimes purportedly committed by other Americans, but remains silent about his own sins (6/22 *New Amer.*). *** The Clinton administration recently hosted what is believed to be the first formal White House meeting with an organized atheist group.

OK TO MAKE COPIES OF CC? - From time to time some request permission to make copies of the *CC* to give to friends, relatives, church members, missionaries, etc., or to quote articles from it. We are always happy for you to do this, as long as you do not charge others for copies of the *CC*. In the case of quoting *CC* articles, we request that you put "*Calvary Contender*" after the first article quoted, and "*CC*" after subsequent articles quoted, if any. But it causes confusion, if you are quoting several articles from different sources, for you to say for example, "Some of the articles below are from *Calvary Contender*." We are humbled and glad for you to quote our articles and we do not require you to list our address each time you do so, as some papers do.

PALAU'S ECUMENICAL CRUSADE IN EGYPT - The 6/98 *Charisma* said Luis Palau's mid-March "gospel blitz" through Egypt won more than 30,000 souls and was the largest and most successful Christian evangelism campaign in Egypt's history. Palau's 35-year-old son Kevin credited his father's acquaintance with President Clinton as contributing to gaining approval for the campaign, saying "We heard that Pres. Clinton put in a good word for us." Palau said many Egyptian churches "don't really worry about labels like 'charismatic'.... God reveals Himself and breaks down walls through dreams, visions and miracles." The *Charisma* article said Palau believes God will soon "whirl His Holy Spirit through the Middle East...." Argentine-born Palau is often called "the Billy Graham of Latin America."

ECT2 CONFUSION - RC Cardinal Cassidy, last October in a meeting with those who signed the "Evangelicals and Catholics Together II" document, urged evangelicals not to target the Catholic Church's active members for evangelization. The 5/98 *Berean Call* (our main source for the 6/1 *CC* article with Cassidy's declaration) said "evangelicals present acquiesced to [Cassidy's] disingenuous statement....", adding, "This agreement (approved by Colson, Packer, Bright, et al.) forbids evangelicals to evangelize the 90 percent or more of those living in Latin America who were baptized as infants into the Roman Catholic Church." We assume "This agreement" refers to ECT 2, however it appeared in the *BC* article right after Cassidy's declaration and might be taken to

refer to all evangelical signers of ECT 2. ECT 2 states: "Evangelicals must speak the Gospel to Catholics and Catholics to evangelicals," but its acceptance of Catholics as Christians muddies the waters. This is all a bit confusing! [Send \$1 (postpaid) for a 10-page booklet discussing the 1994 ECT and the 1997 ECT2, and listing the dozens of Catholic and big-name evangelical signers, to: Ephesians 5:11, P.O. Box 99141, Louisville, KY 40269.]

CHRIST FOR THE NATIONS, CHARISMATIC - Christ for the Nations celebrates its 50th anniversary with an "Empowered by the Spirit" conference June 21-26. Speakers include Pat Robertson, Benny Hinn, and Ala. Governor Fob James whose daughter attended CFN (5/30 *Dallas Morn. News*). Dennis Lindsay, who has worked with Youth With A Mission, succeeded his mother in 1994 as CFN president and CEO. Under his mother's leadership, CFN helped build 9,400 churches worldwide, including David Yonggi Cho's first church in Korea. The 4/98 *Charisma* said missionary Martin Lombardo in Jan. opened a CFN Bible school in Rome, and that he and other Charismatics are working to unite Catholics and Protestants in Italy. Lombardo says: "We now see God pouring out His glory on [Catholics, and] charismatic Catholic groups are springing up everywhere - especially since Benny Hinn's visit last year." He added: "We plan to see the day when evangelicals and Catholics will get along and worship the one true God in the fullness of His glory together." Only errant evangelicals could do this.

FBF RESOLUTION ON ROMAN CATHOLICISM - The Fundamental Baptist Fellowship continues to affirm that Roman Catholicism is not Biblical Christianity, but rather perverts the Word of God with its doctrines of papal infallibility, the sacraments, the place given to tradition, and auricular confession to a Roman priest who absolves sin in the name of the Roman Catholic Church. Further, we condemn all attempts made by ecumenical groups such as the World Council of Churches, the National Council of Churches, Promise Keepers, and the documents issued as "Evangelicals and Catholics Together," to gloss over these differences and present [Catholicism] as falling within the parameters of Biblical Christianity.

ELLIOT A SPEAKER AT RC CHARISMATIC EVENT - Elisabeth Elliot was listed in the 6/98 *Charisma* as a speaker for a national Catholic charismatic renewal conference held at the University of Notre Dame, June 12-14. Other speakers included Dorothy Ranaghan and Ralph Martin (RCs). About 10,000 people attended a 1988 similar conference at Notre Dame (7-9/88 *Foundation*). Elliot often appears on very ecumenical platforms, but she has also spoken on many evangelical ones (5/15/95 *CC*).

SBC REPORT - Southeastern Seminary president Dr. Paige Patterson, who in 1991 was offered the presidency of Dr. Jerry Falwell's Liberty University, was elected as the new president of the Southern Baptist Convention without opposition or debate. Focus on the Family president Dr. James Dobson gave the final message at the SBC's Salt Lake City meeting. He has since suffered a mild stroke. A controversial amendment stating that "A wife is to submit graciously to the servant leadership of her husband...." passed easily. An amendment to ask Pres. Clinton's home church to prayerfully consider disciplinary action against him failed by a small margin.

IBFNA MEETING - Last month this editor attended the FBF meeting in Schaumburg, IL and the IBFNA meeting in Plymouth, MA. (Much good preaching at both.) The word "militant" was used more at this year's FBF meeting than at any other such meeting we can recall. It was good to see many friends at both meetings. We displayed free copies of the *CC* on the ACCC table at both meetings. Got one new "subscriber" at FBF and a dozen at IBFNA. (Many at both were already on our list.) IBFNA's paper, *The Review* (754 E. Rockhill Rd., Sellersville, PA 18960) is edited by Rev. Paul Gustine. An article in the June issue (*St. Paul, A Tabloid Journalist?*) discussed the GARBC leader's recent *Baptist Bulletin* article on "tabloids." Rev. Gustine ended the *Review* article with gracious comments about the *CC*. Dr. Ralph Colas's *Review* column is always informative. New IBFNA officers: Dr. Charles Dear, Moderator (replaces Dr. Clay Nuttall who served well the past two years); Dr. David Reinhardt, re-elected as Secretary; and Rev. Jeff Bailey, Treasurer (replaces retiring Rev. Ralph Weer). Rev. Bailey did a super job as Committee Chairman (coordinating registration, tours, trips to airport, etc.). IBFNA '99 is set for Kansas City. FBF '99 is combined with the World Congress of Fundamentalists Conference at Bob Jones University.

G. ARCHER WENIGER ON NEGATIVISM - Dr. G. Archer Weniger, editor of *The Blu-Print*, was president of the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship from 1964 to 1977. From 1977 to his death in 1982 he served as Research Secretary for the FBF and also served as editor of its *Information Bulletin*. In a series of letters over two years, a Fundamentalist leader and critic implored him to be more "positive" in his writings. The May/June *Frontline* says: "Weniger, however, stood firm about what he believed his ministry to be" and replied to his friend and critic thusly: "I appreciate what you say concerning the *Information Bulletin* and its negativism. _____, every pastor in this movement has a whole library full of positive material on our shelves, but we do not have anything which exposes the modernism and the apostasy of this hour...."

FIGHTING OR FLEEING? - Martin Lloyd-Jones once warned, "Be careful with whom you associate if you want to stand fast in the faith. You have got to avoid false teaching, to avoid error, to avoid wrong practice." Dr. Mark Simmons says you may be conservative, you may be orthodox, but Biblical Fundamentalism demands vigilant militancy for its maintenance (5-6/98 *Frontline*). He adds: "Contending for the faith necessarily implies struggle, conflict, and opposition. We will either fight or flee...."

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DID DISNEY BOYCOTT FAIL? - Talk show host and movie critic Michael Medvid says the Disney boycott endorsed last year by the SBC, James Dobson, and others failed miserably (5/11 *C. News*). He called it "the dumbest idea Christians ever had" because its failure will now give Hollywood producers the green light to put out anything objectionable they want, more than ever. He says other movie companies have produced as much morally bankrupt fare as Disney. Medvid asks Americans to watch less TV (now 26 hrs./week), and called it a "vast toxic wasteland" producing a society with too little contact with real people.

SOPHIA'S CHILDREN, 'RE-IMAGINING REVIVAL' - Five years ago a radical feminist "Re-Imagining" event caused shock waves still felt today. It was basically a New Age celebration sponsored by the World Council of Churches and its liberal denominations. Its speakers referred to God as "she," praised the goddess Sophia as a deity, and used sacrilege concerning the Atonement. This ecumenical gathering gave a standing ovation to lesbians and caused a stir among some Presbyterian and Methodist congregations (2/15 & 4/15/94 CCs). It brought the firing of PCUSA staffer Mary Ann Lundy, a conference planner (5/4 *Christian News*). She is now deputy general secretary of the WCC. Several of those who attended the 1993 meeting showed up for a five-year reunion celebration in late April.

POPE DEVOTED TO MARY - Pope John Paul II's personal motto is, "Mary, I am all yours." He dedicated the whole earth to Mary in 1984. He attributed the fall of communism in Europe to her intervention and credited her with saving his life in the 1981 assassination attempt (7/15/91 *CC*). He thus continues in the long line of popes to ascribe divine attributes to Mary, and has taken Marian devotion to new heights (5-6/98 *Proclaiming the Gospel*). The New Catechism gives Mary the attributes of co-redeemer, mediatrix and advocate. But Mary herself knew she was a sinner in need of a Savior (Luke 1:46-47).

FALWELL PAPER ARTICLE CRITIQUES ECT II - SBC mission board director (of interfaith witness) Phil Roberts in Dr. Jerry Falwell's 6/98 *Nat'l Liberty Journal* called the latest Colson-Neuhaus "Evangelicals and Catholics Together" (ECT II) document an ambiguous religious alliance with no binding authority on Roman Catholics. He notes that it was authored by fellow Southern Baptist Timothy George, dean of Beeson Divinity School of Samford University, and signed by an impressive array of 20 Catholic and Evangelical leaders - but by no bishop, Vatican official, or papal envoy. Catholics who signed ECT II have not endorsed

salvation alone through faith alone, but rather have held on to a grace-and-faith, works-and-sacraments false gospel.

DECEPTIVE 'NEAR DEATH EXPERIENCES' - Dr. H. Leon Greene, a Christian cardiologist and professor of medicine (U. of Wash.), in a new book says the human brain can be induced (by raising carbon dioxide levels in blood, e.g.) to produce the same experiences reported by near death experience (NDE) proponents: bright lights, a sense of detachment, a feeling of spiritual ecstasy, etc. (5/16 *World*). Greene is skeptical of NDEs since the Bible teaches that man will die once and after that the judgment (Heb. 9:27). He says people cling to NDEs as proof of the New Age message that death is peaceful; that there is no judgment; that God doesn't care about sin; that all religions get you to the same place. He observes that hardly anybody reports visiting hell. He says God might give visions, but that NDEs are deceptive and no proof of an afterlife. Christians must rely on the Bible as their authority on the topic - not New Age pop psychologies. Be warned, be wise, beware!

HABITAT IS ECUMENICAL - A 5/30 *World* article praises good things about Habitat for Humanity but says: "Habitat is the rare ecumenical effort that successfully unites conservatives and liberals....Next month when the Jimmy Carter Work Project begins in Houston - more than 100 homes will be built - organizers expect Southern Baptists, Presbyterians, Methodists, Roman Catholics, and even Mormons to participate." HFH founder Millard Fuller says: "We build houses to give hands-on demonstration of our belief in the teachings of Jesus Christ." He has said: "The theology of the hammer binds us together in common ministry." (1/1/97 *CC*). HFH is basically a global religion.

U. METHODISTS IN TURMOIL - Jimmy Creech, the Neb. United Methodist pastor recently narrowly acquitted in a church trial for performing a same-sex ceremony last Sept. for two lesbians, will not be reappointed to his pulpit (5/30 *World*). His bishop cited the division his action caused. In no. Calif., 22 UMC pastors have threatened to leave parishes rather than fight the strong liberal denominational bureaucracy and growing gay-rights movement. One said there are two religions in the UMC: "One based on Scripture and one that feels we are in a new age with new truth."

HOMOSEXUALS GAIN POLITICAL POWER - Maine recently repealed a homosexual "rights" law. But the U.S. Senate has confirmed a "gay" businessman to be deputy director of the Small Business Administration. It is delaying approval of a homosexual to be ambassador to Luxembourg. In 1997, 123 homosexuals served as elected officials in 27 states and Washington, DC (6/98 *NLJ*). This year, four openly-gay candidates (Democrats) are seeking election to the House. Meanwhile, Notre Dame University faculty are calling for stronger protection for homosexuals (4/27 *CN*).

RICK WARREN'S SUPERCHURCH - Dr. Rick Warren is pastor of Saddleback Community Church (Calif.) and director of "Building a Purpose-Driven Church" workshops. Last Jan., Dr. Dennis Costella attended one of these seminars where Warren taught that the following must occur to transform a traditional church into a dramatic growing church (3-4/98 *Foundation*): 1) A contemporary-styled, non-threatening "Seeker Service" must replace the traditional Sunday worship service. 2) The dress must be casual. 3) The music must be contemporary. 4) The message must be only positive so saved and unsaved alike can feel better about themselves after a message that often mixes psychology and an uplifting Scripture text. 5) Church ministries must be geared to meeting needs, with support groups for depression, eating disorders, infertility, homosexuals' family/friends, post abortion, and marital separation. Warren scoffed at the idea of passing out tracts or going door-to-door since the typical "Saddleback Sam" is offended by such old-fashioned evangelism. 6) Doctrinal instruction is not given to the church as a whole on Sundays, but is available in sub-groups apart from services. 7) A spirit of pragmatic compromise must prevail. Warren was trained as a Southern Baptist, but said "It really doesn't matter your denomination, folks. We're all on the same team if you love Jesus." Such a worldly ecumenical "seeker" church may please PEOPLE, make them feel comfortable and entertained, but is unscriptural and thus displeases God. Get *Foundation*, Box 6278, Los Osos, CA 93412, \$10/year.

RICK WARREN'S 'SEEKER SERVICE' MUSIC - Dennis Costella covered a Rick Warren "Building a

Purpose-Driven Church" seminar in Jan. and reports on his "Seeker Service" music (3-4/98 *Foundation*): "The music must be contemporary. Not only must the lyrics of the music be more recent, but the style of music should be that which the unsaved hears on a daily basis. The entertainment composite of the [Warren's Saddleback Community Church] sound system, band, singers and presentation would rival that of any secular rock concert. Warren stated that one of first things a church should do is 'replace the organ with a band.'...The purpose of the church choir should be 'backing up the soloist. That's the 90's way to use a choir rather than have them sing.'" Warren said loud, raucous music with a driving beat is the kind of music his folks listened to. He said, "We are really, really loud on a weekend serviceI say, 'We're not gonna turn it down.' Now the reason why is baby boomers want to feel the music, not just hear it." He equated insisting upon the use of traditional music to the sin of idolatry, and added: "To insist that all good music came from Europe 200 years ago is thinly veiled racism...cultural elitism." "Seeker service" superchurches let the world choose their "worship" music.

CHUCK TEMPLETON, APOSTATE - For over 20 years, Charles Templeton toured the U.S. and Canada (shared pulpit with Billy Graham), preaching to crowds of up to 30,000 people. He was director of evangelism for the National Council of Churches during the 1940's and '50's, but by 1956 he realized his life was based on a lie and he could no longer believe in Christianity (5/18 *Chr. News*). He gives his reasons for becoming an agnostic in *Giving Up God*. He believes Jesus died on the cross, but that "it is not possible" to believe he was resurrected. Tragically, many such liberals today remain in pulpits.

FREE BIBLE TRACTS - Rev. Ralph Blake is Exec. Dir. of Bible Tracts, Inc., having succeeded founder Dr. Paul Levin a couple of years ago. BTI has printed over 480 million free Bible tracts in its 59 years. Its 60th year anniversary month is July. For a variety of free samples, write BTI at: P. O. Box 188, Bloomington, IL 61702.

THE JOE STOWELL LEGACY AT MBI - Ohio Bible Fellowship Pastor Graydon Cox in a feature article in the 5/98 OBF *Visitor* says Moody Bible Institute Pres. Dr. Joe Stowell has embraced new evangelicalism. As evidence: Stowell's NAE membership; he is listed with Catholics and ecumenicals as an "Advisory Editor" for *Christianity Today*; he is a repeat Promise Keepers speaker; served as "Leadership Chair" for 1996 Luis Palau "Say YES Chicago" ecumenical evangelism crusade; speaks at Billy Graham Training Center (The Cove) sessions; spoke at ecumenical National Day of Prayer event; and the list goes on. In very recent years he has spoken on Southern Baptist, IFCA, ABWE and other GARBC-approved-entity platforms. Get the complete four-page pamphlet from: OBF, 3865 No. High St., Columbus, OH, 10 for \$3.50.

SBC WOMEN - Baptist Women in Ministry has announced the first seven recipients of the Addie Davis Award honoring female Baptist seminary students (5/14 *Ala. Bapt.*). A proposed addition to the SBC's statement of faith affirms heterosexual marriage and declares the husband is responsible for the family and the wife should "submit graciously" to his servant leadership (5/21 *Ala. Baptist*).

BONHOEFFER LAUDED BY EVANGELICALS (GARBC SCHOOLS, DOBSON, SBC PROF) - German Lutheran theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer studied at Tubingen University and Union Seminary (NY). He was influenced by and studied under neo-orthodox liberal Karl Barth. He was imprisoned by the Nazis in 1943 and hanged in 1945 "for plotting against Hitler." He opposed institutional religion and stressed existential "religionless" Christianity (*Wycliffe Biog. Dict. of the Church*). We now see in the 6/98 *Focus on the Family* that its 3-hr. radio drama "Dietrich Bonhoeffer: The Cost of Freedom" was named a winner of the 57th annual Peabody Awards, and a "Bonhoeffer" CD and cassette are promoted. A Southern Baptist prof (4/3/95 *Chr. Today*) highly praised Bonhoeffer. The Fall 1991 Grand Rapids Baptist College/Seminary paper said a dramatic play and story of Dietrich Bonhoeffer was set for Nov. 21-23 at this GARBC-approved school (*Fund. Digest*). More recently, GARBC-approved Western Baptist College, staged a play depicting Bonhoeffer (1/98 *BB*). The 9/19/83 *Chr. News* said Bonhoeffer denied historic Christianity. Cornelius Van Til said Bonhoeffer's Christ is not the Christ of Holy Scripture. Biblical Discernment Ministries has a pamphlet "Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Heroic Christian Thinker & Martyr OR Poor Deceived False Prophet?" BDM, P.O. Box 6154, Bloomington, IN 47407, \$1.

PRIVATE REBUKE FOR PUBLIC FALSE TEACHING? - Some think that if one Christian differs with the writings or public statements of another Christian on a point of doctrine, without rancor or any problem between them as persons, he is wrong for stating the differences publicly before going privately to the brother with whom he disagrees. That is a misconception. First of all, there is no unreconciled condition between them; they simply differ. Secondly, therefore, there is no matter of church discipline involved. Thirdly, even if this were a matter of discipline, the first party wrote or spoke publicly - he put it before the church or the world; he did not speak privately. For that reason it is as appropriate for the second brother to write or speak as publicly as the first did in refuting what he thinks is a wrong interpretation of the Scriptures and which, therefore, he believes may hurt the church if he doesn't. [Jay Adams] Jesus, Paul, and John named names, exposed error, and publicly rebuked errorists. They did this in love and concern for those who might be deceived into following such leaders. Fundamentalists have limited media access today, but must use available means to expose error affecting all believers - and continue to confront false teaching in the same public arena as it is taught.

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GAMBLING IS A LOSING PROPOSITION - A lottery bill to fund education seems to some a noble gambit. But it's often a first step to casinos. In five years Mississippi has grown 30 casinos, trailing only Nevada in square feet of gambling space. Gambling is an ancient vice that has destroyed lives, and is a family-killing industry. It sends bankruptcy and suicide rates soaring. A 1997 study from Miss. State University estimated between 46,400 and 88,700 problem gamblers in Miss. If estimates of social costs of gambling are accurate, problem gamblers cost Miss. at least \$600 million annually - a lot more than casinos pay in taxes (5/18 *C. Today*). But, deceptively, these costs are diffuse, while the taxes are money in the bank. Gambling is a losing proposition for those who can least afford it, a tax on the poor. It is immoral and decadent for a state government to entice its citizens to throw their money away.

CATHOLICS NOW NUMBER 1 BILLION - The Vatican estimates there are now a billion Roman Catholics in the world, if nearly 5 million in China and North Korea are included in the totals (5/4 *Christian News*). Latin America is a vital RC stronghold, but inroads by charismatics and evangelicals are causing deep concern among Catholics.

CATHOLICS SEDUCE NEW EVANGELICALS - Graham, Schuller, Van Impe, Colson, Dobson, Falwell and others have praised Pope John Paul II. Colson and Richard John Neuhaus (liberal Lutheran who converted to Catholicism) were architects of the 1994 ECT and the 1997 ECT-2. Bill Bright, Pat Robertson and other new evangelicals signed those two ecumenical documents. This is a colossal betrayal of the Protestant Reformation and the memory of martyred millions. At a recent meeting of ECT-2 signers and Latin American Catholic bishops, Cardinal Cassidy declared that the "Catholic Church has evangelized Latin America over a period of five hundred years [and] established the Christian Church [there]." He said a "sense of respect would seem to require that newcomers [evangelicals] not target for their evangelizing work the active, baptized members of the Church that [did] the original evangelization...." This agreement (approved by Colson, Bright, et al.) forbids evangelicals to evangelize the 90 percent or more of Latin Americans who were baptized as infants into the RC Church (Dave Hunt, 5/98 *The Berean Call*). Blind new evangelicals, tragically, do not discern that Rome's false gospel is powerless to save.

HOMOSEXUALS INTERRUPT EASTER SERVICE - Homosexual rights activists stormed the pulpit at Canterbury Cathedral in London on Easter Sunday, April 12, interrupting the sermon given by Dr. George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury. (5/4 *Christian News*).

'PRO-CHOICE' OR JUST 'PRO-ABORTION'? - George Will (1/18 *Huntsv. Times*) says: "Many who call themselves 'pro-choice' demand tolerance of the right to choose to kill almost-born babies, but are intolerant of the right to choose one's public school, to smoke, to own a gun, to rent your basement apartment to whom you choose...or to broadcast a truthful description of...killing [by partial-birth abortion]."

ABORTION PREVENTS CHILD ABUSE? - Some say abortion prevents many unwanted/unloved babies, and child abuse. It may. But it's like using a hatchet to kill a fly on your friend's forehead. Or murdering a husband or wife to prevent possible later spousal abuse. Using such extreme violence to prevent possible lesser violence seems insane.

HOMOSEXUAL HOUSEMATES AT HARVARD - Diana Eck, a professor of comparative religion and Indian studies at Harvard University, assumes duties with fellow professor Dorothy Austin (her lesbian partner for 20 years) this July as housemasters at Harvard's Lowell House. This lesbian couple has been partners for 20 years. (4/26 *H. Times*). Eck headed a WCC commission dealing with dialogue with pagan religions in 1988. (12/1/88 *Christian Beacon*).

SELF-ESTEEM FAD LOSING STEAM - James Dobson, Robert Schuller, Charles Swindoll, and others have been big promoters of self-esteem psychobabble - even though its assumptions are wrong and its basic premises have been discredited by a lot of research. John Leo in the 5/18 *USN & WR* says: "The core assumption in the self-esteem movement is that children cannot learn or develop properly unless they form a positive self-image. But no study has ever demonstrated a connection between feeling good about oneself and improved performance. Some students feel terrible about themselves and become academic and social successes. Others brim with self-confidence and do awful work." Recent research on self-esteem has been devastating. Asian students outperformed Americans in a recent test, but U.S. students felt better about themselves. U.S. schools worry more about sensitivity and how students view themselves than about academic skills. Outcome-Based Education (OBE) promotes this "dumbing down" idea. Also, the argument that low self-esteem is the cause of violence has been discredited. Studies of gang members show that their self-esteem is as high as that of overachievers.

THE DISCERNER EXPOSES CULTS AND HERESIES - *The Discerner* is an interdenominational heresy-exposing quarterly booklet (24 pages) that has news of cult and New Age cult events and related topics. The Editorial Committee is Dr. William BeVier and Timothy Buege. Get it from: P.O. Box 22098, Robbinsdale, MN 55422, \$4/yr., 800/562-9153.

MUGABE CRITICIZES 'GAYS' & WORLD COUNCIL - Zimbabwe's Marxist President Robert Mugabe has once again lashed out at homosexuals and criticized the World Council of Churches, scheduled to meet there in Dec., for being soft on homosexuals (5/4 *Chr. News*). He said: "Animals in the jungle are better than [homosexuals] because at least they know how to distinguish between a male and a female." He repeated his earlier criticism that homosexuality is neither African nor Christian and is completely unacceptable. It is ironic that a communist has more discernment than an apostate church council!

THE ECUMENICAL ONE-WORLD CHURCH - Roman Catholics now number 1 billion, and half of them live in Latin America. By the year 2000, experts predict, Africa, Asia, and Latin America will have nearly three quarters of the world's Catholic population (5/11 *USN&WR*). The WCC's general secretary has renewed his call for the main Christian churches to start, in the year 2000, a process to lead to a universal Christian council uniting all churches and Christians (5/4 *Chr. News*). Pope John Paul II's chief doctrinal officer (Cardinal

Ratzinger) speaks of Catholic "responsibility for the unity of the Church, her faith, and her morals," and he envisions the ways in which the exercise of the office of the papacy will change "when hitherto separated communities enter into unity with the Pope." (5/18 *Christianity Today*). The Pope in 1995 invited non-Catholics to join in rethinking the exercise of the papal office so that it might become an instrument of, rather than an obstacle to, Christian unity.

LUTHERAN/CATHOLIC DIALOGUE - Over 700 people representing church bodies of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, and the Roman Catholic Church came to Concordia Seminary (Ft. Wayne, IN), on April 15 to listen to and take part in a dialogue that focused on the ecumenical movement. RC Cardinal Cassidy said: "There can be no real unity if we remain divided on doctrinal questions." The Colson-Neuhaus ECT 2 strategy seems to be to redefine doctrinal terms and accelerate a pseudo unity. *Christian News* editor Herman Otten says liberal Lutherans and Roman Catholics both reject the doctrine of justification by faith alone in the merits of Jesus Christ, and both groups (including the Pope) do not believe that Jesus Christ is the only way to heaven and that Christianity is the one and only saving faith.

CAMPOLO A BAD ROLE MODEL FOR YOUTH - A Youth Specialties National Youth Workers Convention is set for this fall at Denver and Nashville. Speakers listed in the brochure include Tony Campolo, David Ring, Al Menconi, and Barry St. Clair. The Nashville meeting will also feature Stephen Brown, Buster Soaries, Jars of Clay, Ken Medema, and Steven Curtis Chapman. At an April 1996 "Summit on Ethics and Meaning" conference - which featured a bizarre assortment of New Agers, communists, radical feminists, abortion rights supporters, and homosexual activists - Campolo claimed he is changing the evangelical community from within by targeting youth.

BARTH, A SOCIALIST, PRAISED BY EVANGELICALS - Karl Barth, a liberal and "father of Neo-orthodoxy," was a lifelong socialist who praised, and refused to condemn, Communism (5/98 *The Schwarz Report*). Yet he has been praised by many so-called evangelicals/ecumenicals such as Billy Graham, F.F. Bruce, Kenneth Kantzer, Elisabeth Elliot, and a Dallas Seminary prof. (*Info Select*). Former Fuller Seminary pres. (1950s) E.J. Carnell said: "Whatever Barth may lack in the way of doctrinal consistency he compensates for by his Christian graciousness."

BBFI TO SPLIT? - The Baptist Bible Fellowship Int'l seems to be on the verge of a major rift. At issue, primarily, is the sale of its Pacific Coast Baptist Bible College to the Los Angeles Church of Christ cult (see 9/1/97 *Chr. Today*), and the King James Bible controversy. Dr. R.L. Hymers has a video of the LACC cult holding a service on the campus of PCBBC. He says BBF President Sam Davison is starting a new school in Oklahoma which he (Hymers) and others believe will be a "Ruckmanite" school. Dr. George Dollar sent us a copy of a 3/30 letter where Davison said: "Until recent weeks, I had no serious thought whatsoever of a Bible college in Oklahoma City....But as BBC Pres. Dr. Leland Kennedy and I talked I knew...that we were drifting apart in our philosophy with regard to Bible college training." Davison added: "We have no intention of 'leaving' the BBFI, splitting the BBFI, or starting a new fellowship." Dr. Dollar said this letter shows the "first major break in the BBF. Pacific Coast will close and 'Mid Central' will open." Stay tuned.

WCC'S 50th ANNIVERSARY, ORTHODOX RIFT? - Orthodox churches, whose 350 million followers account for about 25 percent of the World Council of Churches' membership, have decided to boycott certain parts of the WCC's 8th assembly in Harare, Zimbabwe in Dec. This is initiated by the huge Russian Orthodox Church. The Orthodox churches want the WCC to backtrack on such liberal reforms as ordination of women and acceptance of homosexuals (5/16 *H. Times*). Speakers at this the WCC's 50th anniversary celebration include: Julius Nyerere, communist former president of Tanzania; Philip Potter, WCC head in 1977 who praised the communist victory in Vietnam (11/1/88 *CC*); and Pauline Webb, the first woman officer of the WCC and the first woman to preach at the opening worship of a WCC Assembly (1983). The WCC-Orthodox dispute threatens to cause a closer ecumenical bond between the Orthodox churches and the Catholic Church. The latter

is not a full member of the WCC but it (and Southern Baptists) works cooperatively with the WCC. [ACCC Executive Sec'y Dr. Ralph Colas attended two important WCC meetings in 1997, and plans to attend the Dec. 1998 meeting, and has incisive reports available at: P.O. Box 5455, Bethlehem, PA 18015.]

PK'S McCARTNEY A CHARISMATIC - Promise Keepers' founder Bill McCartney, who took his family from the Catholic Church in 1988 to join the Boulder Valley Vineyard, speaks the language and worldview of John Wimber's charismatic Vineyard fellowship of Churches (5/18 *Chr. Today*). He says God drove the nail into the coffin of his football aspirations through "a word" from Randy Phillips, who said: "I believe the Lord would have me tell you that you're not supposed to coach *anywhere* next year." PK began a "covenant partners" program last year, and currently 40,000 partners are donating an average of \$200,000 a month. McCartney says: "It's God's plan to ask the body to do this together."

GRAHAM & DAUGHTER AWARDED - Billy Graham and his daughter Anne Graham Lotz were given the 1998 Golden Word Award from the International Bible Society in Colorado Springs March 20 (4/9 *Ala. Baptist*). Graham for his 50 years of worldwide preaching; and both he and Lotz, a Bible teacher/preacher, for their "commitment to Scripture." Tragically, this is an incredible reason!

GOTHARD SEMINARS - The Bill Gothard seminars continue to be held in Charismatic, New Evangelical, and Southern Baptist Convention churches (4/98 *Fund. Digest*). His All Day Ministers Seminars are a composite of these three groupings. [Rick Miesel's 33-page recent report on Gothard's teachings is available for \$3.50 from: BFT, 900 Park Ave., Collingswood, NJ 08108, Ph. 800/John 10:9]

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PK GETS \$4 MILLION, RECALLS STAFF - Promise Keepers in Feb. announced the layoff of its entire staff of 345 effective March 31. But early last month, employees were told to report to work April 16. About 270 showed up, the others had taken jobs elsewhere (5/2 *World*). Donors sent over \$4 million during March in response to the crisis.

CLINTON, COMMUNION AT CATHOLIC CHURCH - Under a cloud of sexual scandal, President Clinton took "Holy Communion" from the Rev. Mohlomi Makobane during Mass at a Catholic church in South Africa, Mar. 29 (4/13 *Chr. News*), arousing the ire of Catholics around the world. The appointed "uncomfortable" Scripture passage for the day was John 8:1-11 (the woman taken in adultery).

MORMONS TO BUILD 30 NEW TEMPLES - Mormons recently announced the construction of 30 new temples around the world, to bring them geographically closer to members of the fast-growing church (4/13 *Chr. News*). They currently have 51. The new temples will be much smaller.

NEW EVANGELICALS ENDORSE ALPHA COURSE - We recently warned that the philosophy of the Alpha Course is New Age and that it leads to experiences rooted in the occult (3/1 *CC*). It promotes humanism, ecumenism, and Charismaticism (tongues-speaking, Toronto Blessing, etc.). We now see a full page ad for it in the 4/27 *Christianity Today*, with endorsements by Leighton Ford, Luis Palau, J.I.Packer, and Alister McGrath. This course was developed at the Holy Trinity Brompton Church in London, but is now also sweeping the U.S. The *CRN Journal* (Spr.'98, from England) said that in May and Sept. Alpha Course leaders are set on integrating it into every denomination and church group in the UK. It added: "We must do what we can to wake people up to the massively over-hyped and spiritually deceptive Alpha Course with its wholly inadequate view of Christian conversion and experience."

NAE, JEWISH, CATHOLIC LEADERS VISIT CHINA - NAE's Pentecostal leader Don Argue, RC Archbishop Theodore McCarrick, and Rabbi Arthur Schneier visited China in Feb. to discuss religious freedom with top officials (5/98 *Moody*). Argue said: "We observed for the registered church there is freedom within the parameters of 'normal religious activity' as defined by the government. But for the 'unregistered' churches -

which includes most evangelicals - those same freedoms do not exist. Those outside the official sphere are subject to pressure, harassment, even detention or imprisonment for their beliefs, although treatment by local officials varies widely from place to place." Many house church pastors were arrested recently (5/98 *Charisma*). Yet Red China receives MFN trade status.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, BUT TO WHICH GOD? - The National Day of Prayer was May 7 this year. Again, the chairman was Shirley (Mrs. James) Dobson, co-chair was Vonette (Mrs. Bill) Bright, and the liaisons were D. James Kennedy, a Catholic priest and a Jewish rabbi. Charles Colson and E.V. Hill were on the National Advisory Committee. Organizers of the Colorado Springs event (Dobson Headquarters city) said it's an ecumenical event, and "We would certainly welcome people of all faiths there." A local Huntsville NDP service included Catholic, Jewish, mainline liberal denomination, and Southern Baptist congregations. The Christian's God, the Triune God of the Bible, is the only God that exists (Isa. 44:8). He is a jealous God (Ex. 34:14) who will not share his glory with other gods (Isa. 42:8), e.g., the gods of cultists and "other faiths."

GOSPEL-FREE, GOLDEN-RULE CHRISTIANITY - A most striking feature of post-modern America, the virtual evaporation of Christian conviction, bodes badly for true churches. Hartford Seminary sociologist Nancy Ammerman says we are seeing the rise of a new form of Christianity in America - Golden Rule Christianity - helping others, doing good deeds (5/2 *World*). This is what's left after you remove the gospel. Sin and redemption are out. GRC is inoffensive and makes few demands on its adherents. The larger culture is now a "theology-free zone" where Christian convictions may be tolerated if they are little more than pretty buildings and religious entertainment.

BAD FAITH? - Four of every five sick children in the U.S. who died after their parents put their trust in faith healing could probably have survived if medical treatment had been sought (5/2 *World*). In a recent study of child deaths in faith-healing families (1975-1995), 81 percent were due to conditions that had a survival rate exceeding 90 percent with treatment. God certainly can and does heal, but oftentimes he may will to do so through a medical doctor.

HOMOSEXUAL TOURISM - Travel agencies, airlines, and even chambers of commerce are fighting for the "pink dollar" - the vacation business of homosexuals. Key West, Fla. has gained a reputation as a homosexual hot spot (5/2 *World*). The Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce says homosexuals spend a lot more money than inebriated college students. The London Tourism Board targets homosexuals with an ad campaign in San Francisco. Christians are responding to all this with their own pocketbook power.

NOEBEL IS NEW CACC LEADER - After serving 45 years, Dr. Fred Schwarz, 85, is resigning the presidency of the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade and passing the torch on to Summit Ministries President David Noebel.

IFCA BENT TOWARD NEW EVANGELICALISM - Many times in recent years we have documented the sad fact that the flow of the Independent Fundamental Churches of America is in a new-evangelical direction. Its 69th annual convention is set for Quentin Road Bible Church, Lake Zurich, Ill., June 22-26. Speakers include: Alex Montoya, IFCA Exec. Committee member who teaches at John MacArthur's Master's Seminary; and Al Platt, pres. -emeritus, CAM Int'l (see 8/15/87 *CC*). The Women's Convention speaker is Joy Rice Martin, who has various ecumenical speakers at her Joyful Woman Jubilees. The IFCA Youth Convention is at the notoriously new-evangelical Trinity Internat'l University, Deerfield, IL. The IFCA has had many links to MacArthur and his church and schools in recent years. It runs full page ads in its *Voice* promoting his schools and Study Bible. MacArthur's church hosted the IFCA's 1990 national convention. His dangerous/confusing teachings on salvation and certain doctrines of Christ, and his pulpit-sharing with ecumenicals, deeply concern fundamentalists.

MacARTHUR, JEREMIAH JOIN WITH SWINDOLL, SMITH IN GREG LAURIE SEMINAR - The May-June *Moody* has a full-page ad for a Greg Laurie Leader's Training Seminar in Anaheim, Calif., Aug. 26-29, featuring Chuck Swindoll, Chuck Smith, David Jeremiah, and John MacArthur. Laurie, pastor of the large Harvest Christian Fellowship church in Riverside, CA, is a Promise Keepers and Billy Graham Training Center speaker. This event, held concurrently with a Laurie Harvest Crusade, is not dubbed a debate but, as Rick Miesel puts it, it's five men speaking on the same platform in supposed agreement. Miesel further opines that "perhaps MacArthur has abandoned his hypocrisy on the psychology issue and now openly wishes to identify with it and its infamous teachers?" MacArthur and Jeremiah by thus identifying with ecumenicals and mainline New Evangelicals, again prove they are not worthy of support by fundamentalists. Smith's Calvary Chapel is credited with giving birth to the Jesus People movement and CCM/rock music about three decades ago, and, more recently, to Wimber's Vineyard movement.

WOODROW KROLL & 'BACK TO THE BIBLE' - Dr. Jerry Falwell's *National Liberty Journal* (April) included Dr. Woodrow Kroll on its "distinguished list of visiting professors" at Liberty Baptist Seminary. Yet when we reported this, Dr. Kroll, in an e-mail from his secretary in response to a *CC* reader's query, seemed to distance himself from LBS and made the *CC* the issue. His secretary wrote: "He has no idea what the 'Calvary Contender' is nor knows what it is saying about an association with Jerry Falwell." When Kroll was appointed in 1990 to replace Dr. Warren Wiersbe as general director and Bible teacher for Back to the Bible Broadcast, *Christian News* (6/4/90) reported that Kroll had been an associate pastor at Falwell's church and a professor at Liberty University. Kroll has spoken at Moody, Word of Life, and at the Billy Graham Training Center ("The Cove") in NC (7/15/90 *CC*). He is listed again this year at the latter as an Oct. 19-23 speaker. Many erstwhile good ministries today deceive supporters by misleading and evasive tactics to downplay or cover their ecumenical ties.

NEW TRIBES MISSIONARIES ARE SO. BAPTISTS - An article in the 4/23 *Alabama Baptist* states: "The husbands of three Southern Baptist missionary couples serving in...Panama were kidnapped five years ago..." These missionaries are with the nondenominational New Tribes Mission based in Sanford, Fla. We have long warned of NTM's new-evangelical associations (see 10/15/96 *CC*), but many fundamental churches still support it based on its somewhat strong statement on separation.

EVANGELICALS EXPLAIN ECT II - The evangelical team (Timothy George, Thomas Oden, J.I. Packer) who helped draft "The Gift of Salvation" (ECT II - see 1/1 *CC*) decided to explain it publicly in an Open Letter in the 4/27 *Christianity Today*: "We [new] evangelicals who signed 'The Gift of Salvation' [with Catholics] do not claim a unity of faith with the church of Rome. What we do acknowledge is a unity in Christ with Roman Catholic believers who, no less than we ourselves, have been saved by God's grace and justified by faith alone. Despite our doctrinal differences, we who by faith know, love, trust and hope in Christ the Mediator are brothers and sisters in the Lord..." The unity from this dangerous, confusing deprecation of doctrine is a false and Satanic one.

WHAT IS NEW EVANGELICALISM? - Pastor Bruce Oyen gives various answers to this question in a feature article in the 3/98 Ohio Bible Fellowship *Visitor*. "New Evangelicalism is a theology which confesses orthodox Christian doctrine, but which allows ecclesiastical ties with those who do not." Oyen said he gave examples of new evangelicalism "to make us aware of the fact that it is far more common than we think [because] new evangelicalism, according to the father of the term, Harold J. Ockenga, is a theology which professes to hold to orthodox Christianity, but which has repudiated separation from those who profess unorthodox theologies, such as Roman Catholicism, modernism and neo-orthodoxy." Reprints of this 4-page leaflet are available at: OBF, 3865 N. High St., Columbus, OH 43214, 10/\$3.50.

NewsNotes - The Roman Catholic Church has a long and brutal history of persecuting those who don't firmly believe in its doctrines (4/13 *USN & WR* letter). *** Denver Archbishop Charles Chaput has endorsed Roman

Catholic participation in Promise Keepers provided it reinforces men's Catholic faith (*Challenger*). *** Jeffrey Gros, a "Roman Catholic theologian" formerly "served as director of the Faith and Order Commission of the National Council of Churches" (Mar-Apr *Fund. Digest*). *** CBA Denver Seminary pres. Clyde McDowell calls Billy Graham and Bill Bright "great leaders" (4/15 letter). *** Moody Bible Institute refused to carry Dr. James Dobson's program featuring Adrian Rogers's sermon on immorality in government due to its tone, etc. (4/25 *World*).

FALWELL DEFENDS AMWAY - Critics accuse Amway of having an occult and New Age connection by the books and tapes it promotes. Napoleon Hill's book *Think and Grow Rich* is one example given. Some former Amway distributors say Amway is cultish, greedy, and materialistic. But Jerry Falwell denies this (5/98 *NLJ*). He calls Amway a great business enterprise, and says its co-founder Rich DeVos has spoken at Liberty University.

BBF & IBFNA MEETINGS - The 78th annual meeting of the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship, June 9-11, is hosted by Bethel Baptist Church, Schaumburg, IL. Keynote speakers: Rod Bell, Rick Flanders, Mike Harding, David Innes, Stephen Jones, Greg McLaughlin, Fred Moritz, Ed Nelson, Steve Pettit, Jim VanGelderren, and John Vaughn. *** The annual family Bible conference of the Independent Baptist Fellowship of No. America is at Plymouth, MA, June 16-18. Speakers include: Dan Brown, George Youstra, Wm.Hopewell, Howard Wilburn, Duane King, Tom Nieman, Russ Carnagey, & Willard Benedict.

BBF PRESIDENT STARTING NEW SCHOOL - Baptist Bible Fellowship president Sam Davison is starting a new school in Oklahoma. Dr. R.L. Hymers believes it will be a "Ruckman" school and has sent an "Open Letter To Sam Davison..." to several thousand BBF pastors, trying (unsuccessfully) to get Davison to answer questions on this.

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PRIEST GETS LIFE FOR ASSAULTS ON ALTAR BOYS - Suspended Catholic priest Rudy Kos was sentenced to life in prison from claims of four former altar boys that they were molested about 1,350 times over five years (4/2 *H. Times*). The scandal led to a record \$119.6 million verdict against the Catholic Diocese of Dallas. The chief source of a 25-year decline in the number of priests is "required celibacy" (4/6 *H.T.*). "Forbidding to marry" is mentioned in 1Tim. 4:3 of some who would depart from the faith.

OUR PRESIDENT, A BAPTIST IN GOOD STANDING? - Assuming that all the women are lying about adulterous affairs with President Clinton (incredible!), he still should be excluded from any true Bible-believing church for his pro-abortion and pro-homosexuality views. Yet he remains a member in good standing at Immanuel Baptist Church (SBC) in Little Rock. We see no remorse or repentance, and he keeps attending the liberal pro-homosexual Foundry Methodist Church in Washington, DC. If conservatives are in power in the Southern Baptist Convention, why is Clinton still in good standing with an SBC church, and his church in good standing with the SBC? Dr. Jerry Falwell's church is now affiliated with the SBC (and BBF).

BANKRUPTCY REFORMS TO PROTECT DONATIONS - Congress has been urged to reform the federal bankruptcy law to prevent churches from being overwhelmed by law-suits concerning donations received from individuals who later file for bankruptcy (3/16 *Chr. News*). One church spent \$280,000 in legal fees trying to protect \$13,500 in donations from a couple who declared bankruptcy (4/98 *Your Church*).

POLYGAMY IN UTAH - Mormons renounced polygamy in 1890 in a bid for Utah statehood. It remains a felony in Utah but is no longer prosecuted. *Christian News* (3/16) pictures a 35,000 square-foot hotel-style home in southern Utah with 37 bathrooms and 31 bedrooms, for one husband, 10 wives and 28 children. The article had this quote: "How do you lock up a guy for having two wives when Wilt Chamberlain talks about sleeping with thousands of women?"

BEWARE HUGH ROSS, PROGRESSIVE CREATIONISM - A comic book by Dr. Hugh Ross of Reasons to Believe aimed at Christian young people has dangerous teachings. It denigrates people who believe in the straightforward understanding of Genesis and teaches all manner of beliefs directly opposed to Scripture. Examples of these are found in the 2/98 *Answers In Genesis* Newsletter. Yet Ross has been featured/endorsed

by Focus on the Family, Wheaton, Moody, Trinity, Fuller, etc. (1/15/96 CC) His books have been endorsed by many new-evangelical leaders, e.g., Bill Bright, Norman Geisler, R. C. Sproul, and James Dobson.

RADICAL RELATIVITY, PLURALISM, EXCLUSIVISM - Radical relativity has invaded our cultural consciousness. Absolutes are disdained as idolatrous, illusory, and bigoted. Choice itself is good, and the only choice that cannot be tolerated is that some beliefs are true/good and others are false/wrong. About 70 percent of today's world population is non-Christian (1/12 *Chr. Today*). Pluralists teach the absurdity that all world religions are equally valid, that salvation is equally accessible in all of them. But Christians are exclusivists, claiming that when two religions make incompatible truth claims both cannot logically be true. But our cultural climate is becoming such that to criticize someone's religious beliefs is to be an intolerant bigot. Proselytizing thus becomes the worst social sin (crime?).

E.C. PROPHET'S NEW AGE C.U.T. CULT WOES - The Church Universal and Triumphant (CUT) led by Elizabeth Clare Prophet, fearing a nuclear holocaust in the 1980s, built bomb shelters, stock-piled food, fuel, clothing and weapons. Now disillusioned by the calamity that never came, it is selling two-thirds of its 12,000-acre Royal Teton Ranch just north of Yellowstone National Park. Prophet's fourth marriage ended in divorce last year, her epilepsy is worsening, and she has an undiagnosed neurological disease that attacks her memory (4/4 *HT*). She is believed by followers to be in contact with Ascended Masters (4/6 *CN*). CUT's teachings, a blend of Eastern/Western religions, involve karma, reincarnation, and communal living.

TBN'S CROUCH REQUESTS DEATH FOR ENEMIES? - In the false unity scheme of a world religion/government, those who persist in claiming that some teachings are wrong will be silenced for the good of society. Dave Hunt says (4/98 *Berean Call*): "That trend is already reflected by TBN's Paul Crouch, whose prayer demands immunity from correction: "God, we proclaim death to anything or anyone that would lift a hand against this ministry...."

UN IS AN IRREMEDIAL FAILURE - Architects of a unified world religion and world government may well use something like a United Nations to usher in a new world order to be headed by the Antichrist. Today, 50 years after its founding, the UN is the biggest, clumsiest and most malfunctioning colonial conglomeration ever assembled. William Braun makes this charge and amply documents it (3/98 *Chr. Conscience*, P.O. Box 57054, Des Moines, IA 50317). He said the UN, war and fraud are synonymous - that over 600 major armed conflicts have broken out since the UN began and that five of the permanent members of the "peace-keeping" UN are also the world's five major arms suppliers. So is the UN a dismal failure in preventing wars, OR is it instead highly successful in promoting them?

DENVER SEMINARY'S SLIDE LEFTWARD, DOWN NEW EVANGELICAL SLIPPERY SLOPE - Denver Seminary is stressing the fact that "changes" are occurring there (see 4/1 *CC* for indication of liberal trends). Its premiere issue of *Vantage Point* says DS founders in 1950 adhered to a tight dispensational theology..., and "emphasized our separation from denominations and agencies allegedly deviant in their doctrinal commitments....But changes gradually took place. Indeed, as Dr. [Vernon] Grounds recalled, 'Our critics repeatedly warned that we were starting down the slippery slope of Bible-denying unbelief....' For example, the seminary was committed to premillennialism. Yet, by the end of its first year, our board was no longer insisting that all professors subscribe to the pre-tribulation rapture of the church. We no longer required professors to hold membership in Conservative Baptist churches and allowed [some] non-Baptists to serve on our governing board. [DS] even introduced a counseling program."

CARTER'S SBC 'PEACE TREATY' - Former President Jimmy Carter has convened two meetings and convinced Southern Baptists from liberal, moderate, and conservative factions to sign a declaration of mutual respect ("as brothers and sisters in Christ") and cooperation (4/2 *Ala. Baptist*). Some liberal-moderate leaders signed it, plus "conservatives" such as SBC president Tom Elliff, Paige Patterson, and SBC Exec. Comm. pres. Morris Chapman.

BMM INVOLVED WITH WARE'S BBC - Baptist Bible College of Indianapolis hosted the 3rd Multiracial Ministry Conference April 22-25 (see 2/15 CC). Listed speakers included well-known ecumenicals such as: Joe Stowell, Jay Kesler, John Perkins, and BBC Pres. Charles Ware. Cedarville College Pres. Paul Dixon and Alex Montoya were also listed to speak. Perhaps what grieves us most is that two Baptist Mid-Missions missionaries are BBC faculty members and were listed to conduct Workshops at this meeting. BMM is said to be "the largest fundamental Baptist missions organization in the world." We spoke by phone with BMM President Dr. Gary Anderson who said BMM is in the process of moving away from BBC ties, that the direction Ware is going is unacceptable. But he is hopeful that the severance can come without destroying the needed work begun. Ware says: "Our passion is to be a biblical multicultural college with an African American emphasis." BBC's goal is "to model biblical multicultural ministry and promote racial reconciliation rooted in redemption." A BBC flyer says: "Clear Communication of the gospel requires an understanding of the culture in which the gospel is being communicated." Ware is listed in Jerry Falwell's 4/98 *Nat'l Liberty Journal* as a speaker for Rick Gage's "Go Tell" camps, laden with So. Baptist speakers. Ware often platform-shares with ecumenicals.

PCA SPEAKER AT GARBC CHURCH - Susan Hunt, Women in the Church Consultant for the Presbyterian Church in America's Christian Education Committee, was the listed speaker for the Indiana Fellowship of Regular Baptist Church's ladies conference at the College Park Baptist Church in Indianapolis. The PCA is a member of the National Association of Evangelicals.

CECIL TODD CONFERENCE FEATURES BAKKER, HAGEE, HARRINGTON, & MAXWELL - Cecil/Linda Todd were hosts for a Calling America To Repentance And Prayer conference, March 31-April 2, in Branson, Mo. (4/98 *Charisma*) Listed speakers were John Hagee, Jim Bakker, Bob Harrington ("Chaplain of Bourbon Street"), John Maxwell, Jesse Duplantis, and Billy Joe Daugherty. The latter two appear on charismatic TBN. Harrington and Maxwell are recent Falwell speakers.

PRO-HOMOSEXUALITY OF EPISCOPAL LEADERS - Edmond Browning, in his final address as Presiding Bishop, said: "As Anglicans, we discern God's will through Scripture, tradition and reason. However, some have chosen to embrace biblical literalism instead of our Anglican tradition. History tells us that biblical literalism was used to support both the practice of slavery and the denigration of women. We have moved past slavery and are moving past the oppression of women. It is time to move past using literalistic readings of the Bible to create prejudices against our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters." (Spr.'98 *Evang. Concerned*) And the new Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop, Frank Griswold, is said to have "long been a supporter of the full participation of gay and lesbian persons in the life of the Church."

FALWELL, OPERATION RESCUE FEUD - Operation Rescue leaders, angry that Jerry Falwell failed to publicly support OR director Flip Benham who sits in a Lynchburg jail for trespassing at a local school, seemed to punish Liberty University for its bookstore being run by Barnes & Noble, the bookseller indicted on child porn charges (4/4 *World*). Falwell says he gave \$10,000 of his own money to help defend OR founder Randall Terry, but said: "But when Operation Rescue moved their battleground from abortion clinics to public schools, I could not lend my support to such behavior or tactics."

NAE AN OLD BOY'S CLUB? - The aging of National Association of Evangelicals' members and donors poses a problem. The average age of NAE's direct-mail donors is now over 70. But beyond an aging constituency, the NAE is also beset with the issue of how to include more minorities and women in its life and work. Don Argue, NAE's first Pentecostal leader, has resigned. He had ties with the liberal NCC and has said the NAE is "too old, too white and too male." As older members die off, the NAE can be expected to become even more liberal and social-issues oriented. A 3/30 *Christian News* article had this quote: "The good thing about NAE is you hear more and more about the poor, about issues of justice, race."

IDAHOSEA 'RAISER OF DEAD' DIES - Nigerian pastor and charismatic leader Benson Idahosa died suddenly from a heart attack March 12 while chatting with Oral Roberts University visiting officials (5/98 *Charisma*). He was closely linked to several American charismatic churches, including Earl Paulk's and Don

Meares'. He had been highly touted as one who raised people from the dead. The 5/89 *Charisma* said of Idahosa: "His bold preaching - born out of having seen the dead raised to life - sparked thousands of miraculous healings and hundreds of thousands of salvations." The 7/90 *Charisma* noted that he "has been used by God to raise the dead." Why couldn't the ORU guys raise Idahosa from the dead?

PELIKAN CONVERTS TO ORTHODOXY - Liberal Lutheran scholar Dr. Jaroslav Pelikan, one of the best known Lutherans in the world, has left the Lutheran Church (LCMS) and converted to Orthodoxy (4/6 *Chr. News*). He was a member of the WCC's Faith and Order Commission. The Orthodox Church is a WCC member.

THE 'GOOD' IN FALSE DOCTRINE? - False teaching closest to the truth, without being the truth, is the most dangerous for deception. The addition of good to evil may magnify the evil (1/98 *CACC*). Adding good grain to arsenic makes rat poison more dangerous. A naked hook from the point of view of a fish is pure evil, but not very dangerous. Add succulent bait, which, by itself is good, and the hook becomes much more dangerous and deadly.

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GAMBLING, HOMELESSNESS LINKED? - A survey by the International Union of Gospel Missions found that 70 percent of rescue mission clients surveyed said easy access to gambling makes it hard for them to put their lives back together; 18 percent said gambling was a cause of their homelessness (3/23 *CN*). IUGM condemned casinos and state lotteries for creating a new generation of homeless addicts.

SUICIDE SUBSIDIES IN OREGON - Just four years after Oregon voters narrowly approved doctor-assisted suicide, "right to die" advocates now tell taxpayers they have an obligation to subsidize poor people who want to end their lives. The 3/14 *World* says: "Once a right is created, it isn't long before anyone who cannot afford to exercise that right is regarded as a victim of discrimination and petitioners demand that tax dollars be used to bring that person up to the level of the 'rich' who can afford to kill themselves."

IF CLINTON GUILTY, WHY NO GRAHAM OUTRAGE? - Billy Graham told NBC *Today* show viewers March 5 that he forgives Pres. Clinton because, "I know the frailty of human nature... He has such a tremendous personality that I think the ladies just go wild over him." Pardon presupposes an admission of guilt, so what has the president confessed to doing? Cal Thomas asks: "For what exactly is Graham forgiving the president? Is it the sex? Is it lying under oath? Is it blanket forgiveness that also covers illegal campaign contributions, purloined FBI files, suborning of perjury, and the orchestrated cover-up of these and other 'sins,' or is it a limited immunity?" With God, forgiveness does not precede confession and repentance. Graham later added that it would be tragic to divorce character from leadership.

DEATH TO THOSE WHO INSULT ISLAM'S PROPHET - Salman Rushdie's death sentence for allegedly insulting Islam's founder in his *Satanic Verses* novel was reaffirmed Feb. 13 by Iran's chief prosecutor, who said: "Any Muslim who hears an insult to the prophet [Mohammed] must kill the person who commits the insult." (3/26 *Ala. Bapt.*). Saudi Arabia kills/tortures/persecutes Muslims who become Christians. It plans to build a 1 million square-foot campus for 3,500 students on 101 acres near Washington's Dulles Airport in Va. Local residents fear that it would become an Islamic terrorist training center (4/98 *Charisma*). One said: "When Saudi Arabia allows Christians to build churches in their country, I will be in favor of their right to build their religious and educational centers in America."

CHRISTIAN COALITION - Since Ralph Reed's departure from Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition last year, donations fell 36 percent, layoffs reduced the staff from 110 to 90, and ties with Catholic and black subsidiaries were severed.

ARE GUNS TO BLAME FOR SCHOOL VIOLENCE? - In the last six months we have seen horrific acts of violence by children (Pearl, MS, Paducah, KY, Jonesboro, AR). Many people are asking "Why?" Why have our youth become so violent? Why are so many so amoral and show no remorse? I am continually amazed by the answers proposed in the mainstream news media. ABC News, and others, took the opportunity to promote stricter gun control laws, pointing out that the South has the least restrictive gun control regulations in the country. This line of reasoning borders on the absurd. Regardless of one's position on gun control, the fact remains that gun control laws have been nearly untouched in the South for over two hundred years. This begs the question "What has changed?" It seems the liberal media will report any explanation but the truth. We teach our children they are nothing more than animals in a more evolved state and then act surprised when they act like animals. We teach them there are no moral absolutes and then act shocked at their wanton acts of "immorality." We teach our children to esteem themselves above all else and then are horrified by their merciless acts of self-centeredness. They neither love God nor his commandments... (M.E. Harmon, *The Salt Server*, 3/29 e-mail)

APOSTASY AND DECEPTION IN CHRISTIAN MUSIC is the name of a new book by Gordon Sears. It is not just another book about rock music and its harmful effects. It deals with the importance of music in the Christian life with warnings of deceptions. It shows that CCM and the radical change in music since the mid-1950s is definitely linked to a turning from truth to error. Dr. Sears says: "NOTHING in recent church history has caused more divisions, confusion, worldliness, carnality and spiritual apathy than CCM!" Send \$7.95 (postpaid) for this 104-page book to: SongFest, PO Box 182, Coldwater, MI 49036.

MUSLIMS RECRUIT IN PRISONS - The U.S. has built the largest prison system in the world. Over 1.2 million convicted criminals are incarcerated in 1,500 state and federal prisons, and an additional half-million inmates occupy 3,000 jails (3/23 *USN & WR*). Prisons have become a very active recruiting ground for Muslim missionaries.

NAZI GOLD WENT TO CATHOLICS? - The March 30 *USN & WR* reported: "As the Nazis and their allies sent millions of Jews and others to their deaths, they stole billions of dollars from their victims." What happened to the loot? The article says new evidence suggests the Vatican might have directly handled funds stolen from Nazi (and allies) victims. Allegedly, money sent from Croatia to Rome after the war was partly intercepted by the British, but 200 million Swiss francs (\$170 million) were held in the Vatican.

HOMOSEXUAL HANKS AT ETS AGAIN - In Nov. 1992, Thomas Hanks spoke at the Evangelical Theological Society's annual meeting and challenged members to revise their negative thinking about homosexuality (see 7/1/93 *CC*). The pro-homosexual *Evangelicals Concerned* (Spr.'98) says Hanks addressed a Nov. 1997 meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, and recently participated on a panel on homosexuality at Fuller Seminary. *EC* said: "An openly gay man and an evangelical Bible teacher and missionary to Latin America [with LAM], Hanks is founder of Other Sheep, an international support ministry for gay and lesbian Christians." The 1998 NAE Directory says the ETS, founded 1949, is an association of Bible-believing scholars that meets annually for intellectual stimulus and spiritual fellowship.

NAE'S WORLD RELIEF GETS BIG BUCKS FROM U.S. GOVERNMENT TO DISTRIBUTE CONDOMS? - World Relief is an arm of the National Association of [New] Evangelicals. Mindy Belz (3/28 *World*) says: "NAE's World Relief receives more than 60 percent of its overseas budget from Uncle Sam and helps advance Washington's family-planning objectives." She said; "This raises a hard question: What role does

condom distribution play in the fulfillment of the Great Commission?" A Honduras WR official says his agency is involved in sterilization of women and "all forms of family planning." But WR officials in the U.S. say, "The only contraceptive that World Relief makes available to women is the condom." The lure of government funds can be a diversive snare. Mr. Clive Calvert last year became president of WR.

LIBERTY'S ECUMENICAL SPEAKERS - From Dr. Jerry Falwell's 4/98 *National Liberty Journal* we read: "Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary is proud to have Dr. [Howard] Hendricks join our distinguished list of visiting professors that includes: Drs. Gary Collins, Woodrow Kroll [Back to the Bible], John Maxwell, Stephen Olford, Jerry Vines and John Walvoord." Falwell is pictured with Kay Arthur and others as a speaker for a Jesus 2000 Holy Land Pilgrimage. His speakers for Super Conference '98 include Dallas Seminary president Chuck Swindoll and John Maxwell (Schuller speaker). All of the above pulpit-share and minister ecumenically.

CT PROMOTES POPE VIDEO - The Apr. 6 *Christianity Today*, the mainline magazine of the New Evangelicals, had a full-page ad for "Six Inspirational Video Sets," one of which was entitled "Pope John Paul II." Concerning this, the ad reads: "This inspiring video collection invites you to join one of the most beloved religious leaders... ."

UNITE WITH CATHOLICS TO SAVE AMERICA? - There are many strange teachings and experiences making the rounds these days in various churches and ministries. In some, people bark like dogs, roar like lions, and fall to the floor in laughing fits when a serious subject is being preached. On the other side of the coin those who claim to be the heirs of the Protestant Reformers, and to be truly Reformed, advocate working together with Roman Catholics to save America. It is absolutely amazing... that men who claim to be the heirs of the Protestant Reformers can now advocate working with Rome to save this nation. In a recent article under the division SOUL FOOD, under the heading REGAINING LOST GROUND - the sub-heading is Catholics and Protestants can Unite on Social Issues - *World Magazine* writer Matt Daniels gives out a STRANGE mixture indeed. [Dr. Ronald Cooke, pres., Breckbill College, Spr. '98] Dr. Cooke goes on to refute Rome's false teachings and to show how close Reconstructionists are to the Jesuits. He says anyone working to clean up society must see idolatry as one of the great evils to be attacked, not dismissed.

OS GUINNESS AT CEDARVILLE - Why would a GARBC-approved "fundamentalist" college in seemingly rapid succession in recent years invite ecumenical speakers such as Warren Wiersbe, James M. Boice (see 3/1 CC), and now Os Guinness? The 3/98 *Baptist Bulletin* reports: "Os Guinness, senior fellow of the Trinity Forum and prolific evangelical author, will be the featured speaker at the Staley Lecture Series on March 31 and April 1." Guinness spoke at the 1998 NAE convention. He was listed as a speaker, along with Roman Catholics and ecumenicals, at a 1991 C.S. Lewis Summer Institute (1/14/91 CT). He headed a 1988 ecumenical summit which produced the 28-page Williamsburg Charter reaffirming pluralism and expanding the religious liberty provisions of the First Amendment (2/1/89 CC). Signers included Mormon, Catholic, NAE, and NCC leaders, and Billy Graham.

DOBSON TO SPEAK AT SBC - Focus on the Family's Dr. James Dobson is scheduled to bring the concluding message for the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Salt Lake City, June 9-11 (*Baptist Banner*). Dobson's stands against certain immorality issues are commendable, but we have long warned against his ecumenical endeavors with Catholics and charismatics.

BROWNSVILLE REVIVAL HIGH PRESSURE APPEALS - The charismatic "revival" at the Brownsville Assembly of God in Pensacola began in June 1995 and has continued four nights a week. John Kilpatrick is the pastor and Steve Hill the evangelist (see 11/15 CC). It has taken in millions of dollars. Its Awake America crusades takes its message to other cities. In Memphis last Oct. Hill scolded the audience for failing to donate enough money and stopped preaching to renew high-pressure appeals for more cash (3/22 HT). Local groups that invite the revival will now be asked to raise part of the budget in advance, and requests for money will be

fewer and less intense.

DEATHS - REV. HAROLD HAINES died March 24 at age 80. He was a pastor for 57 years, an ACCC Exec. Comm. member for nearly 30 years, and served in various offices in the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches. Pastors Mark Franklin and Bill Raymond spoke at memorial services(NJ). ** REV. WILSON EWIN died Feb.14 of cancer. He was director of Quebec Baptist Mission (to Catholics), and a prolific writer. We have reviewed many of his books (on ecumenism, Romanism, charismatism, Graham, etc.), available (including a brand new one, from Ewin Pub., PO Box 180, Norton, VT 05907.

FRANKLIN GRAHAM'S ECUMENISM - Franklin Graham is following in his famous father's footsteps, as is evident from the various forums he frequents. He spoke at NRB '98, Moody Founder's Week, at Promise Keepers (5/97), and at Jerry Falwell's Liberty Univ. 5/96 baccalaureate service (David Cloud, 3/23 CN). A Catholic archbishop and an Anglican archbishop were present at the 6/97 media launch for his Jan. 30, 1998 ecumenical crusade in Australia, involving a hodgepodge of churches.

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LOTTERIES OPEN DOOR TO CASINOS - Alabama's Lt. Governor, and Democrat candidate for governor, proposes a state lottery to aid public education. The only thing keeping casinos out of Alabama is a state constitutional prohibition on lotteries. Once that prohibition is breached, casinos will dot our state (3/12 *Ala. Bapt.*). Mississippi faced that same problem a few years ago. It never voted to have casinos. It voted to start a state-sponsored lottery to help education. But there is no lottery in Miss. Instead, there are casinos. Once the ban on lotteries was removed, there was nothing to prohibit casinos. Gambling is unbiblical and destructive.

PORN ENTERS SCHOOLS BY INTERNET - There's a vicious new threat to children when they enter U.S. public schools. They can be exposed to the vilest pornography in school library computers connected to the Internet. Pres. Clinton has called for every child in America to be "online" (Internet) by the turn of the century (Nat'l Coalition for the Protection of Children & Families letter.). Congress is considering bills to restrict cybersmut, but this could be abused and will be challenged by "free speech" groups. This conduit of sexual filth from the child molesters and porn peddlers into the public schools is subsidized by taxpayers.

MORMONISM BIG IN BRITAIN - Mormonism is the fastest-growing religion in Great Britain. Membership has reportedly increased from 30,000 in 1960 to 180,000 today. The Mormon Church is the third-largest land-owner in Britain (*What In The World*). The second Mormon temple in England (its 52nd worldwide) is now under construction.

HOMOSEXUALITY A SIN - Pastor Perry Rockwood writes, in his 3/98 *Gospel Standard*: "Homosexuality is a high-sounding name for a vile, degenerate sin. It stems from the efforts of psychologists and some modernist preachers and others to excuse sin, to give it a different name and thereby respectability. Such men play right into the hands of the wicked sex deviates who like to deny any responsibility for their actions, claiming inborn weakness for which they are not responsible. No matter what they call it, no matter what the guilty one may claim, God calls it SIN and says that those who are given over to it are worthy of death (Rom. 1:26-32). The rising tide of this vile sin spells out judgment. Open acceptance of it preceded the downfall of [Sodom, and] the great Greek and Roman empires."

'GOSPEL OF THOMAS' - Religious historian Elaine Pagels (Princeton) gives lectures on the Gospel of

Thomas, found in Egypt in 1945 (3/6 *Atlanta Jrnl.-Const.*). It has Jesus saying: "If you bring forth what is within you, what you bring forth will save you. If you do not bring forth what is within you, what you do not bring forth will destroy you."

BOBGANS' NEW BOOK: CRI & PASSANTINOS GUILTY OF PSYCHOHERESY - Christian Research Institute, founded by Walter Martin, is now headed by Hank Hanegraaff. The CRI Journal had a four-part series on "Psychology & the Church" (1995) by Bob and Gretchen Passantino which left the door open to integration of secular psychological counseling theories and therapies with the Bible. Martin & Deidre Bobgan term such an unholy mix "psychoheresy" in their new book: *CRI Guilty of Psychoheresy?* They have shown in this and earlier books (e.g., *The End of "Christian Psychology"*) that godly pastors (or spiritual Christian friends) and the Bible are sufficient for counseling, and adequate to equip us for every good work (2Tim. 3:16-17) and to provide all we need for life and godliness (2Pet. 1:3-4). Order their new 152-page book (\$10) and request a free sample newsletter from: PsychoHeresy Awareness Ministries, 4137 Primavera Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93110.

PSYCHOTHERAPY A HOAX - Biblical theology survived without psychology for almost two thousand years. The very idea of a *Christian* psychology violates basic biblical principles and is a false religion. Psychotherapy and its underlying psychologies is one of the biggest and most vicious ripoffs and greatest deceptions ever perpetrated on the American public. It is possibly the greatest hoax and heresy of the twentieth century. [Most of the above is from a new book by Martin & Deidre Bobgan: *CRI Guilty of Psychoheresy?* which documents the "open door" approach of the Christian Research Institute, headed by Hank Hanegraaff, and Bob & Gretchen Passantino to integrating secular psychological counseling theories with the Bible. Get the book from: PsychoHeresy Awareness Ministries, 4137 Primavera Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93110, \$10.]

SPOCK DIES - Dr. Benjamin Spock whose *Baby and Child Care* book sold 50 million copies since 1945 died March 15 at 94. Critics branded him "the father of permissiveness," responsible for a "Spock-marked" corrupted generation of hippies in the 1960s (3/16 *H. Times*). He marched against nuclear testing and the Vietnam War, and ran for president in 1972 on the socialist-oriented Peoples Party ticket.

CLINTON AIDS SCIENTOLOGY? - John Travolta says he met with Mr. Clinton while in Washington for a Scientology meeting, just before playing the Pres. Clinton figure in a new movie. Clinton told him: "I'd really love to help you with your issue over in Germany with Scientology." (3/7 *World*). The German government says the cult is a scam and has applied legal restrictions. Clinton reportedly assigned his National Security Adviser to get the Germans to change their policy. He thus cleverly coopted this Hollywood fad, and Travolta says the film favors Clinton.

PK BAILOUT - In addition to Promise Keepers founder Bill McCartney's plea for churches to send \$1,000 each to help pay its staff, Campus Crusade founder and president Bill Bright has sent a letter to the 350,000 people on his mailing list, and a similar letter to 50,000 pastors, seeking support for PK (3/14 *Huntsville Times*). Focus on the Family's March 5 program let PK officials explain PK's financial plight. About 1,500 churches in early March had pledged about \$1,000 each, on average, to PK. PK plans to hold 19 stadium conferences this year.

NEW PROMISE KEEPERS RESOURCE - Evang. Mark Sanford's Jan-Feb *Bible Believers Message* is devoted exclusively to the Promise Keepers movement. This very attractively-done compendium of articles from many publications includes almost 50 CC articles. Bro. Sanford is founder/director of Bible Believers Baptist Ministries (702 Hastings Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17109), a fundamental-separatist ministry standing for evangelism and the defense of the faith. Please send \$2.00 per copy to help with mailing and other costs of this 21-big-page document.

AFEC/ECFC PROBLEMS - A 3/2 News Release from Dr. Bill Jackson, pres., Association of Fundamentalists Evangelizing Catholics, states: "Months of correspondence and personal visits have been exchanged among the parties involved (the late Wilson Ewin, Tom McMahan, Dave Hunt, Roy Livesey and myself). I have just

received information that helps to understand what is at the root of the matter. In a letter of Jan. 28, 1998 to Wilson Ewin, Tom McMahon [one of the men who engineered the first ECFC (Ex-Catholics For Christ) conference] said that 'those of us instrumental in developing ECFC recognized that AFEC was by charter restricted in reaching the greatest numbers of ex-Catholics, most of whom were attending Pentecostal, Charismatic, and those churches viewed as neo-evangelical.'" The AFEC plans a resolution at its annual June meeting affirming its continuing stance as non-pentecostal and non-ecumenical. (See 9/1 CC).

TEMPLETON PRIZE TO INTERFAITH LEADER - British businessman Sir Sigmund Sternberg, head of the International Council of Christians and Jews, won the \$1.2 million 1998 Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion. He helped mediate a dispute over the placing of a Catholic convent near Auschwitz. He is a strong interfaith dialogue advocate. Last year, along with Sheikh Zaki Badawi, principal of Muslim College in London, he established the Three Faiths Forum to find common ground among Judaism, Islam and Christianity. Past recipients of this award have been Hindu, Buddhist, Muslim leaders, an RC Cardinal, Billy Graham, Chuck Colson, and Bill Bright.

WHAT IS THE WCC? - From their own pen (e-mail): "The World Council of Churches is a fellowship of churches, now 330, in more than 100 countries in all continents from virtually all Christian traditions. The Roman Catholic Church is not a member church but works cooperatively with the WCC. The highest governing body is the Assembly, which meets approximately every seven years. The WCC was formally inaugurated in 1948 in Amsterdam, Netherlands. Its staff is headed by general secretary Konrad Raiser from the Evangelical Church in Germany." The words "Evangelical" and "Christian" above are misleading, and it would be more accurate to say "liberal" in both cases. The WCC's 8th Assembly is in Harare, Zimbabwe, Dec. 3-14, 1998. ACCC executive secretary Dr. Ralph Colas plans to cover this WCC meeting as a reporter and file an in-depth report.

ABBREVIATIONS - For a free list of most abbreviations used in CC, send SASE. Pastors, ask us for quantity rates for sending CC to your church leaders and members, etc.

CBA'S DENVER SEMINARY OUT IN LEFT FIELD? - "Globalization" was the theme of the Winter/Spring 1998 issue of Denver Seminary's *Focal Point*. Prof. Craig Blomberg said Denver is committed to globalization of theological education and to hiring a director of globalization. He used terms like "social justice" and "contextualize the gospel," and said newer faculty seeking tenure must have a globalization experience comparable to that of Denver teams that visited South Africa, China, etc., in 1989, 1990, and 1991. He said the team visiting South Africa met with Desmond Tutu, and the Philippines contingent was hosted by Cardinal Sin and Bishop K.H. Ding (Red Chinese Marxist!). Denver is a Conservative Baptist school and the CBA is a member of the NAE.

TUTU WANTS WCC TO FAVOR HOMOSEXUALITY? - "Marxist" Archbishop Desmond Tutu heads a Truth and Reconciliation Commission in South Africa. A 2/9 *Chr. Today* writer said "the crimes of the Afrikaner regime, and of the adherents of apartheid, far exceeded the crimes of the African National Congress and other resistance groups." This smacks of communist propaganda! Tutu said in 1986, "I think the West, for my part, can go to hell." (3/1/95 CC) He is the highest ranking Anglican to call for the ordination of practicing homosexuals, and has warned that rejecting homosexuals is "nearly the ultimate blasphemy." (6/1/96 CC) Tutu now says the World Council of Churches must take a positive stand on homosexuality at its assembly in Zimbabwe if it wants to stay credible (3/2 *Christian News*). Yet, Tutu was listed as a speaker for the American Baptist Churches' 6/95 meeting.

FALWELL & THE DEATH PENALTY - Jerry Falwell joined Pat Robertson, the Pope, and NCC-head Joan Brown Campbell in pleading to save Karla Faye Tucker from being executed for murder she confessed to and was convicted for in Texas. In his 3/98 *Nat'l Liberty Journal*, Dr. Falwell gave his rationale for wanting her life spared. He thought she was sincerely and genuinely converted and rehabilitated [maybe so], and said: "I believe women should receive special treatment. I [concluded] that God wanted me to help Karla." Falwell still believes

capital punishment "is a deterrent to capital crime." [This is not its main purpose.] Does he, and others, think it is only for non-Christians? Surely not. If so, this could create chaos. Most, or all, killers would "get saved" to save their skin.

SCHULLER, FULLER HAVE REV. BERNICE KING - Speakers for Robert Schuller's Institute for Successful Church Leadership again featured Bill Hybels and John Maxwell, and also this year (Jan. 29), Rev. Bernice King (MLK's daughter). Rev. Bernice King and Martin Luther King, Jr. were listed as Jan. speakers at Fuller Seminary.

NRB '98 - The National Religious Broadcasters, an arm of the NAE, held its 55th Convention Jan. 31-Feb. 3 in Washington, DC. Speakers included Charles Stanley, Chuck Swindoll, Tim LaHaye, Jack Graham, Carlton Pearson (a charismatic), RC William Bennett (at Public Policy Breakfast), and Shirley Dobson. The "Laughing Revival," "Toronto Blessing" church had an exhibit. Dr. Ralph Colas attended the NRB meeting, with press credentials. Get his report from: ACCC, P.O. Box 5455, Bethlehem, PA 18015. Send offering to cover postage, etc.

GRAHAM TRAINING CENTER 1998 SPEAKERS - A brochure from the Billy Graham Training Center at The Cove (NC) listed the following as 1998 speakers: Joseph Stowell, James Montgomery Boice (recent Cedarville speaker), David Jeremiah, Warren Wiersbe, Elisabeth Elliot, Anne Graham Lotz, Franklin Graham, Woodrow Kroll, Adrian Rogers, Jill Briscoe, Buster Soaries, Larry Crabb, Stephen Hayner, Jay Kesler, and Bruce Wilkinson.

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STEVE CAMP BLASTS CCM INDUSTRY—Veteran Contemporary Christian Music singer Steve Camp says CCM has lost its soul, and calls for reform in the \$1 billion-per-year industry. He has issued a poster with 107 theses (modeled after Luther's list) and complains that Christian music "yodels of a Christless, watered-down, pabulum-based, positive alternative, aura-fluff, cream of wheat, mush-kind-of-syrupy, God-as-my-girlfriend kind of thing." (2/21 *Dallas Morn. News*). Camp laments that record labels pressure CCM artists to omit words like "Jesus," "God," "sin," etc. He says CCM "has committed a spiritual adultery in joining itself with the wayward world." But CCM defenders such as Carman say if Christian music were limited to exclusively Christian outlets, we would lose a whole generation. One said Camp may be frustrated with the his own stagnant career. The 2/95 *Moody*, reviewing Camp's last album, said until that album, his genre had been rock music—and that that album had several rock-oriented tunes. He has sung Beatles songs in concert, praised John Lennon, and been affiliated with Tony Campolo. Camp said within a month, he'll announce a new label that promises to produce only songs with lyrics supported by Scripture. But nowhere in the long *DMN* article did Camp criticize CCM's rock beat, just the lyrics.

'THE APOSTLE' FEATURES CCM STARS—The new movie "The Apostle" is about a Pentecostal preacher (an adulterer) who kills the youth pastor his wife is sleeping with, then is deposed from his church, but rebaptizes himself and flees to rural Louisiana to start a new church (2/21 *World*). Yet *Charisma* says: "This groundbreaking film is the first to show a Pentecostal preacher in a positive light." CCM stars Steven Curtis Chapman, Dino, Gary Chapman, and the Bill Gaither Vocal Band are featured. We say again: "Nothing good, comes out of Hollywood."

DANGERS FOR CHRISTIANS (ISRAEL, 'HATE CRIMES')—Orthodox Jews in Israel have proposed a new law that would make it a criminal offense for anyone to persuade another person to change religions—or even to possess proselytizing materials (3/98 *Charisma*). *** Atty. General Janet Reno and Pres. Clinton want Congress to expand the definition of federal "hate crimes" to include crimes based on sexual orientation, gender or disabilities (2/26 *Ala. Bapt.*). This might make it a "hate crime" to call homosexuality a sin. The FBI says 8,759 hate crimes were reported in 1996.

NEW CWA LEADER—Beverly LaHaye's handpicked successor to lead the 20-year-old Concerned Women

for America, which claims a constituency of 600,000, is Carmen Pate (2/28 *World*). She will co-host with LaHaye the CWA's radio show. CWA is conservative, pro-life, but ecumenical.

CCM INDUSTRY: SERVE GOD AND MAMMON?—The new-evangelical *Christianity Today* (3/2) reacted strongly to CCM singer Steve Camp's criticism of CCM's weak lyrics, calling it "naïve come-outism." *CT* seems to like the "new era when Jars of Clay can appear on *Late Show with David Letterman* and Christian singers are entertaining and witnessing in a broader context." However, the *CT* editorial did mention Michael English's affair and Sandi Patty's divorce, and said: "Sadder but wiser artists have learned the hard way that they need to focus quality time on their families and home congregations. Singing in other people's churches every weekend has proved to be a great way to lose your own soul." We see no criticism by Camp of the rock music of much CCM, but that newer music lyrics "doesn't have much Christ," and that it is simply marketing technique and money. The CCM industry in trying to serve both God and mammon, serves mammon!

TBN'S 'HEALTH & WEALTH' THEOLOGY—Trinity Broadcasting Network, run by Paul and Jan Crouch, is the world's largest "Christian" television network. It features an unholy hodgepodge of televangelists and CCM/rock music. The Crouches preach a "success" theology in which they contend Christ and the Apostles were actually wealthy merchants. Viewers are told that if they give money, God will reward them with health and wealth. (2/28 *H. Times*). This "health and wealth," "name it and claim it," "blab it and grab it" prosperity gospel of some charismatics is a distortion of Scripture and a disgrace. Yet with its worldly glitz and glamour it lures some of the biggest stars in religious broadcasting. One, Benny Hinn, has even hired a veteran entertainment publicist whose other clients include Bill Cosby, Loretta Lynn and Amy Grant. Charismatics downplay the importance of doctrine. Crouch himself a few years ago said (see 8/1/91 *CC*): "I don't care about your doctrines as long as you name the name of Jesus...."

HOMOSEXUALS LOSE IN MAINE—Maine voters repealed a law that would have allowed for punitive damages ranging from \$10,000 to \$300,000 levied against even first-time violators. No exceptions were added for religious groups, so churches and private schools could have been taken to court and fined for refusing to hire homosexuals (2/21 *World*). Some other states (Calif., Hawaii, Minn., NJ, Wisc., and DC) have "homosexual rights" laws.

WITCH JOINS MINISTERIAL GROUP—The Bakersfield (CA) Interfaith Ministerial Association voted last month to allow a practicing witch to join its ranks (2/19 *B'field Californian*). This happened also in Salem, MA in 1993. An Episcopal priest said nobody in the clergy group could think of a compelling reason to forbid a witch from joining!

PROMISE KEEPERS CUTS BACK—Promise Keepers is laying off all 345 paid employees and will rely on volunteers, partly a result of its decision to quit charging admission fees. Last year, 40 percent fewer men attended conferences than in 1996. PK's budget was a record \$117 million, but income fell shy of \$70 million (2/28 *World*). PK founder and president Bill McCartney makes the absurd claim that God told him to ask America's churches to send \$1,000 to save the PK ministry. He opens PK's 1998 regional clergy conferences to women, noting "We have learned that 13 percent of our churches are pastored by ladies (2/16 *C. News*). PK is a most dangerous and unscriptural, ecumenical tool of Satan in our day.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST MIAs—Over half of the 15.7 million members carried on the rolls of Southern Baptist Convention congregations (America's largest Protestant denomination) are inactive, a SBC Sunday School Board study found (2/28 *World*). The figures show 20.7 percent of church members are listed as "resident inactives," which means they stopped attending, and 31.8 percent as "non-resident," which means they moved away but remain on the local church's rolls. Some of the latter may also be on the active rolls of churches to which they've moved, which means total membership could be somewhat inflated.

SBC NOT LEAVING BWA, INCREASES FUNDING—A committee investigating charges of liberalism in the Baptist World Alliance says the Southern Baptist Convention will not pull out of it, and recommended an

increase in its funding (2/26 *Ala. Baptist*). *** The SBC Executive Committee recommends a \$155 million unified budget to be presented at the SBC's annual meeting in Salt Lake City, June 9-11. It also recommends shortening the SBC from two-and-a-half days to a two-day format.

JEREMIAH WITH SO. BAPTISTS—The Bailey Smith Ministries ad lists as speakers three former and the current SBC president as speakers, along with Jerry Falwell and David Jeremiah (3/98 *NLJ*). Jeremiah is a popular author and Bible teacher and is a product of the GARBC. He was listed as a 1992 speaker at the Billy Graham Training Center and Moody Bible Institute. He seems to have a penchant for favorably quoting liberals.

PENTECOSTALISM BOOMING—Pentecostal author- historian and ecumenical leader Vinson Synan says Pentecostals (most are Charismatics) are the "second largest" family of Christians in the world, and can now be called a major Christian tradition alongside the Roman Catholic, Orthodox and Reformation/Protestant traditions (3/98 *Charisma*). He said: "When I did my research on Pentecostalism around 1965, there were barely 50 million Pentecostals in the world. . . .that number has grown to 463 million in 1995." His new book (update of his 1971 book) is *The Pentecostal-Holiness Tradition: Charismatic Movements in the Twentieth Century*.

VAN IMPE A POPE-PRAISER—Jack Van Impe is sadly lacking in spiritual discernment and has joined with those who praise Pope John Paul II. The 3/2 *Chr. Today* says he recently spent his entire broadcast defending the pope as a man of God. He warned that the next pope could be the false prophet of Revelation, and said, "We've got to stick together as brothers and sisters in Christ."

COLSON'S PRISON FELLOWSHIP HONORS RC PRIEST NEUHAUS—Catholic priest Richard John Neuhaus (former liberal Lutheran) has been honored with the Wilberforce Award from Chuck Colson's Prison Fellowship (2/23 *Chr. News*). Neuhaus and Colson are co-editors of "Evangelicals and Catholics Together" (ECT), which fostered dialogue between Catholics and evangelicals.

WCC TRIES TO SOOTHE ORTHODOX—World Council of Churches general secretary Konrad Raiser hopes a recent visit to Moscow by WCC officials will defuse tensions between WCC and Russian Orthodox leaders. There is pressure for the ROC (largest church in WCC) to withdraw from the WCC due to its hosting of "pagan" rituals, and of being too tolerant toward homosexuality and women priests (2/14 *Dallas Morn. News*). WCC member churches take a variety of stances on these issues.

NATIONAL BAPTIST LEADER LYONS INDICTED—Dr. Henry Lyons, president of the National Baptist Convention, USA, is charged with racketeering and theft of hundreds of thousands of dollars. E.V. Hill (who speaks at PK, MBI, Dallas, and Liberty—and is praised by evangelical leaders) has been a chief supporter of Lyons (11/15 *CC*). The NBC claims 8.5 million members and 33,000 churches, but an affidavit said it actually has 500,000 to 1 million members and 4,800 churches.

HAGEE RAISES \$1 MILLION TO RESETTLE JEWS—Texas pastor and author John Hagee has raised over \$1 million to help Jews from the former Soviet Union move to Israel (2/23 *Chr. News*). Hagee boldly denounces sin and moral evils of our day, much like Jimmy Swaggart used to do. (See 2/15/97 & 6/15/94 *CCs* concerning his "heretical two-covenant" teaching, and links with Charismatics.)

NEWBIGIN DIES—Noted missionary leader, theologian, and author Lesslie Newbigin, 88, died Jan. 30 in England. Much of his career was spent in the orbit of the World Council of Churches, but he was an important influence on British and American evangelicals. His 1979 book tilted toward universalism (see 7/1 *CC*). SBC's Samford Univ. honored him and featured him as a 6/97 speaker.

THE (NEW) EVANGELICAL EXPERIMENT—That's the title of a new 75-page book by Rolland Starr, and it's a sequel to his earlier book, *The New Evangelicalism: The Deadliest Ism of All*. He cites Dr. Charles Woodbridge's 1961 warning of changes in Evangelical/Fundamentalist circles: "First, he noted that there was a *new mood* among them. It was a mood of compromise and accommodation. Then, there was a *new method* . . . in evangelism: ecumenical evangelism which Billy Graham had entered into some five years previously. Lastly, he

warned that there would follow a *new message*." Sadly, Woodbridge's warnings have all proven true. Order this book from: Cornerstone Baptist Church, Box 438, Belmont, MA 02178, \$3.30 postpaid.

GARBC SEMINARY PRES. AT MacARTHUR COLLEGE—The 2/98 *Baptist Bulletin* said Northwest Seminary president Dr. Mark Wagner would be speaking in Christian college chapels of Piedmont, Appalachian, Cedarville, and Dr. John MacArthur's Master's College. We have recently reported some of MacArthur's flawed teachings on doctrines of Christ, and are thus disappointed that Piedmont and Master's would share an itinerary. A Piedmont source stated that in light of the conflict Wagner would probably not be back. We don't expect an encouraging response from GARBC-approved Cedarville.

CRITIQUE OF MacARTHUR STUDY BIBLE—George Zeller has a critique of Dr. John MacArthur's new Study Bible (10/97) in booklet form (24 pgs.) now. He points out doctrinal errors and confusing teachings of MacArthur, including "new" ones we weren't aware of. Bro. Zeller has Bible study and Sunday School materials, doctrinal papers, tracts, and booklets on a variety of subjects (e.g., missions, evolution, separation, Charismatics, IFCA), available at his cost. Write for free 6-page list: Middletown Bible Church, 349 East St., Middletown, CT 06457. [MacArthur booklet is 50 cents + postage (\$1.25).]

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HANDGUNS BANNED IN BRITAIN - Brits must give up handguns or face jail. A total ban on private ownership of handguns went into effect in Britain last month, the result of a public outcry over the 1996 massacre of 16 school children and their teacher by a crazed loner (2/9 *USN&WR*). Today, 95 percent of police officers in England and Wales never carry firearms. But career criminals remain armed!

CARMAN'S 'HOLY GHOST HOP' - Pastor E. L. Bynum in his 9/96 *Plains Baptist Challenger* (\$5/yr., P.O. Box 3100, Lubbock, TX 79452) had an article titled, "Carman And His Dancers & Religious Entertainment." Now Rev. David Cloud (Fund. Baptist News Svc., 1701 Harns Road, Oak Harbor, WA 98277) last month sent a couple of e-mails containing words from CCM performer Carman's "Holy Ghost Hop" song from his "Addicted to Jesus" album. Another song mentioned "jam with the Lamb," and "rock with the flock." Yet Carman is alleged to be a serious Christian musician who has performed at Liberty University, etc. Bro. Cloud says of the Contemporary Christian Music movement: "How worldly, how sensuous, how dangerous, how unscriptural CCM is!" And how blasphemous some of it is!

CLINTON'S RELIGIOUS ADVISERS - American Baptist sociologist Tony Campolo and Promise Keepers founder Bill McCartney have both said they are praying for Pres. Clinton in the latest sexual misconduct scandal. Clinton also reportedly is talking to his SBC pastor Rex Horne, Robert Schuller, Bill Hybels, Gordon MacDonald, and pro-homosexual Methodist pastor J. Philip Wogaman whose church the Clintons attend in Washington. Campolo, worried that other ministers might distance themselves from Clinton out of concern for their own reputations, said (2/2 *Chr. News*): "I follow a man who really didn't give a hoot about his reputation. As a matter of fact, I think Jesus had the worst reputation in Jerusalem." How can such blind, undiscerning leaders help our president?

MOTHER TERESA & GOOD WORKS - Good works are good.... However, good works can be one of the cleverest counterfeits Satan can use. Dr. James Dobson accepted the late Mother Teresa as a Christian because "she manifested the fruit of the Spirit in her life." Jack Van Impe scorns those who think this "sweet 90-pound lady" could possibly be lost (2/98 *C.E.C. Journal*). Bill Jackson continues: "While I have no desire to judge an individual's salvation, from her own lips come statements that indicate a darkness [as to] the state of her soul. She prayed for a soul to leave Purgatory every time she was photographed; she said she could not have Jesus

were it not for the priest's blessing on the wafer; she openly urged the pope to name Mary 'Co-Redeemer, Co-Mediatrix and Advocate of Christians.'"

PARTNERSHIP ON SOCIAL REFORM LEADS TO THEOLOGICAL UNITY OF EVANGELICALS, CATHOLICS - The Massachusetts Catholic Conference (representing the Catholic Church) and the Massachusetts Family Institute (associated with Focus on the Family) entered into a long-term partnership to try to reframe the entire social debate in Mass. around the concept of the critical importance of two-parent families. A 2/14 *World* article goes on to say: "The partnership does not deal with theological issues, but is founded on a belief that Catholics and Protestants can glorify God in our post-Christian culture by working alongside in the social debate. At the center of this partnership is a comprehensive legislative and cultural agenda, covering a wide range of social reforms, designed to encourage and strengthen two-parent families...." Matt Daniels, the writer, associated with Focus on the Family (James Dobson), concluded this article by saying: "Catholics and Protestants will need to recognize that they can glorify Jesus Christ by working side by side for the good of everyone in our society." So, ECT I leads to ECT II (see 1/1 *CC*), to Jesuit casuistry - the end justifies the means! The Jan-Feb *Foundation* had this perceptive quote: "They toiled together in the vineyards of the movements against abortion and pornography, and now leading Roman Catholics and Evangelicals are asking their flocks for a remarkable leap of faith: to finally accept each other as Christians."

BEWARE OF 'THE ALPHA COURSE' - Anglican priest Nicky Gumbel began teaching the Alpha course in 1990. It was originally intended for new Christians, but now is aimed at the unchurched. Its philosophy is New Age, and it leads to experiences rooted in the occult. It promotes humanism, ecumenism, and Charismaticism (tongues-speaking, Toronto Blessing, etc.). Conversion is mentioned but it is conversion to a Christian lifestyle, not conversion to Christ. [The above is based on lengthy reports in the 2/9 *CT*, the *Australian Beacon*, and *The Burning Bush*.] This is spreading like wildfire among Catholics, Baptists, and others, so Christians should be warned, be wise, beware!

HOMOSEXUALS CAN RENT STUDENT HOUSING - The University of Washington Board of Regents has voted unanimously to allow same-sex couples to rent family student housing. The couple must be registered as a domestic partnership with the city of Seattle to qualify. [*What In The World*, Church Bulletin insert, \$2/yr., BJU, Greenville, SC 29614, current news items without comment]

SERMON-LESSON OUTLINES - Send \$2 for a packet of helpful outlines (including a new one on "Authority") by Dr. J. B. Williams, to: Dr. Robt. Cunningham, Metropolitan Bapt. Church, 1315 Old Woodbine Rd., NE, Atlanta, GA 30319.

NAE PRESIDENT ARGUE RESIGNS - Assembly of God minister Dr. Don Argue has unexpectedly resigned as president of the National Association of Evangelicals, effective April 15 (2/9 *Chr. Today*). He becomes president of Northwest College (AOG) in Kirkland, Wash. He had tried to revitalize NAE membership, calling it "too old, too white, and too male." He made strides in racial reconciliation and was a bridge-builder to charismatics and liberals. The NAE should actually be called the NAEC (Nat'l Assoc. of Evangelicals & Charismatics), given the growing preponderance of charismatics in its constituency. And, for the first time since its creation in 1942, the NAE's top leader (Argue, and a Muslim leader) addressed the general assembly of the liberal National Council of Churches (2/1/97 *CC*). NCC general secretary Joan Brown Campbell said regular meetings with Argue and other meetings with him involving the chairman of the Roman Catholic bishops' ecumenical committee show that increased cooperation between the NAE and NCC is occurring. She said this cooperation is being accepted by the NAE board and not by Argue alone, since he spoke at the NCC in 1996 with the NAE board's approval (Jan-Feb *Foundation*). The NAE (and Promise Keepers, and other new-evangelicals) are building bridges (ecumenism) into the enemy's camp instead of building walls (separation) to protect the sheep from ravenous wolves in sheep's garb.

SEPARATISM: THE LEFTWARD SLIDE - Evang. John Van Gelderen writes (Jan-Mar *Preach the Word*, P.O. Box 5614, Woodridge, IL 60517, \$12.95/yr., free to pastors): "My father, Wayne Van Gelderen Sr., often

spoke of the battles of the Conservative Baptist Association which took place in the early 1960s. He pastored in Durango, CO in the early '60s, and Colorado played a major role in the C.B.A. fight. Two schools of thought formed the battle lines: the hard core and the soft core. (Each group claimed the terminology used.) The soft core eventually became part of the 'new evangelicalism.' Now, three decades later, the path of the new-evangelicals has taken them farther to the left than their founders ever planned to go. Not long before my father's Home going [3/9/97], he stated that, generally speaking, the fundamentalists of today are weaker than the new-evangelicals of the C.B.A. days. This is an alarming thought indicating that the present-day left-wing fundamentalists have perhaps moved off the legitimate scope of fundamentalism. Also, right-wing fundamentalists today, in light of history, may not be as far to the right as they think. If you compare modern fundamentalism to modern new-evangelicalism, there is still a gap. But if you compare modern fundamentalism to early new-evangelicalism, the similarities are alarming. I believe that many are not realizing that the whole gamut of fundamentalism is moving left-ward...." [The CBA today is new-evangelical and a member of the NAE.]

BOICE IS SPEAKER AT CEDARVILLE - Dr. James Montgomery Boice was listed in the Feb. *Baptist Bulletin* as the Staley Foundation lecturer at Cedarville College, a GARBC-approved school. Boice is pastor of the Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, speaker for the "Bible Study Hour," and currently chairs the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals and a conference on Reformed Theology. He chaired the 1977-1987 International Council on Biblical Inerrancy whose final event, Congress on the Bible II, was chaired by pro-Catholicism Chuck Colson (11/1/87 CC). This ICBI ecumenical congress featured such speakers as William Buckley (Catholic), leftist Ron Sider, E. V. Hill, and Art Simon (liberal Lutheran). It is sad when a GARBC-approved school features a supposed inerrancy-defending new-evangelical who features inerrancy deniers as speakers at his meetings. GARBC's Greening seems to dislike "who speaks where" being reported. [Rock-oriented vocalist Steve Camp is listed for a Cedarville concert.]

PATTERSON TO BE SBC NOMINEE - Dr. Paige Patterson who helped engineer a conservative resurgence in the Southern Baptist Convention will be nominated to succeed Tom Elliff as the SBC's next president (2/12 *Ala. Bapt.*). He is currently the president of Southeastern Seminary and was formerly president of Criswell College.

FALWELL TO KEEP SPEAKING AT MOON EVENTS - Jerry Falwell's Liberty University recently disclosed that insurance tycoon A. L. Williams is the unnamed benefactor who provided \$15 million to settle Liberty debts (2/9 *C. Today*). The announcement came in part to counter rumors that self-proclaimed messiah Sun Myung Moon had been the anonymous benefactor. Liberty has received financial support from Moon-related enterprises, and Falwell says he addressed several events where Moon has been in attendance, including a Uruguay meeting in 1995. He said: "I preach for the Moonies, the Mormons, the Catholics, the Jews, the Buddhists," and "I'll preach in hell if they promise to let me out." He says he does not compromise truth, and added: "I go a lot of places other preachers won't go as long as I don't have to restrict my message." This sounds like Billy Graham as he embarked on the apostasy path. [Beverly LaHaye, Robert Schuller, Gary Bauer, and Ralph Reed spoke at a 1996 Moon-sponsored Family Federation for World Peace event.]

NEW EVANGELICAL SINCERE BUT WRONG - The compromising new evangelical thinks he is doing right, and doesn't think himself to be a diabolical deceiver scheming the destruction of the church. Jack Stephens (*Ohio Bible F'ship Visitor*) says: "I think I can understand the new evangelical's mind set. He is concerned with reaching the world with the Gospel, and the sooner the better. And he will sacrifice almost everything else to do it. But in so doing, he gives up far too much and destroys the very thing he seeks to promote. He has outward success and truly does seem to flourish. He is very sincere. He thinks he is right. He is a brother. But he is very wrong."

CANADA CHURCH LEADER PHIPPS A LIBERAL - Rev. Bill Phipps, the new moderator of the United Church of Canada, says "I don't believe Jesus was God," and "I don't believe He rose from the dead." He says he "has no idea" if there is a heaven or hell. The Nov-Dec *Canadian Revivalist*, edited by Dr. Frank McClelland

and printed by Britannia Printers (138 Main St., Toronto, Ontario M4E 2V8, \$10/yr.), has an excellent 8-page article discussing the modernist Phipps and the apostate UCC.

KING'S COLLEGE TO BE RESURRECTED? - The King's College, which closed over three years ago (*CC*, 12/15/94), has emerged from bankruptcy under Campus Crusade ownership and hopes to open a campus in NY's Empire State Building (2/9 *CT*). King's steering committee cochair is also cochair of the local Promise Keepers. King's was founded in 1938 by radio youth evangelist Percy B. Crawford, and long led by Dr. Robert A. Cook.

CREATION '98 - The 19th annual Creation '98 is billed as "The Nation's Largest Christian Festival." It seems to be closely akin to a Rock Festival. Featured speakers and performers include: Greg Laurie, Buster Soaries, Ron Hutchcraft, Bart Campolo, and Mike Silva (CBA/PK). Jars of Clay, Petra and other "rock" groups are featured.

RBP KITS INCLUDE JEWISH HOLIDAYS - Someone sent us a copy of an ad for Regular Baptist Press' Childrens Church materials. A "Special Days" section listed Christmas, Easter, etc., but also included Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Hanukkah. These kits are "to guide four to eight-year-olds in worship, study...." Seems a bit strange to see Jewish religious days included.

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BRITAIN GOVERNMENT FUNDS MUSLIM SCHOOLS - After years of campaigning by its 1.5 million Muslim community, the British government has agreed for the first time to provide state funding for Islamic schools (1/29 *Alabama Baptist*). An Islamic leader calls this "an important first step in...Labor's promise to build an equal and inclusive society." Two Islamic schools are given grant-maintained status, which means all of their operating costs will now be paid by the central government. Islam denies the Trinity, Christ's deity, crucifixion, and resurrection.

CLONING: MAN PLAYING GOD - Harvard-trained physicist and church-going Methodist Richard Seed foresees as many as 200,000 human clones a year, once his process is perfected (1/19 *Chr. News*). He says: "God made man in his own image. God intended for man to become one with God. We are going to become one with God. We are going to have almost as much knowledge and almost as much power as God. Cloning and the reprogramming of DNA is the first serious step in becoming one with God." (1/7 *World*). Romans 1:22 and 1Cor. 1:25 come to mind!

MOON'S UNIFICATION CHURCH IS A CULT - *Sword of the Lord* editor Dr. Shelton Smith writes (1/23 *Sword*): "The Unification 'Church' is a cult led by self-acclaimed Korean-born messiah Sun Myung Moon. Moon believes himself to be a third Adam sent to complete 'the unfinished work' of Christ. He believes the mission of Christ on earth was 'cut short by an unfortunate crucifixion.' The Unification movement does not believe in the Trinity and does not believe in the bodily resurrection of Christ. Although quite conservative on many social and political issues and quite successful in their business ventures, the Unification Church should not be viewed as just another brand of Christianity. It is without question a cult." We would add: "Dr. Jerry Falwell and others, please take note!"

ACLU AWARD TO MEL WHITE - The radical left-wing American Civil Liberties Union has bestowed its National Civil Liberties Award on Mel White, a former "evangelical" author and Fuller Seminary professor who came out of the closet as a homosexual in 1992 (1/31 *World*). He "ghostwrote" books for Graham, Falwell, et al. In 1993 he became dean of Dallas' pro-homosexual, 14,000-congregant Cathedral of Hope Metropolitan Community Church.

BIRTH, THEN HOMICIDE - Partial-birth abortions blur the line between abortion and infanticide and play into the hands of people like University of Colorado philosophy professor Michael Tooley (1/26 *USN & WR*) who thinks parents should have "some period of time, such as a week after birth" during which infanticide is permitted.

ANDY YOUNG IS NEW PRESIDENT OF NCC? - An article (by Wm. B. Sorens) in the 1/26 *Christian News* said Andrew Young, former civil rights leader and ambassador to the UN, is the new president of the National Council of Churches. He once said that reputed communist Nelson Mandela (now leader of South Africa) is "as close to being a saint as can be." (2/1/87 *CC*). Young should fit right in with the NCC, whose general sec'y is Joan Brown Campbell.

RICHARD FOSTER & RENOVARE - Quaker psychologist Richard Foster is founder and head of Renovare, an international ecumenical mystical movement with a mostly Charismatic, Catholic, and Quaker following (2/1/94 *CC*). Over 30 churches from the Dallas area joined (in Jan.) to sponsor a Renovare renewal weekend at First United Methodist Church, Plano, TX (1/17 *Dallas Morning News*). Foster's "New Age" teachings are promoted by new-evangelicals.

JARS OF CLAY - *O Timothy* editor David Cloud says Jars of Clay is a popular Contemporary Christian rock group whose debut album in 1995 sold 1.5 million copies. Two-thirds of their albums are sold in "Christian" retail outlets. They perform music patterned after the Beatles and other wicked secular rock groups. A year or so ago, they recorded for an R-rated film loaded with "live-in lovers, nudity, graphic violence, and 83 obscenities" (2/15/ 97 *CC*). [Note: Rev. Cloud is a prolific writer and has tons of literature (various subjects) available (both print and computer) at: Way of Life Literature, Bible Baptist Church, 1219 N. Harns Road, Oak Harbor, WA 98277.]

KING NO ROLE MODEL - Dr. Martin Luther King and JFK (and our present president) had serious character flaws. The 1/19 *Christian News* notes: "Many churchmen and denominations continue to insist that King was a noble Christian and a fine role model for youth. King did not accept such Christian doctrines as the virgin birth, deity and resurrection of Christ. He was an unrepentant adulterer with numerous extramarital affairs. He told James Cone, a close friend and the father of 'Black Theology,' that he was a Marxist." Yet our country honors him with a holiday.

News Notes - Ecumenical prison evangelist "Chaplain Ray" died Nov. 20 in Dallas at 84.* * * Leigh Tilton, second wife of televangelist Robert Tilton, lost her suit for \$1.3 million in a divorce settlement and is required to pay his church's attorneys' fees.***Drug abuse and alcohol misuse are at an epidemic. The U.S. has 6% of the world's population, yet consumes 60% of the world's illicit drugs (WITW).*** Pres. Clinton wants schools to teach tolerance of homosexuality. But we don't need tolerance for it any more than for transvestism, pedophilia or any other sexual oddity. (NLJ).

STOWELL TO SPEAK AT MacARTHUR MEETING - Moody Bible Institute president Dr. Joe Stowell is a speaker in demand at ecumenical events - and, sad to say, has also been a recent-year speaker on "fundamentalist" platforms (GARBC, IFCA, e.g.). He speaks at Promise Keepers, Billy Graham Training Center, NAE, NRB, SBC conferences, and Dallas Seminary, to name a few. He is a member of the NAE (Nat'l Assoc. of Evangelicals), an "Advisory Editor" of *Christianity Today* (Billy Graham is Board Chairman), and supported the recent Luis Palau ecumenical evangelism crusade in Chicago. We now see him listed to speak at Dr. John MacArthur's International Conference on the Bible in March. (MacArthur returns the favor and speaks at MBI May 20.) Other speakers include Tony Evans, Stephen Olford, Adrian Rogers, and David Jeremiah. Apart from not practicing biblical separation, MacArthur has been accused of "heresy" and confusion on certain doctrines of Christ in recent years.

STOWELL, DIXON, WARE & NEW EVANGELICALS - Baptist Bible College (Indianapolis) is hosting the 3rd *Multiracial Ministry Conference* April 22-25 (1/17 *World*). Speakers include: Taylor University

president Jay Kessler, Moody president Joe Stowell, Cedarville College president Paul Dixon, BBC president (and ABWE Board member) Charles Ware, Master's Seminary (MacArthur) prof. Alex Montoya, John Perkins (social action advocate who has called for a "redistribution of the wealth"), and Ken Ham. Cedarville and ABWE are GARBC-approved entities, so why are Dixon and Ware platform-sharing with the ecumenicals listed above? [Ware routinely does such - see 10/1/96 & 3/15/97 CCs.] Instead of "criticizing" its compromisers, GARBC leader Dr. John Greening, in an 11/97 *Baptist Bulletin* editorial, criticized those who expose "someone speaking here or appearing there".

NEW EVANGELICALISM - Dr. Bruce Shelley, long a professor at Denver Seminary (a CBA school now in the throes of New Evangelicalism), in his 1967 book entitled *Evangelicalism in America* quoted Harold John Ockenga: "The evangelical wishes to retrieve Christianity from a mere eddy of the main stream into the full current of modern life. He desires to win a new respectability for orthodoxy in the academic circles by producing scholars who can defend the faith on intellectual ground. He hopes to recapture denominational leadership from within the denominations rather than abandoning those denominations to modernism..." Shelley commented: "We can summarize the basic objectives of the new evangelicalism as a quest of (1) academic respectability, (2) social involvement, and (3) denominational redirection." William Ashbrook in a 1966 56-page booklet titled *Evangelicalism: The New Neutralism* rightly characterized New Evangelicalism as being "a movement born of compromise...nurtured in pride of intellect...growing on appeasement of evil, and...doomed by the judgment of God's Holy Word." Sadly, this has proven prophetic. New-evangelical leaders today are in the "main stream" alright - the mainstream of compromise, and linking with Promise Keepers, charismatics, liberals, and Roman Catholics!

DENVER CATHOLICS TO PARTICIPATE IN PK - Following a meeting with PK's Bill MacCartney, Catholic Archbishop Charles Chaput of Denver said it is ok for Catholic men to participate in Promise Keepers. But he warned that PK participation should lead Catholic men back to the Roman Catholic church (1/26 *Chr. News*). He quoted: "Whoever is not against us is for us," and said the Bible is God's inerrant revelation but that Catholics also believe in "sacred tradition," noting that the church "preceded Scripture." Chaput said the church has the authority to interpret Scripture. He will celebrate a Mass for Catholic members of Promise Keepers in early March.

SDA CHOIR PERFORMS AT BIG SBC CONFERENCE - Top Baptist pastors and speakers were featured at the Jan. 26-27 Alabama State Evangelism Conference at the large and conservative Whitesburg Baptist Church in Huntsville. Speakers included SBC president Dr. Tom Elliff, Drs. Stephen Olford, Gene Williams, and John Maxwell. Maxwell is a regular speaker for Robert Schuller and Jerry Falwell. The local Oakwood College choir was one of the choirs featured. Oakwood College is a Seventh-day Adventist school (and church), and has recently performed at other local Southern Baptist churches (see 4/1 & 11/15 CCs). Dr. John Whitcomb lists six reasons for classifying Seventh-day Adventism as a cult. (A copy available from: *BDM Letter*, P.O. Box 679, Bedford, IN 47421, \$1.) Apostasy is still rife in the SBC.

SWORD LADIES' JUBILEES - *Sword of the Lord* editor Dr. Shelton Smith, in the 1/23 *Sword*, says the four 1998 Jubilees' position will be distinctively fundamentalist, KJV, soul-winning, separatist, local church, and pro-family. Such a separatist position is, refreshingly, in stark contrast to recent-years positions taken by Joy Rice Martin's Joyful Woman jubilees. Sadly, Joyful Woman has strayed far from its original moorings by featuring a plethora of ecumenical speakers in recent years.

ZACHARIAS POPULAR WITH ECUMENICALS - Ravi Zacharias is a "speaker in demand" in many elite new-evangelical pulpits of our day. He has spoken for Promise Keepers, Focus on the Family, Moody Bible Institute, National Religious Broadcasters, and at the 1997 World Evangelical Fellowship (of which the NAE is a member). He is listed to speak at an "Evangelizing Postmoderns" conference at Trinity International University (Deerfield) in May, which is co-sponsored by Campus Crusade, InterVarsity, Navigators, and the Billy Graham Center Institute of Evangelism (11/17 *Chr. Today*). Billy Graham says Zacharias was "one of the most effective plenary speakers at our recent International Conference...."

LINSELL DIES - Dr. Harold Lindsell, former editor of *Christianity Today* and a Southern Baptist, died Jan. 15 at 84. He was a founder of Fuller Seminary in 1947 and its first vice-president (2/2 *Chr. News*). He authored over 20 books, including the 1976 blockbuster *The Battle for the Bible*. His *Study Bible* was based on the polluted *Living Bible* (8/1/90 CC), and his later edition of the *Harper Study Bible* used the liberal *New Revised Standard Version*.

ACCC'S WCC & PK REPORTS - American Council of Christian Churches executive secretary Dr. Ralph Colas attends many important conferences such as NAE, NRB, WCC/NCC, and PK, and then prepares extensive reports giving firsthand factual information and analysis. He journeyed to Geneva, Switzerland last Sept. to cover the World Council of Churches' Central Committee Meeting - then to Washington, DC in October for the Promise Keepers rally. Tremendous travel and printing expense is involved in all this, but Fundamentalists need these vital reports, and the ACCC thus makes them available on a free-will offering basis. Get the reports from: ACCC, P.O. Box 5455, Bethlehem, PA 18015. Request a copy of the revised ACCC *Challenge* newsletter with an excellent article by ACCC president Dr. Richard Harris.

PACKER & RENOVARE - Dr. J.I. Packer is one of the most influential theologians of the 20th century, second only to C.S. Lewis, per *Chr. Today* readers (4/28 CT). He is pro-Catholic and signed the "ECT" document. He is on COR's steering committee, and a member of Richard Foster's Renovare Board of Reference. Miles Stanford says Renovare promotes guided imagery, visualization, astral projection, Zen meditation, and Jungian psychology.

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ABORTIONS ARE FAR FROM RARE - The 1973 Roe v. Wade decision resulted in 35 million abortions in the past 25 years. About 1.4 million women have abortions each year - 44 percent have had at least one previous one. Catholic women have them at a higher rate than do Protestant women (1/19 *USN & WR*). Roe spawned a general disrespect for life, and we now have the partial-birth abortion/infanticide question: "What's magic about a few seconds or inches? If a baby can be legally killed inside the womb or birth canal, why can't it be legally killed just after birth?" A Planned Parenthood director expects that 30 percent of abortions will soon be "medical abortions." RU-486 becomes widely available this year. But technology can never develop a morally perfect way to kill babies!

GEORGI VINS DIES - Well-known Russian evangelist Georgi Vins died Jan. 11 of a brain tumor at age 69 (see 12/15 *CC*). He was exiled to the U.S. in 1979, and returned to Russia in 1990. He had been general secretary of the Council of Evangelical Baptist Churches and spent many years in the Soviet gulag for his Christian activities. He had headed Russian Gospel Ministries, Elkhart, IN since 1980.

CASTRO, POPE ON SOCIALISM - Communist dictator Fidel Castro insists that with the Cold War's end, Pope John Paul II's concerns often mirror those of socialists. He cited poverty and inequality and nuclear proliferation (1/18 *H. Times*). The pope is urging industrial nations to observe the year 2000 as a year of Jubilee and reduce or cancel debts owed by smaller nations (1/19 *USN&WR*). He has long called for a socialistic "redistribution of wealth" to "take from the haves and give to the have nots" (see 11/1 *CC*). The visit should help Castro in reviving tourism to replace the billions of dollars of Soviet aid lost since 1990.

RELIGION IN CUBA - The most widespread form of religion in Cuba today is neither Protestant nor Catholic, but a syncretistic belief system called Santeria (1/12 *CT*). It combines the worship of traditional African deities with the adoration of Catholic saints. As many as 3 million Cubans are involved in Santeria, and Catholic baptism is required for many of these (1/18 *H. Times*). "Protestant" churches (Pentecostal, Baptist, etc.) are growing very rapidly and much faster than the Catholic Church. The pope would like to change this. Cuba remains a controlled and secular society. Persecution is still very real and severe.

PEDOPHILE PRIESTS - A former La. Catholic priest - first of many pedophiles who have cost the church

hundreds of millions in lawsuits the past 15 years - is back in custody facing life in prison. Parents won a \$119 million judgment last year against the Dallas diocese and a former priest.

HERITAGE USA CLOSED - Heritage USA, the PTL theme park founded by Jim Bakker, closed Nov. 30. It had attracted 6 million visitors in the 1980s and employed over 2,000 people (1/12 *C.Today*). The Malaysian corporation that purchased the 600-acre complex in 1992 could not find an investor to continue operating the 501-room hotel/resort.

SANDI PATTY BACK AGAIN - Sandi Patty is back to the top of CCM charts with a new recording two years after a 17-month adulterous affair with a backup singer she later married. Her new blended family now encompasses eight children (1/12 *CT*). Her influence as a role model tells children that marriage problems are solved by divorce.

CHRISTIANS WON'T FIT IN NEW WORLD ORDER - An advisor to the World Bank, the World Resources Institute, and the United Nations has stated publicly that the populations of the industrialized nations of Europe and North America must be cut in half (1/19 *New Amer.*). He advocates strong economic and social incentives to enforce population control on families and predicts a day soon when "people might be issued with a warrant entitling them to have one child." Those who refuse to flow with the globalist new way of thinking will not fit into the new "sustainable communities" planned by a presidential commission (10/13 *C.News*). These separatists will be labeled extremists, radicals, and obstacles to unity and solidarity.

BSF FLAWS - A former participant in BSF International (formerly Bible Study Fellowship) says it does much good and most of its teaching is Biblically sound, but says it deviates from Scripture and has serious errors in its structure, method of presenting the Bible study materials, and in content (12/97 *Chr. Conscience*). BSF was founded by A. Wetherell Johnson. It has dominionist roots, diverse members, and has allegedly become an encounter group.

MUSLIMS ATTACK CHRISTIANS - Militant followers of Islam are attacking Christians. Three million casualties have resulted from Sudan's central government attempt to wipe out Christianity and other religious minorities in the name of Islam (1/98 *Bapt. Btn.*). In Indonesia, 85 percent of its people are Muslims. Last year they destroyed over 300 churches there. Islam's Allah is not the God of the Bible. Islam denies the Trinity, Christ's resurrection and deity.

WEDDINGS, DIVORCE IN JAPAN - Less than 1 percent of Japan's population are churchgoers, but almost half of its weddings are by Christian clergy - albeit fake ones (1/3 *Dallas Morn. News*). The average wedding costs \$21,760. Most, 10 years ago, were at Shinto shrines. Divorces in Japan have more than doubled in the past 25 years (1/12 *C.News*).

WILLIAMS TAKES ISSUE WITH GRAHAM'S 'EULOGY' OF JONES - Veteran fundamentalist leader Dr. J.B. Williams in a two-page critique says certain items in Dr. Billy Graham's statement on Dr. Bob Jones' recent death (see 12/1 *CC*) are misleading and "leave the wrong impression about the strong stand that Dr. Jones took for the fundamental truths of historic Christianity." He said "These also appear as a subtle way of justifying Dr. Graham's betrayal of historic Christianity by his accommodation to the apostates, the Roman Catholic Church, the neo-evangelicals, and the Christ-rejecting world, by his inclusive evangelism." Williams called Graham's claim that Jones "was a long time personal friend of mine" contrary to the facts. Citing his own near half-century close acquaintance (and many discussions) with Jones, Williams said: "Dr. Jones held the same convictions about Dr. Graham as a thousand true Biblical ministers do. We do not have any personal animosity against [him], but we do not consider him as a true man of God, because he betrayed our Lord, Whom we love, and the Christian Faith, that we defend, into the hands of the enemies of Christ." Williams said Graham's "personal friend" claim is "ludicrous and misleading."

GRAHAM SAYS ALL DENOMS HAVE SAME GOD - The Jan. 1998 *Baptist Bulletin* had this quote: "After

Billy Graham wrapped up his three-city crusade in Oakland, Calif., he remarked, 'Wouldn't it be great if we could forget our denominations and just be people of God?' He also stated that all denominations and backgrounds 'have the same God.' More than 100 denominations were represented in the crusade." The Bible tells us there indeed will be an ecumenical world church such as PK and Graham promote, but it will be led by the Antichrist.

BOOK EXPOSES MacARTHUR ERRORS - We have just received a book by Miles J. Stanford entitled "*MacArthurism*" in which he says: "Dr. John MacArthur has a long and beneficial ministry, both spoken and written, for which all can be appreciative and thankful. Dr. MacArthur has a long and harmful ministry, of which all should be alerted, and warned. Integrated throughout Dr. MacArthur's extensive and influential ministry are a number of dangerous errors." Stanford then proceeds to discuss at length some of these flaws. Main ones include MacArthur's teachings on: Dispensationalism, One-naturism, Incarnational Sonship of Christ, His Blood, and Lordship Salvation. He says MacArthur is no valid dispensationalist (as he claims), and that in all his writings most of his sources (39 in one book!) are anti-dispensational Covenant theologians. He warns of the harmful effect MacArthur has on churches (IFCA, e.g.). This big 100-page (8 1/2 x 11) book is available from MJS Books, P.O. Box 9215, Englewood, CO 80111, \$12.95 + \$1.50 postage.

CORNERSTONE SPEAKERS - Cornerstone College & Grand Rapids Seminary (GARBC-approved) Annual Bible Conference speakers, Feb. 16-20, include: Drs. Warren Wiersbe, Knute Larson, Erwin Lutzer, and GARBC National Representative John Greening. Lutzer and Wiersbe are well-known ecumenicals. Larson was a listed speaker for the 1995 Moody Founder's Week, and spoke at the 1994 NAE convention. Sadly, it seems to become clear why Dr. Greening might not want "tabloids" to report on who speaks where (see 12/1 CC) when GARBC compromise with new-evangelicals is involved!

ARMSTRONG TO RETIRE? - Garner Ted Armstrong is being asked to resign from the Church of God, Int'l, the breakaway cult he founded out of his father's (Herbert W.) Worldwide Church of God (1/8 Ala. Bapt.). This stems from a lawsuit filed by a masseuse who claims he sexually assaulted her during a 1995 massage session.

RELIGIOUS ROUNDTABLE & NRB MEETING - Ed McAteer's Religious Roundtable is sponsoring the 17th Annual International Christian Prayer Breakfast at the 55th Annual Convention and Exposition of the National Religious Broadcasters (NRB) at Washington, DC, Feb. 2. It is to "pray for the peace of Jerusalem" and "to express our unconditional love for God's ancient people." It is billed as "The World's Foremost 'Prophetic Expression' of religious leadership attesting to the trustworthiness of the Word of God." Co-sponsors of this ecumenical religious event include: Jerry Falwell ministries, Tim Lee Ministries, Precept Ministries (Kay Arthur), and charismatic groups. Also participating/attending are: John Hagee, Don Wildmon, and NRB president Brandt Gustavson.

NEW EPISCOPAL PRESIDING BISHOP - The 2.5 million-member Episcopal Church is sharply split over women priests and the role of homosexuals in church life. On Jan. 10, Bishop Frank T. Griswold was installed as head of this liberal denomination. He preaches tolerance, and puts the church's ecumenical involvement with the 5.2 million-member Evangelical Lutheran Church in America highest on his new agenda. The ceremony was launched by drum beats, chants, and traditional hymns (1/11 *H. Times*). Participants included Muslim, Jewish, Roman Catholic and Greek Orthodox representatives, and the wife of the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Episcopal Church is steeped in apostasy.

DALLAS SEMINARY DOINGS - Leighton Ford, who served 31 years with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and is Honorary Life Chairman of the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization, was the Commencement speaker at Dallas Seminary last May. *Christianity Today* consulting editor Alister McGrath gave the Griffith Thomas Memorial Lectureship in chapel last year. Dallas president Chuck Swindoll, in an Oct. letter, called "Mother" Teresa a "remarkable woman." Should someone who led people into a false religious system be praised as "remarkable"? Dallas faculty spoke at Promise Keepers meetings last year, and at Wheaton, Moody, and Bryan College. Few today would question that Dallas is in the new-evangelical orbit.

FULLER SEMINARY'S SAD DECLINE - *Christian News* editor Rev. Herman Otten comments on Fuller Seminary's pathetic departure from the truth: "Fuller Seminary now rejects the theological position of its founder. It no longer affirms the inerrancy of the Bible, rejects what the Bible teaches about women being pastors, and promotes the charismatic movement. Conservative professors have left the seminary. When Fuller invited Bishop Ting, Communist sympathizer, to speak at Fuller, some 50 Chinese students protested by wearing black armbands." Fuller hosted a World Council of Churches (U.S. Conference) meeting in Dec. 1995 (see 3/15/96 CC).

ACCC'S REAFFIRMATION OF BIBLICAL SEPARATION - The American Council of Christian Churches, meeting in its 56th annual convention, Oct. 21-23, 1997, in Kingsport, Tenn., hereby reaffirms its strong belief that, according to the Bible, the basis of separation is the very holiness of God. This entails an ecclesiastical separation and a personal separation. We strongly reject the teaching of "degrees" of separation in the way this is used in our day to excuse pulpit-sharing with Neo-evangelicals and other brethren who have evinced a pattern of blatant disobedience to the doctrine of biblical separation. There are no "degrees" of obedience to God's Word. At the same time, we seek to lovingly admonish and restore such "pseudo-Fundamentalist" Christian brethren (2Thess. 3:14-15), and endeavor to "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (Eph. 4:3).

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PROFANITY: LOSING ITS POWER TO SHOCK? - Prime-time TV language is saltier than ever. The main reason is the increasing competition from other media such as cable-TV. "NYPD Blue" detectives repeatedly toss gutter-al epithets at suspects. There are now no absolutes in terms of language barriers. But someone said: "We've pretty much used up all of the shocking language we could imagine." And, because so many bad words are used in everyday conversation, they've lost the impact they once had (12/25 *Hunts. Times*). This sounds much like the "not at all ashamed, neither could they blush" of Jeremiah 6:15.

TONY ROBBINS, NEW AGE GURU - Success guru Tony Robbins is a high school graduate with no formal training, license or degree, but earns up to \$60,000 a day conducting corporate seminars and \$12 million a year from tape sales. His clients have included Bill and Hillary Clinton (10/5 *Parade*). As a best-selling author and king of motivational speakers, he makes walking on hot coals a personal-growth sign (7/14/96 *Denver Post*). He participated in Gorbachev's Fall 1995 "State of the World Forum: Toward a New Civilization," which was loaded with New World Order or New Age speakers such as Robert Muller, Carl Sagan, Nelson Mandela, and Deepak Chopra. His books teach New Age techniques such as human potential, visualization and imaging. He says: "people can succeed if they imagine something vividly enough just as easily as if they had the actual experiences." (*Awaken the Giant Within*). Firewalking, imported from India, is popular in the U.S., France, Spain, Indonesia, and other places. It is explained as a benign physical feat or, more seriously, a dangerous demonic-hypnotic trance activity. Searching for personal power can lead to humanism, New Age mysticism, and satanism.

HEALING SERVICES SUPPLEMENT MEDICINE - Healing services to supplement modern medicine are becoming popular. Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish groups are experimenting with prayer, laying on of hands and anointing to soothe pains (1/3 *HT*). Most HMO executives believe relaxation and meditation techniques (New Age?) should be part of medical training (12/17 *Houston Chron.*).

NEW AGE 'CHRIST,' NEW WORLD ORDER - British futurist Benjamin Creme recently said that Maitreya, World Teacher for the coming age, would appear on a global satellite hookup within months. He claims this is the same expected spiritual leader known by various names in all the world's religions (1/3 *HT*). Dr. Cathy Burns' new 116-page book, *A New World Order is Coming: Who Will Rule?*, discusses Creme, New

Age, UN, Antichrist, redistribution of food/wealth, and world government in general. Order it from: Sharing, 212 E. 7th St., Mt. Carmel, PA 17851, \$7 postpaid.

CAMPUS BINGE DRINKING - The Jan. *Journal of Studies on Alcohol* shows that nearly three of every four fraternity leaders are big-time booze-bingers who average 14 drinks per week. And over half of sorority leaders binge drink - "just" six drinks a week, but that's more than the student average. Binge drinking is taking five or more drinks in a row in one sitting. The 12/3 *Kansas Christian* says Super Bowl Sunday is the number two drinking holiday proceeded only by New Year's Eve and followed by Halloween.

WRONG TO EVANGELIZE MORMONS? - Jimmy Carter said Southern Baptists are wrong to believe Mormon doctrine is non-Christian (12/15 *CC*). Mormonism expert John L. Smith (12/97 *Utah Evangel*) says: "One wonders, if it's wrong for Baptists to share their message with Mormons... would it not be equally wrong for a Mormon to attempt to win a Christian? If a Christian witnesses to a Mormon he is called 'anti-Mormon.' Would it not also be appropriate to call a Mormon who attempts to convert a Christian an 'anti-Christian'?" Dr. Cathy Burns has a new 132-page book *Mormonism, Masonry, and Godhood* that covers key Mormon doctrines and gives a close look at founder Joseph Smith and angels. Get it from her at: Sharing, 212 E. 7th St., Mt. Carmel, PA 17851, \$8 postpaid.

CARTERS CONCERNED OVER GOD'S 'HARSHNESS' - Former president Jimmy Carter says: "There are some elements in the Old Testament that in particular cause my wife concern." (12/21 *H. Times*) He said: "There are some elements of harshness and massive destruction where every person in a village is killed, all the cattle are killed, carrying out the orders of God. They cause us concern... ." Liberal Bible-doubters serve a non-existent, ecumenical god of love, and reject the God of the Bible who is a God of love indeed, but is also a Holy God of wrath and judgment. (See Rom. 11:22, Dt. 28:63, and Josh. 24:20, Ez. 33:11, e.g.) Carter is a So. Baptist Sunday School teacher. How can conservative SBs tolerate unbelief, and the pro-abortion and pro-homosexuality stances of our SB president and v-p?

L'ENGLE A NEW AGER - An ecumenical video series titled *Questions of Faith* portrays God as a cloud, a black woman, or the cosmos. In it, fiction writer Madeleine L'Engle warns that we must not "visualize" God as Moses did. "The cosmos is God's body," she explains. (12/97 *National Liberty Journal*). Others interpret her "questionings" as deviation from orthodoxy. Yet, Chuck Colson has encouraged Christians to read her works in spite of the fact that her writings are "laced with occultism and New Age imagery." (10/93 *Flashpoint*). And Wheaton College reportedly has had her for a lecture, and she refers to Wheaton as her second home. (See 6/1/95 *CC*).

TOWNS SPEAKS WELL OF 'OCCULTIST' CHO - Dr. Elmer Towns, co-founder (with Dr. Jerry Falwell) and dean of Liberty University's School of Religion, discusses his *Praying the Lord's Prayer for Spiritual Breakthrough* book in the 1/98 *Nat'l Liberty Journal*. He says his book was actually born in a breakfast meeting in Korea with Dr. David "Paul" Yonggi Cho over 15 years ago. Towns says: "Pastor Cho leads the world's largest church (attendance over 700,000 weekly). At that breakfast meeting, I asked him, 'How would you advise me to become a more godly man and to get power with God?' Dr. Cho respects me as a Baptist and I have great respect for him as a Pentecostal. I have even preached for him in a prayer meeting to over 12,000 people." Towns said Cho begins his devotions each day by praying the Lord's Prayer several times, then spends over two hours a day praying. He said: "Perhaps American pastors would have a church growing like this church... if they spent the time in prayer like he does." But *Christian News* editor Herman Otten (9/19/94 *CN*) called Cho "a charismatic and occultist who rejects historic Christianity." And Metropolitan Tabernacle (Spurgeon's old church) pastor Dr. Peter Masters, in Dr. Robert L. Sumner's April 1, 1989 *Biblical Evangelist* paper, suggested Cho's teachings were a marriage of Christianity and the occult.

FALWELL SAYS MOON DIDN'T BAIL HIM OUT - A *Washington Post* story in late Nov. said a Sun Myung Moon-related business recently bailed out Jerry Falwell's Liberty University (12/15 *Chr. News*). But Falwell's 1/98 *National Liberty Journal* said Liberty University has never solicited or received funds, directly or

indirectly, from Moon's Unification Church, though Falwell said he would accept unrestricted gifts from Unificationists, the American Atheist Society, or even Bill Clinton, if received.

MOON TO CLOSE UNIFICATION CHURCH? - Korean "messiah" Sun Myung Moon and his wife arranged the marriages of 3.6 million couples in a Nov. 29 ceremony at a Washington stadium. Moon has many business ventures, doles out lavish funds to clergy (and others), has been divorced, and claims he is the "third Adam," following in the footsteps of Adam and Jesus to rid the world of sin (12/15 *Chr. News*). In a surprise move, Moon, in a front-page report in the 11/24 *Wash. Post* (competitor to the Unification-owned *Wash. Times*) claimed he is shutting down his Unification Church (*Watchman Expositor*). He has become frustrated with America, saying "the period of religion is passing away." *Post* writers attribute his announcement to his advanced age, the lack of a clear succession, failure of recruiting efforts in the U.S., etc. Some critics see it as a maneuver to remake his church's image into a non-denominational parachurch entity.

MICHAEL HORTON'S SACRAMENTAL GOSPEL - Michael Horton is vice-president of the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals, and a research fellow at Yale Divinity School. He is a graduate of Biola, Westminster, and Oxford. He is ordained by the Christian Reformed Church. He is editor-in-chief of *Modern Reformation*, and the May/June *MR* gives a confusing 50-page account of "HOW DO WE RECEIVE CHRIST: God's Sacraments or Ours?" Writers discuss Baptism, the Lord's Supper, Infant Baptism, etc. Rick Miesel in a 16-page paper on Horton's teachings (BDM, P.O. Box 679, Bedford, IN 47421, \$2) says he teaches a false sacramental gospel, has exhibited a fondness for the psychological gospel and those who teach it, and he supports ecumenical efforts with Rome.

CHERIYAN KILLED IN CAR WRECK - Missionary (to India) James Cheriyan was killed in an auto accident in W. Va., Dec. 10. He served under Int'l Bapt. Mission. A memorial service was at Maranatha Bapt. Bible College.

PINNOCK'S DANGEROUS BELIEFS - The following is taken from a penetrating new book *The Evangelical Left* (Baker Books) by new-evangelical Western (and Truett) Seminary professor Millard Erickson. Theologian Clark Pinnock says general revelation is a means by which God saves, and approvingly quotes liberal Dale Moody who questions what kind of God would make enough known about himself to make persons guilty, but not to save them. Pinnock, granting that Buddhism is not Christianity, asks: "But how does one come away after encountering Buddhism and deny that it is in touch with God...?" He teaches annihilationism and says the traditional doctrine of hell is not biblically and theologically sound. He says the teaching that God would create persons, only to send them to an endless torture, "makes God into a bloodthirsty monster who maintains an everlasting Auschwitz for victims whom he does not even allow to die." He says such a God "is more nearly like Satan than like God." (See 2/1/95 *CC* for more on Pinnock.)

FULLER'S SLIDE FROM INERRANCY - When dean-elect Daniel Fuller son of Fuller Seminary founder Chas. E. Fuller returned from Switzerland (1962) from studying under neo-orthodox theologian Karl Barth he suggested that the Bible was free from error when referring to revelational or doctrinal matters pertaining to salvation, but that it was not inerrant in matters of science and history. Faculty members William LaSor and George Ladd sided with Fuller on this. The selection of David Hubbard as Fuller's new president (1963) began an even stronger trend to the left. Fuller Seminary's slide into apostasy is further chronicled in a new book by (new-evangelical) Millard Erickson, entitled *The Evangelical Left*.

SBC CONSERVATIVES ARE INCONSISTENT - *Fund. Digest* editor Dr. Don Jasmin says: "The conservatives within the SBC framework are totally inconsistent. While they are in the process of gradually separating *theologically* from the SBC liberals, they continue to unite *ecumenically* with the same crowd. While they bash each other in convention meetings, the same SBC liberals and SBC conservatives can be found side by side at the ecumenical Promise Keepers rallies hugging each other, promoting unity, and cavorting together with RC priests and preachers from NCC-WCC apostate denominations."

PENSACOLA/BROWNSVILLE 'REVIVAL' UPDATE - The *Pensacola News Journal* claims that revival leaders at the Brownsville Assembly of God are amassing personal fortunes. It accused revival leader Steve Hill of lying about his past, and accused Pastor John Kilpatrick of recent luxurious purchases. Church leaders make multiple claims of miraculous healings, but the paper could not verify a single one (12/22 *CN*). Meanwhile, a reconciliation of sorts was recently reached with chief critic CRI's Hank Hanegraaff in a meeting with Brownsville leaders.

A SONG & A SWORD - Assuredly, believers are in a battle today against the forces of compromise, sin and evil. Dr. Don Jasmin asks (12/97 *Fund. Digest*): "Can a Fundamentalist be strong and still be sweet? Is it possible to be Scripturally militant and be spiritually merry at the same time? Can the child of God maintain the song of the Lord in his heart while marching with the sword of the Lord in his hand? Speaking of the Christian soldier's activity, Psalm 149:6 says 'Let the high praises of God be in their mouth and a two-edged sword in their hand.'"

SBC LUNCHEON AT UN - Bob Reccord, pres. of the SBC's No. American Mission Board (NAMB - formerly Home Mission Board) hosted a NAMB-sponsored luncheon at the United Nations Dec. 12, marking the beginning of So. Baptists' 25th year of ministry at the UN (12/23 *IB*).

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TED TURNER NONSENSE - Media mogul Ted Turner, with much fanfare, is giving \$1 billion to the UN. He won the 1990 Humanist of the Year award. He says "heaven is going to be perfect, and I don't really want to be there." He says Christianity has been unsuccessful after trying for "two thousand years to solve the world's problems, so why don't we start over." He complains that "there is no amendment procedure to the Ten Commandments." (12/13 *World*). He recommends a new ten commandments, with the first one beginning, "Love and respect the planet," and the third one stating, "Promise to have no more than two children or no more than one's nation suggests." His eighth and tenth both give glory to the UN.

NO GOSPEL IN AMY GRANT SONGS - Amy Grant's latest album has thrown the CCM industry into a first-rate crisis. She has won five Grammys and 22 Dove awards, named Artist of the Year four times, and her 14 albums have sold over 20 million copies (12/8 *C.Today*). She pioneered the crossover trend to secular music in the mid-1980s. Even *Billboard* magazine in bewilderment noted: "It's hard to explain to someone that all of a sudden this artist that has been on Christian charts for years now doesn't belong..." A notice with her latest album alerts radio stations: "As far as the lyrical content is concerned, there's no evangelical bent, no mention of God. If the music you play has to have either of those two elements, you might not want to play it."

DISGRACEFUL CHARISMATIC MUSIC - The music review section of the Dec. *Charisma* had this item: "God's Property (GP) from Kirk Franklin's Nu Nation has taken gospel music to new dimensions. With a hip-hop beat and dance-club appeal, its lead single, "Stomp," featuring Franklin and R&B rapper Salt, has sent the album soaring through secular and gospel music charts alike... . GP's radical gospel approach is a force to reckon with... ."

PREPARING CHILDREN FOR NEW WORLD ORDER - Former U.S. Congressman Peter Hoagland says (12/97 *Frontline*): "Fundamental, Bible-believing people do not have the right to indoctrinate their children in their religious beliefs because we, the State, are preparing them for the year 2000, when America will be part of a one-world order global society and their children will not fit in."

HISPANIC CATHOLICS GAIN CLOUT - The Nov. 13 *Dallas Morn. News* said there are about 20 million Hispanic Catholics in the U.S. - about 30 percent of the total number of U.S. Catholics. Studies suggest that

Hispanics will constitute the majority of U.S. Catholics within 25 years. It is easy to see why many Catholics and liberal Democrats want our southern border open for increased immigration.

ABORTIONS ON THE RISE - Newly released federal figures show the number of surgical abortions in the U.S. fell to 1.21 million in 1995, down from a peak of 1.4 million in 1990 (12/13 *World*). But the decline may not last. Some state figures suggest the number of children being aborted is on the way up again. Per private researchers, about half of U.S. women now abort at least one of their children.

WOMEN'S AGLOW IS CHARISMATIC/ECUMENICAL - Women's Aglow (now Aglow International) is the female equivalent to Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship. Per an 11/22 *Dallas Morn. News* article: "Aglow members were influenced powerfully by feminism, which little by little convinced them they did not always have to submit to their husbands... ." Aglow pres. Jane Hansen (1995) called for a message of "mutual submission." The 11/85 *Foundation* quoted her (from 11/85 *Charisma*): "It has been our joy to walk hand in hand with our Catholic sisters around the world... "

PSYCHIATRISTS IMPLANT FALSE MEMORIES - A Wisconsin woman whose psychiatrist diagnosed her with 126 personalities - including Satan, a duck, and an angel who talked to God - says she still has nightmares from the therapy which included implanting false memories through hypnosis (11/30 *H. Times*). She was left suicidal and haunted by the false memories. She accepted a \$2.4 million settlement.

COMMUNISM'S MURDERS - Communism has claimed 85 million to 100 million lives on four continents since 1917 (12/3 *H. Times*). Our "most favored nation" trading friend, Red China, tops the list with as many as 72 million victims. In the Soviet Union, an estimated 20 million perished in purges, famines, mass deportation and the labor camps of the Gulag. Suffering was intense in Cambodia where Pol Pot used mass deportations, famine and forced labor to kill 1.3 to 2.3 million of his countrymen. [Note: We have seen higher estimates than all those above.]

MISSIONARIES NEEDED - Mormons have 55,000 full-time missionaries, and the Jehovah's Witnesses have the equivalent of 270,000). The combined total for the Christian church is only 180,000 (11/97 *Watchman Mini-Expositor*).

NEW TV NETWORK - A new Pax Net TV network that will specialize in "clean family fare" is slated to start up Aug. 31 (12/13 *World*). The Fla. owner is buying syndication rights to *Touched by an Angel* and other "safe" programs.

CAMPOLO'S IMAGINATION - Tony Campolo says he could envision a scenario where God - tired of the mess human beings created in this world - would send beings from another planet to help people learn to love one another.

CATHOLICS, EVANGELICALS AGREE ON SALVATION - A loose-knit group of Roman Catholic and Protestant theologians, having met for prayer and discussion for the past three years, have adopted "A Gift of Salvation" six-page statement affirming agreement that justification by faith in Jesus Christ alone constitutes salvation. Signers of this ecumenical "ECT II" statement include: Charles Colson, Bill Bright, J.I. Packer, Max Lucado, and RC priests/theologians such as Richard John Neuhaus, Avery Dulles, and Peter Kreeft. (The original Colson-Neuhaus ECT, Evangelicals and Catholics Together, was adopted March 29, 1994.) This unofficial, confusing, misleading, and deceptive document leaves unresolved many other such problems as the papacy, Scripture vs. tradition, Mariolatry, purgatory, indulgences, relics and the Mass.

GEORGE ASSESSES NEW 'GIFT OF SALVATION' - Dr. Timothy George, dean of Beeson Divinity School (at SBC-supported Samford University, Birmingham) and a senior editor of *Christianity Today*, assesses the new ECT "Gift of Salvation" statement adopted by Catholic and evangelical theologians Oct. 7 (12/8 *CT*). He says that for all their differences, "Bible-believing evangelicals stand much closer to Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger than to Bishop John Spong!" This is like comparing the contents of two cans of garbage. He goes on

to say that "All who believe in Jesus, Catholics and evangelicals alike, are comrades in a common struggle, not a struggle against one another, but against the Prince of Evil... In a culture of death, we bear witness together to the Lord of life... ."

LAND SAYS THE ONLY TRUE ECUMENISM IS FOR ALL CHRISTIANS TO BECOME BAPTISTS -

Richard Land, president of the SBC's Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, initially agreed to sign the ecumenical "Gift of Salvation" agreement, but reversed course Nov. 13 and removed his signature. He concluded that readers will misunderstand the document and possibly feel it is contradictory (11/25 *Ind. Bapt.*). He is right on both counts, but we are disappointed that he could sign it and the ECT in the first place. Land said (11/24 *Chr. News*) the only acceptable institutional expression of unity "is for all Christians to all ultimately come to an understanding that they are saved by personal faith in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross and they are obedient to him by being immersed according to the ordinance of baptism - an act of obedience and testimony to the fact that they have accepted Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior and thus become members of a New Testament church. In other words, the successful conclusion of true ecumenism would be that all Christians would become Baptists."

FALWELL UNITES WITH ECUMENICALS AGAINST MORAL EVIL - Ever since Moral Majority, Dr. Jerry Falwell has routinely joined in ministry with Catholics and ecumenicals of every stripe to fight moral evils. The "fight" part is commendable; unscriptural fellowship with those linked to false-gospel representations is wrong. Falwell's 1998 Super Conference on "Prayer, Fasting and Personal Revival" is set for Oct. 4-7. "Dr. John Maxwell and other anointed [charismatics' favorite misused term] pastors and leaders" will speak. Maxwell often speaks in Falwell and Schuller pulpits. Falwell writes (12/97 *NLJ*): "This nation is in a moral free fall. Pres. Clinton recently became the only U.S. president ever to address a gay and lesbian national convention, thus lending enormous support to moral perversion. Same sex marriages will be approved shortly. Homosexuals are about to become a bona fide minority. About 70% of black children and 30% of white children born in America this year will be born out of wedlock. Violence, teen pregnancy, illegal drug usage, abortions... and now infanticide (partial-birth abortions... are all out of control in our nation... ."

PK TO ERADICATE DENOMINATIONALISM, RACISM - At the recent "Stand in the Gap" Promise Keepers event: "Catholics stood next to Baptists and Messianic Jews stood with Seventh-day Adventists. The denominational myths and barriers evaporated and men who expressed a personal faith in Jesus learned they had more fellow believers than they had ever imagined. Now they return to their communities with the realization that the guys who go to the church down the street aren't really so different after all... ." (11/10 *Chr. News*). McCartney wants racism in the church to be eradicated by the year 2000 (12/97 *Charisma*). On Jan. 1, 2000, PK is asking pastors and their men to gather on their state capitol steps and verify by roll call that each church teaches and preaches against racism and does not speak against other denominations.

TOWNS PROMOTES ECUMENICAL GROUP - In the 12/97 *Nat'l Liberty Journal*, Liberty University V-P/Dean Dr. Elmer Towns discusses the 12/95 founding of Mission America by chairman Paul Cedar, and co-chairmen Billy Graham and Bill Bright. Sterling Huston (BGEA) heads an MA ecumenical task force with a strategy plan called *Celebrate Jesus 2000*. Its "Partnership" component states: "No one denomination or group can achieve the goal of praying for and sharing Christ with every person. However, together with the blessing of God, we can achieve that goal." To disobey biblical separation commands to achieve a good goal does not have the "blessing of God."

ANGLICAN CHURCH TOLERATES ERROR - The 11/97 *Burning Bush* reports: "The Anglican Church [England] as a whole has tolerated error for a very long time... [It] has embraced the error of the Mass even though one of the thirty-nine articles denounces it as a 'blasphemous fable and dangerous deceit'. It has permitted ungodly men, men who have no knowledge or experience of the rebirth to minister. It has defended homosexuals among the clergy despite the Bible's condemnation of such practices. It has tolerated men who have denied the Virgin Birth, the resurrection and ascension of Christ... "

SANDY COVE 1998 SPEAKERS - Sandy Cove's (North East, MD) 1998 Bible Conference speakers include: Drs. Joe Stowell (MBI pres.), Bruce Wilkinson, Tony Evans (PK speaker), Woodrow Kroll (Back to the Bible), Danny Lovett (Liberty Sem. dean), George Sweeting, Bob Hicks, Knute Larson, John Ankerberg, and Gary Ezzo. Ezzo is a "psychoheresy" teacher (12/97 *BDM Letter*) and was, until recently, with Dr. John MacArthur. MacArthur is listed as a fall Shepherd's Conference speaker at Sandy Cove. We assume Bob Hicks is the Robert Hicks whose blasphemous *Masculine Journey* book was endorsed and distributed at a 1993 Promise Keepers rally. Some of the above men (plus Tony Campolo and ABWE's Wendell Kempton) were also scheduled for Sandy Cove in 1996.

McCARTNEY'S NEW BOOK - The Dec. 13 *World* says: "PK founder Bill McCartney has written a disturbing book - disturbing for what it leaves out." *Sold Out*, supposedly an autobiography about the ups and downs of his marriage, omits any mention of his adulterous affair, or that his daughter got pregnant twice out of wedlock by two different members of his football team. He did mention though that his wife four years ago was bulimic and suicidal and that he had been an alcoholic. He said he suspects that [legitimate] criticism of PK being an ecumenical movement, etc., is rooted in deep-seated cultural resistance to PK's [racial] reconciliation message.

ABC LIFTS GAY BAN - A ban on ordaining homosexual men and lesbians was lifted by American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago last March (Spr. '97 *Record*), leaving such ordinations up to the local sponsoring congregation.

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CARTER CRITICIZES SBC CONSERVATIVES: FOR ADVERSE AFFECT ON AMY, & MORMON EVANGELISM - Former President Jimmy Carter said his daughter Amy is seldom in church anymore, and says her "participation in an organized church has been adversely affected, in a major way, by the theology of the [conservative] leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention, who condemn the equal role of women in the church..." (11/22 *H. Times*). He also said that So. Baptists are wrong to believe that Mormon doctrine is essentially non-Christian and that Mormons are in need of evangelization (11/25 *Ind. Bapt.*). His pastor disagrees. SBs plan to "convert Mormons" when they go to Salt Lake City next June for their annual convention.

SHOCK-ROCK CD DROVE YOUTH TO SUICIDE? - Raymond Kuntz (N.D.) told a Senate panel last month that Marilyn Manson's shock-rock CD "Antichrist Superstar" played a key role in his son's suicide last Dec. (11/17 *CN*). His son shot himself in his room while playing the Manson CD. Manson's act includes calls to kill parents and children, overt Satanism and invectives against Christianity, and other celebrations of evil, including suicide (see 2/1/97 *CC*).

EUROPEAN TV SATURATED WITH SEX - Americans in Europe have long been taken aback by the sex and nudity shown on European television (11/29 *World*). Today nearly half of Germans want to see even more pornography on TV.

FILTHY FILMS - Of 209 films reviewed by *Preview* last year, 91 percent had mild and moderate crude language, 83 percent contained obscene words, and 73 percent profaned the names of God and Jesus (9/4 *Ala. Bapt.*). Ninety percent of PG-13 films had obscenities, 80 percent had profanities.

DEEPAK CHOPRA, NEW AGE GURU - Deepak Chopra, M.D. (from India) was on the cover of the 10/20 *Newsweek* and described as an endocrinologist, educator, author, lecturer, Hollywood guru and scribe of the Playboy essay "Does God Have Orgasms?" With seven new spiritual laws and plans for a global empire, his enterprises bring in about \$15 million a year. *Newsweek* says: "For people who rebelled against the inconveniences of mainstream religions - thou shalt not - Chopra offers an appealingly well-padded path to nirvana. 'They say you have to give up everything to be spiritual,' he says, 'get away from the world, all that

junk. I satisfy a spiritual yearning without making [people] think they have to worry about God and punishment."

KINSEY DISCREDITED - Alfred Kinsey 50 years ago wrote a book saying that homosexuality and other sexual deviancies were common. A new biography says he was a closeted homosexual and masochist, obsessed with sex.

GRAHAM DECEIVED BY COMMUNISTS - Gary Bauer says: "Billy Graham went to the Soviet Union during the Cold War and said there was no persecution. He was going to the fake church, the state-controlled church." (11/8 *World*). He and son Ned (President, East Gate Ministries) meet/dine/work with Red China's government leaders, and recently lobbied for MFN trade status for China (9/29 *Chr. News*). Meanwhile, the China Christian Council, the official agency representing Protestants, is insisting that Southern Baptists send all their missionaries through the CCC's official channels (11/15 *H. Times*). Chinese government policy permits Christianity within limits that include a ban on foreign missionary proselytizing. In China today (per the 5/26/97 *New Amer.*), more Christians are in prison because of religious activities than in any other nation in the world.

CFR, UN, NEW WORLD ORDER - Whether or not you believe in conspiracies, there indeed is a CFR, a UN, a quickly-being-formed New World Order, and a New Age movement. These are networking together, forming what may become the one-world government of the Antichrist. CFR (Council on Foreign Relations) membership has now grown to 3,371 members, and its assets have increased to \$138 million (12/8 *New American*). At UN conferences over the world, global treaties are being devised to dictate how we raise our children and use our property. Many of these treaties have sovereignty/freedom-threatening implications. A recent *Los Angeles Times* article (11/2 *H. Times*) entitled "We're moving toward a one-world society" warned: "By the end of the century, we will have the first permanent international criminal court to prosecute the most serious violations of humanitarian law." Be warned, be wise, beware!

EXTREME SELF-ESTEEM IN EDUCATION - Education experts gave us "Whole Language" for teaching reading, sending reading scores plummeting. They also gave us what could be called "Whole Math." Students no longer have to memorize the multiplication table, do geometric proofs, or calculate exact answers. Instead, they use calculators, work in groups, and get credit for coming close (11/29 *World*). The *Wall Street Journal* quoted a Calif. mother who sat in on a sophomore math class: "There was no emphasis on right answers. In an effort to improve self-esteem everyone's solution was discussed and valued equally."

VINS ILL - Georgi Vins, former leader of the Council of Evangelical Baptist Churches (persecuted congregations) in the former Soviet Union, at 69 is now suffering from a malignant inoperable brain tumor. He spent many years in the Soviet gulag for his Christian activities. Since 1980 he has headed Russian Gospel Ministries, Elkhart, IN. Drs. Wayne Van Gelderen and Ed Nelson serve on the board.

CRITIQUE OF MacARTHUR STUDY BIBLE - Dr. John MacArthur is a very popular Bible teacher and author. Dr. George Zeller has a 15-page critique of MacArthur's new Study Bible and teachings (Order for \$2 postpaid from Dr. Zeller at: 349 East St., Middletown, CT 06457). He acknowledges that most of the study notes are helpful and true to the Bible, but points out some serious doctrinal problems with some of the notes. These relate to MacArthur's denial of the Eternal Sonship of Christ, his denial that Christ died as a Substitute for all men, his denial of the two natures of the believer, his teaching on Lordship Salvation, his teaching that faith is the Gift of God, his departure from dispensationalism, and his teaching that the Gift of Prophecy is for today. Zeller analyzes these teachings in greater detail in a larger 100-page book available from him for \$5. [Bob Ross says MacArthur reportedly regrets the "inept" way he handled the Sonship of Christ issue in past writings, but gave no sign that he has abandoned his past position. Stating "new doctrines" in a confusing way is not new for him! Dr. R.L. Hymers, in corresponding with Dave Hunt over the latter's scheduled Nov. speaking engagement at MacArthur's church, calls MacArthur's position heresy.]

IFCA & JOHN MacARTHUR - Dr. John MacArthur's church hosted the Independent Fundamental Churches

of America's annual convention in 1990, still speaks at its meetings, and IFCA nat'l exec. dir. Dr. Richard Gregory speaks for MacArthur. Dr. George Zeller in a critique of MacArthur's new Study Bible writes: "As former members of the IFCA, we were especially concerned because some of Dr. MacArthur's teachings contradicted the clearly worded IFCA Doctrinal Statement which made us wonder how Dr. MacArthur could, with integrity, annually sign the doctrinal statement and how the IFCA leadership could allow him to maintain his membership in the IFCA." More on MacArthur's teachings is available from: Dr. George Zeller, 349 East St., Middletown, CT 06457, and BDM, P. O. Box 679, Bedford, IN 47421.

SBC WOMEN PASTORS - The number of ordained women in the Southern Baptist Convention - which on the national level opposes women pastors - has grown to about 1,225, with a quarter of them serving as chaplains (11/17 *Christian News*). Thirty-five percent of the women serve in church staff positions, at least 85 are pastors and over 100 are associate pastors. North Carolina has the largest number of women pastors and 16 states have churches where women are serving as senior pastors.

FALWELL'S CHURCH LISTED AS SO. BAPTIST - The long-running feud between the two factions of the Southern Baptist Convention is now filtering down to the state level. A fight is brewing in Texas and other states, and the split has already happened in Virginia. In the first annual meeting of the SB Conservatives there, 157 churches were approved for affiliation with the new SB-related state convention - 108 were received for "unique" affiliation, including Thomas Road Baptist, Lynchburg. The others were "dually" affiliated with both the moderate/liberal group and the conservative group.

POSITION & DISPOSITION - Evang. Jim Van Gelderen in the new *Preach the Word* quarterly (P.O. Box 5614, Woodridge, IL 60517) says there is a subtle danger in the "right position with the right disposition" philosophy. He writes: "I'm afraid that this thinking leads to passivity in the fight of faith. Preachers are afraid of having the wrong disposition. In their effort to be kind and sweet, they dilute the truth. If Jesus had cleansed the temple with a softer disposition, would not truth have been compromised? Friends, there is a time to thrust Phinehas's javelin. There is a time to brandish Samuel's sword."

WIMBER DIES - John Wimber, 63, founder and director of the Association of Vineyard Churches, died Nov. 16 of a brain hemorrhage following a fall and recent coronary bypass surgery (11/29 *World*). Vineyard has 450 U.S. congregations and 250 in other countries. It was a strong influence in the "Laughing Revival" and Promise Keepers movements (top PK leaders are Vineyard members). Wimber, a former Quaker, emphasized supernatural healing, spiritual warfare, and prophecies. He taught a church growth course at Fuller Seminary with C. Peter Wagner. Many of his "signs and wonders" teachings are rooted in Eastern mysticism (see 4/15/96 *CC*) and mind-science inner healing techniques (per a 1996 32-page report by *Media Spotlight*, P.O. Box 290, Redmond, WA 98073).

FASTING & PRAYER '97 ATTENDANCE DOWN - Dr. Bill Bright's ecumenical Fasting and Prayer conference at the Dallas-Ft. Worth Airport last month, sponsored by Campus Crusade and Mission America, only drew some 600 attendees. Attendance was about 3,000 to 4,000 for 1995 and 1996 (*Kansas Christian*). Speculation was that sponsors had promoted satellite sites so much that many thought the live event was only for ministers. Pat Robertson in the last message said God would not heal our land until the church became united in one goal, and said we must stop tearing each others' doctrine apart... Other speakers included Adrian Rogers, Tony Evans, and Kay Arthur.

SOLM CARELESS ASSOCIATIONS? - Source of Light Mission has a very vital and fruitful ministry. We are from time to time disappointed, however, at the way they speak in fundamentalist pulpits then also with ecumenicals or new evangelicals. Case in point: Dr. B.H. Struthers, on SOLM's Exec. Council, recently spoke in notorious ecumenical Billy Kim's large church in Korea (Sep-Oct *Reaper*). Dave Newell, the editor of SOLM's paper *The Reaper* and also Assistant to the General Director, said after a trip to China, etc.: "I met with the Regional Director of Singapore Youth For Christ on two occasions and learned more about their work with Radio Bible Class..." (Jul-Aug *Reaper*). Luis Palau's 1/31/93 National Crusade paper listed SOLM (along with

Roman Catholics, liberals, charismatics, and new evangelicals) as "endorsing" his Jamaican ecumenical evangelism crusade.

SCHULLER SELF-ESTEEM - Robert Schuller defending himself against assault charge of flight attendant (9/1 CC, 10/27 CN): "I am very proud of who I am... I have never broken a single one of the ten commandments. I have not broken any of the teachings of Jesus Christ, and so I'm proud of my faith and my message." [See 1Jn.1:8]

NEW PK REPORT - ACCC exec. secretary Dr. Ralph Colas attended the Promise Keepers' Stand in the Gap assembly in Washington, DC, Oct. 4 and has a thorough, incisive report of the happenings. He tells who spoke (from Moody Pres. Joe Stowell, to Roman Catholic PK board member Mike Timmis) and gives quotes. He said: "No less than five of the 16 PK board members have ties to charismatic churches. In spite of his extra-biblical beliefs and practices, many Evangelicals associated with PK look with favor on John Wimber, the Vineyard denomination, and its third wave theology." He said PK's unbiblical base is composed of charismatics and those who defend or excuse maintaining membership in liberal, apostate denominations. Get this report from: ACCC, P.O. Box 5455, Bethlehem, PA 18015. Offering appreciated.

NEW BOOK ON PENTECOSTALISM - Rev. Wilson Ewin has updated his 1988 111-page book *Seminar on Pentecostalism* and makes it available for \$7 postpaid (P.O. Box 180, Norton, VT 05907). He also has a 7-page "Update on Pentecostalism" paper for \$1.50 postpaid.

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FREEMASONRY A RELIGIOUS CULT - The 11/97 *Charisma* said: "Beneath Freemasonry's deceptive veil, there is more than just happy Shriners who stage parades and raise money for children's hospitals. The mysteries taught in Masonic lodges today are rooted in the pagan mystery religions of ancient Egypt, Greece and Mesopotamia. They stem from a bizarre spirituality involving fertility cults and sun god worship - forms of idolatry that have surfaced in every culture on earth and that are specifically condemned in the Bible... .Masonic teaching involves the worship of false gods." Some denominations say the Masonic lodge is incompatible with the Christian faith. But So. Baptist physician James Holly said (2/1/94 *CC*) the SBC has become the first Christian denom that "essentially blesses" the Masonic lodge. Of the 3.5 million Masons in the U.S., 1.3 million are SBs (6/1/93 *CC*). And 14 percent of SB pastors and 18 percent of deacon chairs are Masons.

GUNS CAUSE VIOLENCE? A public health model names guns as the cause of the disease of violence, but the truth is that those who passively submit to a criminal's demands are twice as likely to be injured as those who use a firearm to resist such. A study shows that 2.5 million people a year use a gun for a defensive purpose (11/16 *HT*). Twenty years of research show that Americans use guns for self-defense in far greater numbers than criminals use guns to commit crimes. Prohibitions on handguns and tough gun-licensing systems are ineffective. Case in point, a Florida headline: "Muggers target foreign tourists who don't have guns." The dirty little secret about handgun control is that it ignores the growing body of criminal-justice evidence.

READY FOR SMART CARDS? Long popular in Europe, smart cards are set to take off here perhaps in 1998. The 11/97 *Visionwatch* says this powerful system is called Project L.U.C.I.D., and is an I.D. card with a microchip which can store millions of bytes of information (2,000 pages), including your photo, fingerprint, DNA genotype, criminal and financial history. Perils lurk in such a universal I.D. Card system. The 10/27 *USN & WR* said a high-profile test of consumer acceptance of smart cards as a substitute for cash is already underway in Manhattan.

IS YOUR FAMILY SAFE FROM 'THE GRASPERS'? is the title of a new 60-pg. book by Peggy Cuddy. Dr. Shirley Correll comments (on back cover): "A revolution is taking place in America which will change our families for all time. It shifts the ultimate control of children from the family to the state. Peggy Cuddy has done a wonderful job of warning American parents of this unprecedented grab ["grasp"] for power over our children..."

" Order from: Florida Pro Family Forum, P.O. Box 1059, Highland City, FL 33846, \$5 pp.

CLINTON GREETED AT 'GAY' GATHERING - Pres. Clinton was greeted last month by a standing ovation as he became the first sitting president to publicly address a "gay" and lesbian civil rights organization. He also became the first to nominate an openly homosexual as ambassador (to Luxembourg). He recently pledged to name five homosexuals to top White House posts and chose a lesbian activist to be in charge of White House operations (10/20 *Chr. News*). Homosexuals applauded Clinton for appointing over 100 open "gays" and lesbians to positions in his administration (11/8 *H. Times*). Before Clinton, there had been no openly homosexual senior administration officials.

CHURCH OF SATAN FOUNDER DIES - Anton LaVey, founder of the Church of Satan in 1966 in San Francisco and author of *The Satanic Bible*, died Oct. 29 at age 67.

THE END OF 'CHRISTIAN PSYCHOLOGY' - That's the title of a new book by Martin & Deidre Bobgan. They say there is no "Christian psychology," that the Bible is sufficient to deal with all problems of living. We quote: "Professional psychotherapy with its underlying psychologies is questionable at best, detrimental at worst, and a spiritual counterfeit at least." It's the only form of treatment, they say, which at least to some extent, appears to create the illness it treats, and that much of the \$24 billion mental health industry is little more than a national consumer fraud - but Christian therapists will resist the demise of their income from this. Get this 290-page book for \$11, from EastGate Pub., 4137 Primavera Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93110

PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION NEVER NECESSARY - For the second time in 18 months, Pres. Clinton vetoed the Partial-birth Abortion Ban Act because it had no exception to protect the "health" of the mother. But over 400 doctors including former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop have said the procedure "is never medically necessary to protect a mother's health..." (10/28 *Indiana Bapt.*) The procedure banned by the bill involves the delivery of an intact baby feet first until only the head is left in the birth canal. At this point, how could jamming scissors into the back of a baby's head be required for the "health" of the mother?

HERPES EPIDEMIC AMONG WOMEN - Today, 45 million Americans over age 12 carry the herpes simplex type 2 virus - about 1 in 5 (11/10 *USN & WR*). Women generally are more susceptible to sexually transmitted diseases, so their numbers climb even higher. One in five white women is infected, versus one in seven white men. One in two black women has the virus, compared with one in three black men. Meanwhile, over half the world's 23 million HIV-infected people live in Africa (11/9 *H. Times*).

GARBC LEADER BLASTS 'TABLOIDS' - General Association of Regular Baptist Churches' National Representative Dr. John R. Greening in his Nov. *Baptist Bulletin* column launched a broadside attack against Christian "tabloids," likening them to the Princess Diana paparazzi. Intended or not, it smacked of a subtle smear of many who try to faithfully warn and inform Christians of compromising and apostate men and movements of our day. Greening's "broad brush" approach was confusing (his "targets" were not clearly identified), and he seemed to dub all exposers of compromise as "tabloids." If "respectable" magazines (GARBC's *Baptist Bulletin*, and IFCA's *Voice*, e.g.) were doing what they in part were founded to do in warning and informing believers of Christian leaders' sinful compromises, "tabloids" would be less needed. Where are the warnings in the *Baptist Bulletin* of some GARBC (and entities) leaders supporting Promise Keepers, and pulpit-sharing with ecumenicals such as Drs. Warren Wiersbe and Joe Stowell? Greening seems to criticize the reporting of "someone speaking here or appearing there." Reporting of where leaders, who have long been in new-evangelical orbit, speak is necessitated by their basic dishonesty/deception in continuing to pose as Fundamentalists. Where and with whom a leader speaks is an important indicator of his position. Yes, we are to "speak the truth in love," but we are also to "exhort one another." We are disappointed in Dr. Greening's article (it seemed like something a New Evangelical would write!), and expected better from him. We forgive a child for being afraid of the dark, but the real tragedy is when men are afraid of the light/truth.

FUNDAMENTALISTS NO LONGER WARN OF WCC? Dr. Rembert Byrd Carter, in an 11/13 e-mail to

ACCC exec. secretary Dr. Ralph Colas, wrote: "I have just read your recent report of the WCC [World Council of Churches] Central Committee meeting in Geneva and been reminded again how few are following this important matter of ecumenism any more. It used to be taught AND REFUTED in our circles. Now, there are very few preachers who ever mention these matters. Seminaries and colleges do not think it a very relevant issue. Other courses are far more important (they say)."

NAE ECUMENISM INCREASES - National Association of Evangelicals president Dr. Don Argue, along with a Muslim leader, addressed the National Council of Churches' annual meeting, Nov. 1996 (see 12/15/96 CC). The NAE has voted to accept the Worldwide Church of God as a member. We now see the NAE involved in a "Christian Roundtable II" meeting with 37 religious leaders - ranging from NCC liberal denominations to National Conference of Catholic Bishops - in "odd alliance" cooperation to fight poverty (11/13 *Ala. Baptist*).

FBF'S FRONTLINE RELOCATES TO GREENVILLE Per a News Release last month, *Frontline* magazine - the journal of the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship - has moved from Schaumburg, Illinois to South Carolina. Dr. John C. Vaughn, FBF Executive Director and pastor of Faith Baptist Church (500 W. Lee Rd., Taylors, SC) has replaced FBF V-P Dr. Frank Bumpus as *Frontline* Editor. FBF Research Secretary Bob Whitmore (864/292-2439) succeeds Mike Moreau as Managing Editor. Drs. Mark Minnick and Layton Talbert are Contributing Editors. FBF Pres. Dr. Rod Bell continues as *Frontline's* Publisher.

VAN IMPE ARTICLE-*The Evangelical Methodist* is running a series of articles by Dr. M.H. Reynolds, Jr. on Dr. Jack Van Impe's Downward Slide (praise of the Pope, etc.). It's editor is Dr. Jim Fields, who exposes New Evangelicalism and other evils of our day. Get it for \$10/yr. from: 1736 Whiteford Rd., Darlington, MD 21034.

DR. BOB JONES JR.'S HOME GOING - Dr. Bob Jones Jr., age 86 and Chancellor of Bob Jones University, passed away Nov. 12, 1997 after a brief battle with cancer. He was the author of 15 books and plays, including *Cornbread and Caviar* and *Wine of Morning* (a feature-length film). The funeral was Nov. 17, on the BJU campus, with Dr. Bob Jones III bringing the message. Prayers were by Drs. Bob Wood and Bruce McAllister. Speakers representing various groups included: Dr. Rod Bell, Dr. J.B. Williams, S.C. Governor David Beasley, Dr. Victor Sadaka, and Dr. Ian Paisley. For two decades, Drs. Jones and Paisley organized several World Congresses on Fundamentalism. We attended three of them, the last being in London, 1990. Dr. Jones was plain spoken and sometimes controversial, but is considered by many as one of the great pulpiteers of this century. He was greatly loved and will be missed by most fundamentalists worldwide. He was a friend of this ministry, and an encourager of this editor.

GRAHAM'S STATEMENT ON DR. JONES' DEATH - "The death of Dr. Bob Jones, Jr. is a great loss to the fundamentalist wing of the Christian Church. He was a remarkable man who could have been a great film star had he chosen so. But just as Moses chose to serve God rather than to be a leader of ancient Egypt, Dr. Jones chose to follow Christ and help his father build a great university. He was a longtime personal friend and... when I was a student there for a few months he was my professor in history. Several of my associates are graduates of BJU, and all of us will miss his friendship and leadership. He made it clear that he did not agree with me on many things, but it never affected my love and respect for him. He is now in Heaven with his father and mother and the thousands of people who were touched by his ministry. It is my prayer that God will bless Bob Jones III, and the ongoing ministry of Bob Jones University."

PK 1998 PLANS: GOING GLOBAL; INVITE WOMEN PASTORS; SUPPORT PASTOR ONLY IF HE SUPPORTS PK - Promise Keepers calls for men to support their pastor and church, but we have heard of cases where this only holds true IF the pastor is a PK supporter! PK plans 37 stadium gatherings during the next two years without charge - nine of them will be exclusively for pastors, both male and female (11/17 *C.Today*). These nine will be one-day regional pastors' conferences in early 1998. At the invitation of well-known ecumenical Far Eastern Broadcasting Co. president Billy Kim and other religious leaders, PK president Randy Phillips visited Korea in late Oct. to explore possibly setting up a PK movement there. PK earlier announced intentions to go global. Moody Broadcasting Net beamed full coverage of the recent Washington, DC rally to

over 600 radio stations (10/18 *World*). Moody Pres. Joe Stowell spoke at this ecumenical event, as he also did at the NAE'96 convention.

SO. BAPTISTS INCONSISTENT ON PK - Prominent Southern Baptist conservatives seek in some degree to maintain or erect walls between themselves and the Bible-doubting CBF liberals in the SBC. But, by supporting Promise Keepers (e.g., about 1,800 from Adrian Rogers' church attended Memphis '96 PK rally), they are supporting PK's effort to tear down denominational walls (between liberal denoms, Catholics, charismatics, etc.)!

GRAHAM ARTICLE - John Ballentine has available a long article (from David Cloud) from the 10/20 *Christian News*, entitled "Graham Believes Men Can Be Saved Apart From Name of Christ." This transcript by Dr. Robert E. Kofahl of a May 31 interview of Billy Graham by Robert Schuller, appeared in the May-June *Foundation* (see 10/15 *CC*). Get a copy for \$1.00 postpaid from Rev. Ballentine at: 5552 1st Ave. So., Minneapolis MN 55419.

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FARRAKHAN'S 'CHRIST' IS TOO SMALL - Nation of Islam cult leader Louis Farrakhan claims to be Allah, Jesus and the Messiah all rolled into one, but he is a false christ (R. Morey, 8/5/96 *Chr. News*). He recently told Christians (10/17 *Hunts. Times*): "Go to your Bible, Where does it say Jesus wanted you to be a Christian? You can't find it. Christ is a man of yesterday. He cannot guide you in 1997."

'ANGEL' GIVES DEVILISH ADVICE - Can anything good, come out of Hollywood? NBC's *Touched by an Angel* was highly touted to portray religion and faith positively. But alas! In one episode when a man asked what he must do to be saved, the angel's advice was that when you are at the limit where you've gone as far as you can toward God, pray to him to close the gap and reach you... Gary P. Baumler comments thusly (10/27 *Chr. News*): "A man asks how to get to heaven, and we hear nothing about God's Son, Jesus Christ, who alone is the way. The man didn't have to pray that God would close the gap between him and God. He had to learn that Jesus already closed the gap."

RUSSIA'S NEW ANTI-RELIGIOUS FREEDOM LAW Russia's new statute vaguely allows some Christian groups, but to receive full official rights, they have to prove they existed in Russia for at least 15 years; that is, they must have been approved by the now defunct Communist regime. The favored Russian Orthodox Church complained to a recent World Council of Churches gathering that missionaries arriving in Russia had a combined budget of \$150 million a year, which it claimed was five times the budget of the ROC (10/25 *World*). Local officials, most all of whom are "former" Communists, have quickly begun applying the new law (10/26 *HT*). Some fear the 15-year rule will allow local authorities to confiscate property or demand bribes.

STEVE HILL'S TESTIMONY-Evang. Steve Hill, who has led the 29-month "revival" at the Brownsville Assembly of God in Pensacola, gave his testimony of salvation to ABC-TV's 20/20, Oct. 9. He had been arrested for drug sales and car theft about 13 times, but a "change" came at 21 when a Lutheran minister prayed for him. Hill said, "I didn't believe in God, but he said, 'Say the name Jesus.' So out of desperation I looked up at the ceiling... and said, 'Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.' I just began to say that name. And a power came through my body, and in... seconds, it was like I was brand new. I'm not using the needle [nor]drinking whiskey anymore. I'm not depending on a six-pack of beer [nor] smoking pot anymore. I don't need pornography anymore. He's changed my life."(E-mail, David Cloud, Fund. Baptist News Svc., 1701 Harns Rd., Oak Harbor, WA 98277). Hill may

be sincere, but there is no mention of the Gospel (1Cor. 15:1-4) wherein is the power (Rom. 1:16) to save.

FUNDAMENTALISTS A PROBLEM FOR UR - At the 1996 United Religions Initiative meeting, Catholic/occultist Robert Muller said: "Peace will be impossible without the taming of fundamentalism through a United Religions that professes faithfulness only to the global spirituality and to the health of the planet." At a July World Conference on Religion and Peace (Melbourne, Australia) Cardinal Frances Arinze asked: "What are we going to do with the people in the world who are willing to die for their faith?" The conference saw the one cardinal sin of any religion as being **absolutism**. A religious ethic which will override all religious dogmas and doctrines is now in place globally. It is only a short step to forced compliance with this Global Ethic. [Most of above info came from the 54-page, Oct. *Christian Conscience*, P.O.Box 17346, Des Moines, IA 50317]

PORNOGRAPHY FUNDS CRIME - Pornography is the third largest source of revenue for organized crime in the U.S., exceeded only by illegal drugs and gambling. In 1960, hard-core pornography was a \$5 to \$10 million industry in the U.S. Today, it is an \$8.5 to \$10 billion a year industry.

SELF-ESTEEM NOT IMPORTANT? - Schuller, Dobson, take note! Family psychologist John Rosemond says: "I don't believe that the concept of self-esteem is helpful to an understanding of the needs of children... nor necessarily healthy." [10/19 *H.Times*] He said it derives from the work of the late psychologist Abraham Maslow. Rosemond said children should learn to esteem others [Phil. 3:2], beginning with their parents. Second, he says, children need to learn to feel guilt, remorse and shame when appropriate - to feel bad about themselves when they misbehave, etc.

NEW ERA FOUNDER GETS 12 YEARS - John Bennett was sentenced to 12 years in prison in Sept. for running what may be the biggest charity scam in U.S. history (see 3/1 *CC*). His pyramid scheme took \$354 million from some 500 clients, including nearly 200 evangelical organizations.

PK BOOKLET - Dr. Jim Fields attended the June 6-7 Promise Keepers meeting in Knoxville, and has written an 18-page booklet, *A Bird's Eye View of a Promise Keepers Rally*, describing what he witnessed. He focuses on behavior modification, sensitivity training, and psychological aspects of the rally. Get this booklet from: Cedar View Tracts, P.O. Box 143, Kingsport, TN 37662. Suggested price: \$2 postpaid.

GORE PRAISES PERVERSITY? - Homosexuals say Vice Pres. Al Gore "is a real friend to the gay and lesbian community" (10/17 *HT*). He recently endorsed the "Ellen" coming out episode and said it forced millions of Americans "to look at sexual orientation in a more favorable light."

SO. BAPTIST & SDA CHURCHES JOIN IN A UNITY SERVICE - A 10/29 fax from the Minister of Music at Highlands Baptist Church [So.Bapt.] had this invitation: "We have a unique opportunity to make an impact on our community with the Gospel. The Madison Baptist Association Churches, Oakwood Seventh Day Adventist, First Missionary Baptist, and the Highlands Baptist Chinese Mission have combined their efforts to bring a special repeat performance [4/1 *CC*] of 'Make Us One.' ... It is a celebration of the unity of the body of Christ... ." First, we would ask, whose "gospel" will be used "to make an impact"? Baptist and Adventist gospels are not the same, so one of them is wrong and comes under the double curse of Galatians 1:6,9. Second, true "unity" of the Bible is based on truth and doctrines of God's Word. Amos 3:3 asks, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" God's Word commands us to separate from false cults (2 John 10) and unbelievers (2 Cor. 6:14-17).

WIERSBE, MacARTHUR TO SPEAK AT BIG MEETING WITH SO.BAPTISTS- Warren Wiersbe, John MacArthur, and Jerry Falwell join W.A. Criswell, Adrian Rogers, Paige Patterson, O.S. Hawkins, and John Phillips as speakers for a Jan. 30 - Feb. 3 Pastors' School & Bible Conference at First Baptist Church, Jacksonville. Homer Lindsay and Jerry Vines are co-pastors of FBC. Wiersbe, a professor at Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary (GARBC), speaks at Billy Graham Training Center conferences.

SBF MEETING REPORT - We attended a one-day segment of the Southwide Baptist Fellowship, meeting this year (and next) at the Highland Park Baptist Church (TTU) in Chattanooga. We heard sermons by Drs. Bradley Price (who invites Southern Baptists, Tim Lee, etc. to his Northside Baptist Church pulpit in Charlotte), Lou Rossi, and Tom Farrell, attended the business session, and part of a panel discussion. The Resolutions Committee chaired by *Sword of the Lord* editor Dr. Shelton Smith presented some very good resolutions with strong warnings against Disney, Promise Keepers, etc. There were many good exhibitors, though a few (Word of Life, ABWE, Source of Light, AWANA, e.g.) in recent years have "exhibited" disappointing associations with new evangelicals. The panel, overall, was good on the Promise Keepers issue. Some host-pastor comments on PK, to us, seemed a little weak (even mild praise, and that if you keep men busy soul winning, etc., they won't have time for PK), but he had reservations especially against the ecumenical aspects.

SBF RESOLUTION EXCERPTS - We affirm our stand as fundamentalists (not evangelicals), separatists (not ecumenists), and independent (not Convention) Baptists. We affirm our rejection of the modern charismatic movement including their tongues, their prayer languages, their laughing revivals, their slain-in-the-spirit fiascoes, and their merchandising of healing. We attest our firm belief that the Southern Baptist Convention is still tainted with compromise, liberalism, and ecumenism despite the recent resurgence of conservatism, and we urge Bible-believing, serious-minded folks to come out of it... We affirm our intent to cry out against the moral depravity of abortion on demand, homosexuality, Hollywood, the national media, the humanism schools, and the corrupt political scene of our time.

E.V. HILL SUPPORTS LYONS - Rev. E.V. Hill, who is praised by Dr. Jerry Falwell and other evangelicals, is a chief supporter of disgraced National Baptist Convention president Rev. Henry Lyons. Press reports show that Lyons is an adulterer, liar, and thief (10/6 *CN*). Hill has been a popular Promise Keepers speaker (also at Moody, Dallas, and Liberty), and sits on the boards of the NBC-USA and the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

KAY ARTHUR'S POPULAR ECUMENICAL MINISTRY Precept Ministries' Kay Arthur, a dynamic Bible teacher/ preacher, speaks in many ecumenical, new-evangelical, and charismatic forums (see 1/1 *CC*). Her 11/97 speaking schedule lists her as a Dec.31 speaker for Campus Crusade, and for Bill Bright's Fasting & Prayer Conference in Dallas, Nov. 12-14. Her staff members have spoken in United Methodist and Southern Baptist churches this year. Dorie Van Stone, was listed in Precept's September schedule as a Sept. speaker at "The 700 Club," Bellevue Baptist (Memphis), and the Rocky Mountain Association of Regular Baptist Churches. We were disappointed to see Arthur and Life Action - Campus Crusade's Nancy Leigh DeMoss as scheduled speakers for the Oct. Joyful Woman Jubilee at Highland Park Baptist, Chattanooga.

SBC CANCELS SUPPORT OF RECONCILIATION '97 Official Southern Baptist Convention involvement in the ecumenical Reconciliation '97 was withdrawn on the advice of William Streich, an incoming board member of the SBC's new North American Mission Board (10/27 *Chr.Today*). Streich expressed concern in a memo that "Southern Baptists [by involvement in Reconciliation '97] are giving credibility to the teaching of the apostate Catholic church by its association with it in Coventry."

SBF RESOLUTION ON PK - The para-church group known as Promise Keepers, while professing to promote moral and marital integrity among men, is in fact promoting the unscriptural, dangerous, and ecumenical approach of eliminating Bible doctrines, thereby yoking believers with unbelievers, false teachers, and false prophets, including those who promote another gospel which is not a Gospel and weakening men's loyalty to the institution supported by Scripture and founded by the Saviour - the local church. And whereas the activities and emphasis of this group is contrary to the efforts of Bible-believing pastors who would train men to obey and please God, be it resolved that the Southwide Baptist Fellowship will continue to oppose this ecumenical approach which will certainly be a part of the development of a one-world church which will be used by the Antichrist.

HOLD RIGHT POSITION WITH RIGHT DISPOSITION The 9/97 *Evangelical Methodist* had these good

words from the late Dr. M.H. Reynolds, Jr.: "... But it is important to remember that the failure of fallible men to properly represent any Biblical position in no way negates the believer's responsibility to hold to that position. Likewise, we should never lose sight of the fact that those who really do 'speak the truth in love' are most often the very ones who are accused of being 'unloving.' The apostle Paul referred to just such a situation when he wrote, "Am I become your enemy because I tell you the truth?"

ACCC RESOLUTIONS - The American Council of Christian Churches at its 56th Annual Convention in Kingsport, TN, Oct. 21-23, passed resolutions regarding: The Challenge to Biblical Authority (convention theme), Promise Keepers, Persecution of Christians Around the World, World Council of Churches, United Religions Initiative (URI), Partial-Birth Abortion, Shamelessness of Our Nation Concerning Sin, Reaffirmation of Biblical Separation, and The Place of the ACCC in Today's Religious World. Most of these are one page in length. Available from: ACCC, P.O. Box 5455, Bethlehem, PA 18015. Send offering to cover postage and paper costs.

ACCC HONORS CC EDITOR - The American Council of Christian Churches presented its *Contender of the Year* award to this editor at its annual convention last month - along with a small binder of congratulatory letters from some fundamentalist leaders. What a surprise!

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MARIJUANA AS MEDICINE - There is a clamor today for legalizing marijuana for its "medicinal value." It and tobacco share the same chemical compounds except it contains mind-altering, high-producing cannabinoids (10/13 *New Amer.*). Yet cigarettes are deemed more deadly, while pot is touted as a medical necessity. Other medications are just as effective, and without marijuana's side effects. Marijuana is addictive, and with repeated use, dulls thinking, affects concentration and ability to perform tasks, and impairs memory. Proponents never mention that chronic use causes permanent brain damage, nor its role in promiscuity, sexually transmitted diseases, high school dropout and failure rates. Rather than being a medicine, marijuana is a health hazard. Using it for illness is like a doctor prescribing moldy bread (has penicillin) for infection or cigarette smoking for stress or weight loss.

NEA SAVED AGAIN - Tax-payers are again forced to fund the National Endowment for the Arts, which has a long record of funding pornographic, homoerotic, and blasphemous "art." Congress in October broke a pledge to abolish the NEA, but cut its budget from \$99.5 million last year to \$98 million this year and decided to put its own representatives on the board that makes grants. Actress Jane Alexander now plans to resign as NEA head.

HOMOSEXUAL SCHOOLS- Walt Whitman Community School is a new private high school in Dallas, designed especially to shelter students who have been harassed and discriminated against because of their sexuality. The New York City public school system has had a high school for gay, lesbian, and bisexual students since 1985 (9/14 *Houston Chronicle*), and hands out condoms to students (10/3 *H. Times*). The Texas Eagle Forum may examine the sodomy law for the legal status of a school that openly condones homosexuality. Meanwhile, U.S. Catholic bishops say homosexuality orientation is not freely chosen and that parents should accept their "gay" children (10/1 *H. Chron.*). They encourage priests to welcome homosexuals into parishes and to promote support groups for parents.

POPE'S DIAGNOSIS OF BRAZIL'S PROBLEMS - Pope John Paul II visited Brazil, Catholicism's largest country, in Oct. and diagnosed its social ills as caused by an "unequal and unfair distribution of wealth." He has often called for a "redistribution of wealth" [Marxism] and condemned the gap between rich and poor. But Catholicism and Socialism are part of the problem and are not the solution.

CLINTON VETOES ABORTION BAN- Pres. Clinton, the "Abortion President," has again vetoed a bill that would ban gruesome partial birth abortions. An override is hoped.

THEISTIC EVOLUTION ILLOGICAL- "Some Christians may still want to be theistic evolutionists, those who believe each [creation] day may have been vast periods of time. In so doing, one still cannot escape illogical thinking. If each day was a million years long, how did insects pollinate flowers which were created on day three? If the sun was not created until day four, how did those plants created the day before survive millions of years without photosynthesis? Also, Adam lived through day six and day seven yet was only 930 years old. Clearly God created the universe in six, 24-hour days!" (Brian Young, 9/8 *Chr. News*)

PK OPPOSED BY FUNDAMENTALISTS AND OTHERS While the Promise Keepers movement is enjoying immense popularity from an assortment of charismatics, cultists, and new evangelicals, the number of organizations warning of its danger steadily increases. The Free Will Baptists are the latest to denounce "this ecumenical, compromise movement." Others previously issuing warnings include: ACCC, FBF, IBFNA, OBF, SBF, BWM, BJU, and GARBC. PK problems include its inclusivism, deprecation of doctrine, ecumenical speakers, rock music, psychobabble, and dividing (and draining resources from) local churches.

DYLAN PERFORMS FOR POPE - Folk-rock icon Bob Dylan "embraced Christianity" in the late 1970s, but returned to Judaism in the mid-1980s. At a recent outdoor youth rally in Italy, he clasped hands and chatted with Pope John Paul. Billed as the first "rock concert" for the Pope (9/29 *Chr. News*), it received his blessing. The Catholic Church chose Dylan because his music is "true and beautiful."

ELEVATE MARY TO DEITY? - The Marian cult of the Roman Catholic Church sees Mary on a higher plane than the Bible reveals her. Pope John Paul II credits her with saving his life when attacked by a gunman in Rome (8/97 *Canadian Revivalist*). He has shown extreme devotion to Mary and said "Mary, I am all yours." There is now a movement within the Catholic Church to elevate her to the status of deity. It has gained the quiet support of NY's Cardinal John O'Connor. It calls for expanding the Trinity to form a new "Holy Quartet" in which Mary would be recognized as the daughter of God the Father and spouse of the Holy Spirit, and the mother of Jesus (10/97 *Chr. News & Views*). Advocates have collected 4.3 million signatures for the plan.

TERESA IN HEAVEN BECAUSE OF WORKS? - Mother Teresa's death elicited immediate calls for making her a saint. Archbishop O'Connor of New York said on TV, "If she is not in heaven, then I am really terrified of dying, because of all she did." (9/15 *Chr. News*). Catholics teach a salvation by works. This is a false gospel (Rom.4:5).

WCC DUE FOR MAJOR CHANGES - The World Council of Churches, formally inaugurated in 1948 in Amsterdam, is a fellowship of over 300 churches. The Roman Catholic Church is not a member church, but is a full member of almost half of all national ecumenical bodies. American Council of Christian Churches Exec. Secretary Dr. Ralph Colas attended the recent Central Committee meeting of the WCC in Geneva, Switzerland and said a service there dealt with Mary the "Mother of God." He said that "Lord, may your mother pray for us" was repeated several times. He said the WCC's financial state has improved in the past year but that the WCC is in a state of major changes. The Russian Orthodox Church is likely to sever ties with the WCC before the WCC's eighth general assembly in Zimbabwe next year (9/29 *Christian News*). Dr. Colas's full report is available from: ACCC, P. O. Box 5455, Bethlehem, PA 18015.

MILLIONS DECEIVED BY ROMAN CATHOLICISM Pope John Paul II has convinced top evangelical and charismatic leaders (Graham, Bright, Van Impe, Crouch, Robertson, and Roberts, e.g.) that he espouses and preaches the Gospel in spite of the fact that, while he uses much evangelical terminology, he still preaches the false gospel of salvation by faith plus works, plus sacraments, plus purgatory (8/97 *Foundation*). Praising of the pope and advocating of acceptance of Catholics as fellow members of the body of Christ, by these and other top leaders, is deceiving millions of Christians today.

PK ECUMENICAL BRIDGES VS. BIBLICAL WALLS OF SEPARATION - Promise Keepers' mantra (and 1996 theme) is "tear down the walls," "reach beyond denominational barriers." The unity produced by this stated goal is unbiblical. We cannot achieve God-approved results by using God-forbidden methods. Catholicism's works-salvation "gospel" is "another gospel" which comes under the twice-stated curse of Gal. 1:6-9. The peace and unity produced by PK's ecumenicism is not Christian. God-pleasing obedience cannot occur without the "dividing doctrinal walls" established by Scripture.

NASHVILLE'S NEW EPISCOPALIAN DEAN - Rev. Kenneth Swanson, the new dean at Christ Church Cathedral (Nashville), used to be in a "quasi-Hindu" movement that combined drug use with readings from the Tibetan Book of the Dead (9/21 *The Tennessean*). He brings unusual credentials to the liberal and emotionally reserved Episcopalian world. After his sect-and-drug experience, he is said to have become a born-again Christian and attended Fuller Seminary. He said New Age cults are so self-absorbed that the line between God and everything else gets so blurred that people start believing they're God. He favors church ceremonies for homosexuals once Episcopalians reach a consensus on it.

J. HAROLD SMITH: KIND WORDS FOR RC STATUE Widely known Southern Baptist radio evangelist ("The Bible Hour") J. Harold Smith had these comments in his 6/97 *Your Good Neighbor* paper after the death of his wife (9/97 *Perilous Times*): "The Methodists, the Church of God, the Presbyterians, the Episcopal Church... all of them were a help to me... One precious Catholic lady, some months before when Myrtice became so sick, sent her a little statue of Saint Christopher, the healing saint of the Catholic Church. Myrtice placed it on the night stand next to her bed and it never moved until her death, and then my daughter (Martha) put it in her mother's casket. Martha received an express package from one of her dearest friends [with] a rosary with the note, 'I have had this rosary since I was confirmed [at age 6], and it is the most precious thing I have on this earth, and I want you to have it.' Our hearts were broken. What love!"

SBC TO DEFUND BWA?- Tensions have arisen between the Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist World Alliance, resulting in the SBC Executive Committee appointing an eight-man committee to "assess the manner in which the SBC should support BWA's work." (10/2 *Alabama Baptist*). Questions about doctrine surfaced at a July Baptist Int'l Conference on Theological Education. The SBC allocates \$417,000 to the BWA in the current budget. That is about 35 percent of the BWA's nearly \$1.2 million budget for 1997, making the SBC the largest contributor to the BWA. Many BWA member bodies have ties to the World Council of Churches (see 8/15 CC).

O. S. HAWKINS RESIGNS CRISWELL CHURCH - For the second time in five years, the most famous Southern Baptist Church in the world is losing its pastor. A power struggle with Dr. W. A. Criswell [senior pastor emeritus] drove the Rev. Joel Gregory from First Baptist Church [Dallas] in 1992 after only 20 months – and embittered him enough to write a tell-all book. Now the sudden and surprising resignation of Dr. O. S. Hawkins has rocked the congregation and other Southern Baptists (9/27 *Dallas Morning News*). Hawkins becomes president of the Dallas-based Southern Baptist Annuity Board.

WORD OF LIFE 1997 SPEAKERS - Listed speakers for Word of Life Florida for this year include: Erwin Lutzer, George Sweeting (MBI), Jill Briscoe, Woodrow Kroll (Back to the Bible), Ron Allen, Ron Blue, Dan Gelatt, Martin DeHaan, Elwood McQuaid, Renald Showers, Randy Faulkner, Charles Wagner, Dean Ortner and Dave Hunt. Music by: Steve Green, Dave Wyrzten, Steve & Annie Chapman, The Cathedrals, and Squire Parsons. Word of Life Schroon Lake speakers include some of the above (Wagner, Showers, McQuaid, Faulkner and Hunt) plus Earl Radmacher, Tom Mahairas, and Dave Breese.

SEPARATION IS SEPARATING EVANGELICALS - Dr. Chester Tulga decades ago wrote the following: "It has been said that 'separation is separating evangelicals.' What kind of evangelicals? Is separation separating compromising evangelicals from uncompromising evangelicals? It should. Is separation separating evangelicals who want to collaborate with the destroyers of the Christian faith, from those who refuse such unholy alliances? It should. If this is what is meant by this pious but misleading slogan, then such evangelicals should be separated

so that the true soldier may be distinguished from the collaborator with the enemy. Why the objection to distinguishing evangelicals who fellowship and support Modernism and evangelicals which refuse such fellowship and support?... "

WCG'S TWO FACES - The Worldwide Church of God commendably has renounced some Herbert W. Armstrong heretical doctrines and now adheres to a Trinitarian belief. It appears evangelical in many ways, and recently was accepted as a member of the NAE. But, the WCG still rejects the doctrine of eternal punishment, holds observances on the Jewish Sabbath, and accepts the unscriptural teaching of a second chance for salvation after death (10/97 *Fund. Digest*). Further proof of its flawed teaching on hell is seen in an 8/12 *Christianity Today* letter from a WCG Director of Ministerial Education.

M. H. REYNOLDS JR. CALLED HOME - *Foundation* magazine editor Dr. M. H. Reynolds went home to be with his Lord Sept. 3. His father headed the founding of the Fundamental Evangelical Association in April 1928. The ministries remain in good hands, as his son-in-law Dennis Costella has assisted for over 25 years and now becomes editor. Grandson Matt Costella helps with writing chores. *Foundation* (\$10/yr.) and other literature is available from: P. O. Box 6278, Los Osos, CA 93412.

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RUSSIA RESTRICTS MISSIONARIES - The Russian Orthodox Church has won overwhelming support of parliament for a new law severely restricting mainstream Christian groups. Signed by Yeltsin, the law enshrines the Orthodox church as the preeminent religion, but pledges respect for Islam, Buddhism, and Judaism. If the law is strictly enforced, mainline Christian groups cannot have seminaries, public worship services, or invite foreign teachers or missionaries for 15 years. This law protects only those religious bodies that were most loyal to the Soviet state under communism. Many Orthodox Church leaders collaborated with and served the communist KGB. The official registered Baptists also compromised and were used and controlled by the atheistic communist government.

ABORTION MAY BE OK, MAY BE MURDER - It may be legal to pay a doctor to dismember an unborn child by partial-birth abortion, but trying to kill one by taking Tylenol can lead to a murder charge. In California, police arrested and charged a pregnant woman with attempted murder after she drank two-thirds of a bottle of liquid Tylenol with codeine apparently attempting to kill the child in her womb. Calif. defines attempted murder as trying to kill a human being, "or a fetus," with malice aforethought.

BUDDHISM INROADS - Buddhism has replaced New Age religion as the "in" way to be spiritual, and many Hollywood actors strongly pursue it. Actor Richard Gere converted to Tibetan Buddhism in 1984 and has stated that his goal is to become another Buddha. In southern Calif., a Thai Buddhist temple is erected every two months (9/20 *World*). There are nearly 1,500 Buddhist temples and monasteries in the U.S. Most major U.S. colleges have Buddhist Studies departments. Rock singer Tina Turner, a Buddhist convert, has said: "You decide what's right and wrong." Buddhism focuses on self-improvement and elevates man to be his own authority on spiritual matters.

IN HIS STEPS PROMOTES SOCIAL GOSPEL - Charles M. Sheldon's classic IN HIS STEPS: What Would Jesus Do? is believed to have sold about 30 million copies in over 15 languages in the past 100 years. "WWJD?" bracelets are finding a brisk market today. But the 9/8 *Christian News* warned: "...*In His Steps* may be a great novel, [but it] promotes a social gospel rather than the Saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. Walking in the steps of Jesus [as if an unregenerate man could!] is not sufficient. One must trust in His saving merits and vicarious satisfaction to get to Heaven." Sheldon, a Congregational minister, followed the liberal teaching of his day that

Christ was merely an example (5/15/89 *CC*). The book has been promoted by Moody Bible Institute and even by some fundamentalists.

SURPRISING STATISTICS - Chicago has more Poles than San Francisco has people. LA is now the second-largest Iranian city in the world. One-third of the world's Jews live in the U.S. There are more Buddhists in the U.S. than Episcopalians. Muslims will outnumber Presbyterians in the U.S. by the year 2000, U.S. Jews by 2005. 30 percent of international students are Muslims, many from countries violently opposed to Christianity. Over 400,000 international students from 181 countries study at American universities. 40,000 of Red China's future government/business leaders study at U.S. universities. In California, 239 languages are spoken; in New York, 184; in Washington, 181; in Texas, 169. (10/97 *Charisma*). A mission field at our doorstep!

GAMBLING CAUSES BANKRUPTCY - A new study for the credit-card industry concludes that gambling could be the fastest-growing cause of record rates of bankruptcy in America (9/20 *World*). Atlantic City bankruptcy rates were 71 percent higher than in any other N.J. county last year. Counties with the highest bankruptcy rates were the counties close to the riverboat casino town of Tunica, Miss. The study suggested a connection between the spread of legalized gambling and the rise of bankruptcies.

EVIL MUSIC, A 'FUNNEL FOR THE GOSPEL'? - Industrial music combines heavy-metal guitars with hammering disco drums and electronically distorted vocals for a style more conducive to anti-Christian themes than Christian ones. But Christian musicians who enjoy its energy are adopting it as a "funnel for the gospel." (2/3/96 *World*). Generation's bassist admits the "element of evil" in this music "can't be overlooked." But he adds: "I think we are permitted to tap into the darker emotions. I mean, there are dark subjects in the Bible, darker than in any industrial record I've ever heard, which leads me to believe that darkness is a shade we should include in our palette."

ROCK MUSIC A KILLER - A Virginia high school student, convinced that hard-rock, heavy-metal music is bad for the brain, conducted an experiment with mice in a maze. He had to cut his project short because all the mice exposed to hard-rock killed each other, but none of the "classical" mice did. *Sword of the Lord* editor Dr. Shelton Smith says rock music does kill. He says: "It kills the senses and sensibility. It kills spirituality. It kills morals. It kills incentive. It indeed has caused kids to commit suicide and, in [many] cases, murder as well."

SATANISTS' HALLOWEEN MARCH - Pagans, neopagans, satanists and other occultists have scheduled a nationwide march on Washington, DC for Oct. 31, to "let our nation know we are everywhere" (10/97 *Charisma*).

FALWELL COZY WITH CHARISMATICS - Dr. Jerry Falwell's charismatic credentials almost equal those of his Southern Baptist ones. His 1987 stint at the helm of the Jim & Tammy Bakker scandal-ridden PTL, and his participation and support of the charismatic Washington For Jesus rally, are but two of many examples of this. We now see in the 10/97 *Charisma* that he has preached at John & Anne Gimenez's charismatic Rock Church in Virginia Beach. And charismatic leader Stephen Strang, editor of the movement's main magazine (*Charisma*), recently paid a bridge-building visit to Falwell and came away praising his openness to charismatics. Integrity Music (charismatic) is planning to record a live praise and worship album at Liberty and even Strang said this seemed "incongruous"! Liberty is also working with Integrity to establish a praise and worship institute. In Nov. 1996 Falwell was said to be dually aligned with the Baptist Bible Fellowship and the Southern Baptist Convention. "Fundamentalists" who continue to feature him in their pulpits do so at great peril to their testimonies, and thus identify themselves with the notorious charismatic movement of our day. We must take the old stance of the boyfriend who told his wavering girlfriend that, "I won't hold your hand until you let go of his."

CALVINISM CAUSING RIFT IN SBC? - Currently two of the Southern Baptist Convention's six seminary presidents are proponents of Reformed theology - Southern's R. Albert Mohler, and Midwestern's Mark T. Coppenger (10/6 *Chr. Today*). "Limited atonement" was an amplified theme at the July Founders Conference at

the SBC's Samford University (Birmingham). Iain Murray (Scotland) was a speaker. This conference is a loose-knit network of SB Calvinists who say their doctrine was the theology of most early SBC leaders (8/5 *Ind. Baptist*). But this is disputed. Former SBC president Jerry Vines asks: "Are you a Calvinist, or are you an Arminian? If you are either, you are a religious humanist, because that is a man-centered theology instead of a God-centered theology. I could care less what Calvin believed, and I could care less what Arminius believed. I want to know what the revealed Word of God has to say." Southwestern's retired church history professor William R. Estep warns of the "Calvinizing of Southern Baptists."

GRAHAM AND CATHOLIC UNIVERSALISM - The following are Dr. Billy Graham's answers from a May 31 television interview by Dr. Robert Schuller (5-6/97 *Foundation*): "I think everybody that loves Christ, or knows Christ, whether they're conscious of it or not, they're members of the Body of Christ....They may not even know the name of Jesus but they know in their hearts that they need something they don't have, and they turn to the only light they have, and I think they are saved, and that they're going to be with us in heaven....They've believed in their hearts that there was a God, and they've tried to live a life that was quite apart from the surrounding community...." Dr. Robert Kofahl, says: "The doctrine that Dr. Graham expressed...is exactly what the Pope and the Ecumenical Institute in Rome have been teaching for years. This is the idea that any pagan, practicing idolatrous worship, having no slightest knowledge of the Bible, the gospel of grace, or the Person and name and redeeming work of Jesus Christ - if he is a 'good person' and if he is sincere in whatever he may believe - is automatically 'redeemed by the blood of Christ.'"

NATIONAL BAPTISTS FORGIVE LYONS - At its annual meeting last month, the National Baptist Convention USA, the nation's largest black Baptist denom, voted to forgive its scandal-plagued president Rev. Henry Lyons for numerous alleged improprieties (9/1 *CC*). An Ethics Commission headed by Rev. E.V. Hill recommended this.

FULLER SEMINARY'S PLUNGE - Fuller Theological Seminary was founded in 1947 to promote Biblical inerrancy. But under Pres. David Allan Hubbard it repudiated inerrancy and has become "a headquarters for indoctrinating students in ecumenism, psychology, and charismatic heresies" (see 2/1 *CC*). In Dec. 1995 it hosted a World Council of Churches meeting. It supports women's ordination. Its current president, Richard Mouw, said those who shaped Fuller from the beginning wanted it to be an agent for change (10/6 *Chr. Today*). He said: "Early on, the school backed away from the separatism and dispensationalism that had been associated with fundamentalism of the 1940s, adopting a more conciliatory posture." Fuller's radio ministry lost 100,000 names from its mailing list in 1955 when some seminary faculty members endorsed the Revised Standard Version.

CHANGES WITHIN THE SBC - Trustees of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board have approved recommending LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention as the new name for the 106-year-old agency. The salary of its president, James T. Draper, was recently raised to over \$200,000 a year. O. S. Hawkins recently resigned as pastor of First Baptist, Dallas, the Criswell Church, to head up the SBC Annuity Board. His salary is similarly high. Meanwhile, the executive committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention approved a proposal to maintain but modify the GBC's relationship with Mercer University. The report said Mercer Pres. R. Kirby Godsey's views "dramatically deviate from orthodoxy...." (*Ala. Baptist*). The committee also proposed changes to Mercer's trustee board.

LIBERTY U. GETS SURPRISE GIFT - Since 1990 Liberty University has reduced its debt load from \$110 million to \$10 million. In August a judge approved the sale of \$22 million in outstanding bonds to a family that wished to remain anonymous. The family purchased the bonds and donated them back to the university. Liberty has grown to 14,000 students, its largest student body ever.

LEE COLLEGE - The Church of God (Cleveland, TN) is the oldest Pentecostal organization in the world. Its Lee College (now a university) in recent years has edged ever closer into the charismatic movement. Today Lee trains 85 percent of its students for secular professions. Rich and Helen DeVos, owners of Amway, are perhaps

Lee University's largest supporters. Its president, Paul Conn, was a speaker at the 3/95 NAE convention in Louisville. The 10/97 *Charisma* says Conn is proud of Lee's inclusive policy. Last year, speakers included Jack Hayford and Tony Campolo. Singers included Babbie Mason and Bill Gaither. Lee also now is said to have "a more relaxed atmosphere," and has liberalized certain dress and movie taboos "to meet modern demands."

FLIGHT ATTENDANT TO SUE SCHULLER - The flight attendant who accused Dr. Robert H. Schuller of assaulting him in June plans to file a \$5 million lawsuit against him (9/15 *Chr. News*). He says Schuller drank alcohol, and shook him vigorously, causing injuries and pain. Schuller is pastor of the Crystal Cathedral and an "advisor" to President Clinton. Dr. Allen P. Dickerson says (9/97 *Maranatha Baptist Watchman*) Schuller "who has such a loving ministry that he will never preach on the wrath of God for fear of driving people away from God and will never call lost people sinners, lost his cool...."

BWM MEETING - Dr. Paul Auckland and Faith Baptist Church of Sellersville, PA will host the 37th annual meeting of Baptist World Mission, Oct. 19-22. The *CC* editor's daughter and family are members of FBC, and his pastor, Dr. Greg McLaughlin, is one of the speakers.

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WAS MOTHER TERESA A CHRISTIAN? - Catholic nun Mother Teresa died last month. She did "many wonderful works" in ministering to India's poorest of the poor. She was a Nobel Prize winner and a universalist ("we are all children of God") who told dying people to "Pray to whatever god you feel comfortable with." (4/1 CC). Billy Graham and Charles Colson have praised her profusely. But her theology bordered on blasphemy at times. She said of AIDS patients, "Each one of them is Jesus in a distressing disguise." She said "When we destroy an unborn child, we destroy God." She boldly and commendably spoke out against abortion to our president. David Cloud has a book, "Is Mother Teresa a True Christian?" available from: Way of Life Literature, 1701 Harns Road, Oak Harbor, WA 98277, \$5 postpaid. It deals with her beliefs and has an interview with one of her nuns.

WHO TO BLAME FOR DIANA'S DEATH? - A reckless, speeding, drunken driver was the most direct cause of her tragic death (alcohol kills hundreds daily). Indirect factors include: tabloid buyers, paparazzi, seat belts, bodyguard, and her boyfriend (may have ordered the driver to go fast). The list could go on. The treatment she received from a cheating husband (divorce, etc.) and his family, are other "what if" considerations. But don't forget, it was God's timing. Even with fame and fortune, sadly, the shy princess had problems: bulimia, despair, and suicide attempts. She was helping over 100 charities, but was going into left-wing things like land-mine banning and AIDS research. She was an admitted adulteress. We grieve for her sons and her death, but she is undeserving of public deification.

PERILOUS PORN PEDDLERS - The most profitable Internet sites today belong to peddlers of pornography. They expect revenues this year of up to \$200 million. In March, over 28 percent of home Internet users visited an "adult" Web site (8/97 *Moody*). Children use public library computers to access pornography and sexually-oriented online chat rooms. Pornography's pernicious lie: it promises pleasure, but delivers perversion. It undermines morality, leads men to destructive sexual addictions, degrades women, destroys marriages, corrupts youth, threatens public health, contributes to sexual crimes, and ruins neighborhoods (*Morality in Media*). Obscenity is neither a First Amendment right nor a "victimless crime." Convictions for obscenity law violations have sharply declined under Pres. Clinton.

GAMBLING FEVER - Record numbers of Americans are becoming addicted to gambling. An estimated 55

million play the lottery at least once a month, spending a staggering \$88 million/day on lottery games (9/97 *Charisma*). Gambling is a regressive tax on the poor who can least afford it.

AMERICA'S \$100 BILLION ALCOHOL PROBLEM - There are 40 million problem drinkers in the U.S. - people whose drinking causes economic, physical, or family harm but who are not technically alcoholic (physiologically dependent on alcohol). Twenty percent of American adults are problem drinkers, compared with 5 percent who are alcohol dependent. In Wisconsin, 25 percent of residents say they binge drink. Alcohol figures in 41 percent of traffic crash fatalities, is a factor in 50 percent of homicides, 30 percent of suicides, and 30 percent of accidental deaths (9/8 *USN & WR*). AA has an estimated 1.2 million U.S. members. If alcoholism is a disease, why is the treatment non-medical?

HYBELS & WILLOW CREEK - Bill Hybels pastors Willow Creek Community Church, a near-Chicago megachurch of about 17,000 who attend its seeker-friendly services. Hybels says: "Monthly I meet privately with Pres. Clinton to provide spiritual mentoring and encouragement for him." (9/97 *Charisma*). Wheaton Prof. Gilbert Bilezikian, Willow Creek's theological guru and a founding elder, reveals that Willow Creek will not hire to its ministerial staff anyone who is not committed to a feminist/egalitarian agenda (5/97 *NLJ*). Hybels says: "We encourage women to identify and develop and use their spiritual gifts. We don't restrict any office or position in the church on the basis of gender." He said on some Sundays, women might be in the pulpit (7/31 *Ala. Baptist*). Hybels often speaks at Robert Schuller's church. He says Willow Creek's theology is like that of Wheaton College or the Billy Graham Association.

SODOMITES ARE NOT GAY - Phil Arms in his *Promise Keepers: Another Trojan Horse* book says: "Gay' is a misnomer. I have never met a 'gay' homosexual. These people are not happy. Theirs is a world of dark bondage inundated with inordinately high rates of drug addiction and alcoholism. The suicide rate among homosexual men as a group is appalling. Many homosexuals are infected with four or five venereal diseases simultaneously". Arms says the worldwide AIDS plague is primarily a homosexual disease in North America. He says homosexuals could find deliverance through the power of an indwelling Holy Spirit if they would repent and cease their rebellious and perverted lifestyle. He adds: "It is a spiritual constant that when perversion among a minority is tolerated and condoned by the majority, soon the majority will begin to suffer the consequences that come upon the perverse minority."

KING'S NIECE OPPOSES HOMOSEXUAL BILL - The niece of Martin Luther King spoke out against a proposed Calif. law that would equate homosexual civil rights with race. She said: "No one is enslaving homosexuals or making them sit in the back of the bus." (8/27 *Kan. Chr.*).

PROMISE KEEPERS FRAUDULENT - A new book by Phil Arms entitled *Promise Keepers: Another Trojan Horse* says: "Camouflaged under the cloak of Christian ministry, Promise Keepers ranks among the most fraudulent, spurious and dangerously pretentious deceptions in more than 2,000 years of Church history." Arms never questions the sincerity of PK leaders, but says of Bill McCartney (Catholic background) and his Vineyard pastor James Ryle: "Their extreme, bizarre and far-fetched doctrinal positions represent the very core of Promise Keepers' origin, existence and agenda." The author analyzes PK's "seven promises," its Catholic-Mormon involvement, and Ryle's earlier claim that "God told him" that the Beatles were anointed to bring a worldwide revival. Arms spent 15 years as a Southern Baptist evangelist, and has pastored Houston Church for over ten years. While we do not agree with the theology, or practices, of a few men he favorably quotes, we believe this book is much-needed and would be a very valuable reference tool. It has 332 pages + 82 pages of appendices, etc. The cost is \$15.95. Call 1-800/829-9673 to order.

McCARTNEY & CATHOLICISM - Promise Keepers founder Bill McCartney was (is?) a Roman Catholic whose "conversion" to the Vineyard movement, a hyper-charismatic group with strong conviction that God is giving new revelation today, led to the birth of PK. In ages past to leave the Catholic church and renounce its doctrines would result in excommunication, branding one a heretic. During the Reformation, tens of thousands of godly Christians were slaughtered and tortured for rejecting the profane Mass (*Promise Keepers: Another*

Trojan Horse, p.134). Yet the cozy relationship today between McCartney and Catholicism suggests they have not parted company at all (see 8/1 *CC*). PK openly endorses the Catholic church, takes no stand against its occultic practices/beliefs, welcomes Catholics as brothers in the faith, and has a Catholic on its board of directors.

PK'S 'FAITH ALONE' REVISION - Early this year, Promise Keepers changed "by faith alone" (for salvation) to "Only through faith, trusting in Christ alone" in its "statement of faith." This subtle change may seem harmless, but it was done to please Catholics. Catholics can accept that salvation is by grace and faith, but not by these *alone*. They mix works/sacraments with faith. *O Timothy* editor David Cloud quotes the PK revision (and more) from the July 20 *Our Sunday Visitor*, a Catholic paper, and discusses the significance of the change. Contact him at: Way of Life Literature, 1701 Harns Road, Oak Harbor, WA 98277, Phone # 360/675-8311.

JACK HAYFORD A PK ECUMENICAL- Jack Hayford is a tongues-speaking charismatic and pastor of The Church on the Way, a Foursquare Gospel church in Van Nuys, Calif. He is also a Promise Keepers supporter and speaker, board member, and author of the book *The Seven Promises of a Promise Keeper*. In this book he says: "Redeeming Worship centers on the Lord's Table. Whether your tradition celebrates it as communion, the Eucharist, the Mass or the Lord's Supper, we are all called to this centerpiece of Christian worship." The Mass is blasphemous. Phil Arms, in his new book *Promise Keepers: Another Trojan Horse*, says: "True Christians should feel a righteous indignation when they hear a teacher who is as widely known as Pastor Hayford say that there is no difference between the table of our Lord and the demon-driven, satanically-inspired activity of the Catholic Church's Eucharist." Hayford in recent years has spoken for Robert Schuller, Oral Roberts University, and also new-evangelical conferences such as at the Billy Graham/L. Ford Lausanne II, the National Association of Evangelicals, and the National Religious Broadcasters.

WAKE FOREST APOSTASY - Wake Forest University cut governance ties with the NC Baptist State Convention over a decade ago but continued to receive some Southern Baptist money. In 1993 it appointed "Mother Earth religious poet" Maya Angelou "Professor for Life" at a salary of \$100,000 (5/15/93 *CC*). WFU has now designated 1997-98 as the "Year of Religion" and the program will feature speakers and topics on worldwide faiths. Featured in September: a Buddhist monk, a rabbi, and an Appalachian snake handler (8/31 *News & Record*). Other speakers this year include Tony Campolo and PBS newsman Bill Moyers. Bill Leonard is program chairman and dean of Wake Forest's new divinity school.

NEW GOTHARD REPORT - Rick Miesel has doubled the size of his earlier report on Bill Gothard (it is now 23 pages) and has included comments about a recent complaint letter he received from Gothard. Gothard is a 1957 graduate of Wheaton College and presents Basic Life Principles (IBLP) seminars to large crowds in cities across America. His ecumenical fellowship base is very broad and includes new-evangelicals and charismatics. The booklet is available for \$1.00 postpaid from: Biblical Discernment Ministries, P.O. Box 679, Bedford, IN 47421.

POPE APPROVES OF CHARISMATIC CATHOLICS Charismatic Catholics danced in the aisles in Pittsburgh last June and celebrated 30 years of "renewal" (9/97 *Charisma*). These people speak in tongues and clap their hands. Pope John Paul II has given his official blessing to the renewal but few cardinals or bishops have embraced it.

POSTMODERNITY - Since the early 1960s, the modern world view was gradually replaced with a postmodern world view. James Grier told recent GARBCers: "Although post-modernity has many things in common with modernity, it also has distinctive differences from modernity. One of the key elements of postmodern thought is its belief that there are no known standards whereby truth claims can be judged as true or false or values be judged as superior or inferior. This means that no religion can be judged superior or inferior to another. Multiculturalism has become the agenda in politics, education, and the media..." (9/97 *Bapt. Bulletin*).

SEPARATION URGENTLY NEEDED - Ecumenical fellowships are leading us back to Roman Catholicism. Dr. O. Talmadge Spence, Pres., Foundations Bible College, says (8/97 *Straightway*): "Because of the increasing artistry of error and deception, men are compromising with apostates directly or through unseparated brethren indirectly. More and more former fundamental soldiers are leaving the battlefield from fright and fatigue, while others are leaving their former separated walk for doubtful platforms and unseparated pulpits. Ecclesiastical separation remains urgently needed as was practiced by our forebears to historic Fundamentalism. Scriptural sanctification demands this separation."

ACCC '97 MEETING - The American Council of Christian Churches' 56th Annual Convention is slated for Oct. 21-23, at Cedar View Independent Methodist Church, Kingsport, TN. Dr. Jim Fields is host pastor, and is chairman of the World Council of Biblical Churches which also meets in conjunction with ACCC meetings. Dr. Ralph Colas is ACCC Exec. Sec'y, and Dr. Richard Harris is ACCC President. Theme is: "The Challenge to Biblical Authority." Speakers include: Dr. Harris, Rev. Mark Franklin, Chap. Floyd Chapman, IBFNA Moderator Dr. Clay Nuttall, Dr. John McKnight, Rev. G.W. Fisher, and Dr. Bob Jones III. Panel discussion topics: "The Challenge of New Evangelicalism" and, "Problems the Charismatic Movement is Creating on the Mission Fields."

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NCC OFFICIAL ENDORSES PP SEX-ED VIDEO- A new Planned Parenthood sex-education video ("Talking About Sex") carries the enthusiastic endorsement of American Baptist minister Rev. Joe Leonard, a senior official from the National Council of Churches who is responsible for this ecumenical group's Christian education (8/22 *Human Events*). The PP video kit calls abortion "safe" and homosexuality "fulfilling," and seems to OK unmarried sex.

EUTHANASIA SLIPPERY SLOPE-- The Netherlands has moved from euthanasia for the terminally ill to euthanasia for the chronically ill, from euthanasia for physical illness to euthanasia for psychological distress, and from voluntary to involuntary euthanasia (9/97 *Reader's Digest*). Once killing is allowed in some cases, it's easier for doctors to cross the line into ever grayer areas. A patient's "right to die" subtly becomes a "duty to die" and a doctor's "license to kill." Jack Kevorkian - "Dr. Death" - has assisted in at least 45 "suicides." Many were not terminally ill and a few showed no signs of disease. The media legitimize Kevorkian's activities by calling him a doctor, but they don't tell that his medical license was suspended in 1991.

MORMONISM BIG, BUT A FALSE CULT- Mormonism is one of the fastest growing religions in the world. It claims to be Christian, but is not. Mormons believe in another Jesus, a different spirit, and a false gospel (9/97 *Moody*). Their founder/Prophet Joseph Smith was involved in the occult. Of 112 revelations he claimed to receive, 88 pertained to fiscal matters (8/4 *Time*). Mormonism is confusing because it uses Bible words but with different meanings. No Mormon cities in the Book of Mormon have been found. No Hebrew inscriptions have been found in Indian ruins. No ancient copies of transcripts or manuscripts (or pieces) of the Book of Mormon have ever been found. Historical facts contradict the Book of Mormon. A former Mormon says polygamy is alive and growing in Utah and the West (7/14 *Chr. News*). Mormons own the top beef ranch in the world - the 312,000-acre Deseret Cattle & Citrus Ranch outside Orlando, Fla. Its AgReserves in Salt Lake City is the largest producer of nuts in America.

KUBLER-ROSS, PROPHET OF DEATH - Psychiatrist Elizabeth Kubler-Ross's 1969 book *On Death and Dying* helped launch the hospice movement in America. She became involved in the 1970s with a New Age cult, "spirit guides," and practiced "out of body" experiences (1/15/91 *CC*). Her husband divorced her. She now, incapacitated by strokes, sits home in Arizona "smoking cigarettes, watching TV and waiting to die." (Dr. Hugh

Pyle, 8/22 *Sword*). She says: "I don't give a hoot about the afterlife, reincarnation or anything. I'm finished, and I'm not coming back."

PAGAN REVIVAL IN CHRISTIAN AMERICA - This is the sub-title of a big new book by evangelical scholar Dr. Peter Jones (Westminster Seminary) entitled *Spirit Wars*. It is chock-full of vital documentation on New Agers, radical feminists, the homosexual agenda, witchcraft and goddess worship, and Gnosticism. It names names and gives quotations. People like Mollenkott, Fox, Jung, Bultmann, Ruether, Daly, and many more. The 5-page index enhances its value as a reference book. Jones depicts the collision of two world views: pagan monism and theism - the earth goddess and the God who made heaven and earth. "Monism teaches people to 'look for god within you,' while theism seeks to direct man's eyes outward and upward toward God." Order the book from Main Entry Editions, P.O. Box 952, Siloam Springs, AR 72761 (1-800-574-2978).

NEW BIBLE FOR GLOBAL RELIGION - Episcopal Bishop William Swing and comrades are trying to establish a UR (United Religions) and Global Ethic to harness religions to serve a world church and government. Former Soviet ruler Gorbachev, as a self-appointed environmental messiah, is framing an Earth Charter to fuse socialism and mysticism into a UN-approved new world religion (8/18 *New Amer.*). Dr. Peter Jones' new book warns of a proposed new World Bible to "provide theological foundations for the New Age gospel of egalitarian feminism, sexual androgyny in all its perverse forms, the unity of all religions, the denial of sin, the rejection of the atonement, in a word, the extreme paganization of the Christian faith."

MOLLENKOTT A HOMOSEXUAL-Virginia Mollenkott, a "deconstructed" evangelical, is actually a pro-abortion feminist New Ager (11/1/93 *CC*), and "a practicing lesbian who promotes adultery and repudiates the Christian faith" (11/25 *Chr. News*). She is quoted as follows in the pro-gay Evangelicals Concerned's Spring 1997 *Record* concerning *Ellen's* recent "coming out": "I came of age in the 1940s and 1950s, discovering my own sexuality at a time when only negative information was available to me. I was one of the many gay teenagers who have attempted suicide, because we cannot fit in - one of those to whom *Ellen* dedicated her dual coming-out. When the show ended, I sat thinking about the parties all over the country. I thought of the many gay women and men celebrating perhaps the most public affirmation we had ever received."

CATHOLICS APPEAL SEXUAL-ABUSE JUDGMENT - A Dallas jury recently ordered the Catholic diocese there to pay a record \$119.6 million for covering up for an ex-priest accused of molesting altar boys. Rudy Kos' sexual-abuse victims were as young as nine when he began, yet his superior tries to shift blame to the parents and kids.

ED DOBSON & HOMOSEXUALS - Dr. Ed Dobson pastors Calvary Church (Grand Rapids), the old M.R. DeHaan church. It hosted the 1988 IFCA convention. Dobson, an Advisory Editor of *Christianity Today*, seems to be headed in an ever more leftward course. His "Saturday Night" services feature rock music. In the 5/20/96 *CT* Dobson says: "Our church is on a journey of discovering the social implications of the gospel." He has had an intensive ministry with/to homosexuals, and including the pro-homosexual Metropolitan Community Church (8/1/93 *CC*). Dobson said, "If our church gets overrun with homosexuals, that will be terrific." His attitude-toward-AIDS message has traveled as far as the World Council of Churches, which invited him to sit on an HIV consulting group the past two and a half years (8/11 *CT*). He seemingly has strayed far from where he was over a decade ago when he, as a Falwell associate, claimed to be a Fundamentalist. But, as many warned, he was already headed in a new-evangelical direction.

GRAHAM'S METHODOLOGY - In his review of Billy Graham's "book of the century," *Just As I Am*, Columbia International University president emeritus Robertson McQuilkin writes (8/11 *CT*): "It is clear that Billy's approach is open and warm to everyone - Catholic, Orthodox, liberal. Everyone but fundamentalists. His unswerving commitment to ecumenical inclusivism is a central theme. So his theological blood brothers, the fundamentalists, won't follow him. It is disingenuous to say that they are alienated from Graham because fundamentalists as a class are more hypocritical and unloving than others. Nor is it fair to say they should not be so rigid about methodology. For them it's not method; it's doctrine. They believe it sinful disobedience to

cooperate with unbelievers in spiritual ministry. Billy studiously disregards many doctrines that divide Christendom and majors on what unites...His emphasis is on the unity of the faith more than the purity of it. His ministry is evangelism. [He defines] racism as a moral issue (to be pursued) and abortion a political issue (to be avoided) Billy consciously avoids/downplays theological distinctions. It's clear [?] that he adheres to the fundamentals of the faith because he says so." !

PK PIQUES IRELAND'S IRE - National Organization for Women (NOW) president Patricia Ireland last month announced a national "No Surrender" campaign in which NOW plans to portray Promise Keepers as a conservative political group intent on forcing women into subservient roles (8/30 *H. Times*). PK denies this and expects to draw several hundred thousand men to Washington, DC Oct. 4 for an ecumenical spiritual rally. Attendance at its 1997 stadium events was down by about 25 percent. One reason: Many plan instead to go to the Washington rally. PK's 1997 budget was \$117 million.

PLURALISM, RELATIVISM, NO ABSOLUTE TRUTH The message of pluralism is that all truth is relative and that all religious beliefs - even those that flatly contradict each other - deserve equal respect. Researcher George Barna says: "Among 'born-again' Christians, 2 out of 3 say there is no absolute truth. That's pretty frightening." He added: "Forty-five percent believe that Jesus was a sinner." (9/97 *Moody*). Pluralism tracer Mark Albrecht says: "At the turn of the century, between 1 and 2 percent of [Americans] believed in reincarnation. Today, between 28 and 30 percent believes in reincarnation."

LU'S INTERIM PRESIDENT - Liberty University has hired John Borek - an academician with financial expertise - as its interim president following the abrupt retirement of founding president (now is LU chaplain) A. Pierre Guillerman (9/1 *CT*). Falwell remains chancellor.

SBC-CATHOLIC DIALOGUE - In 1989 a Southern Baptist - Roman Catholic dialogue group issued a 163-page joint report of basic agreement on what it means to be followers of Christ (12/1/90 *CC*). We received a flyer last month advertising a national conference on cults and the occult to be held at SBC's Beeson Divinity School (Samford University), Sept. 19-21, sponsored by Beeson, Watchman Fellowship, and Evangelical Ministries to New Religions. The flyer listed the speakers as: Drs. Norman Geisler, Wayne House, Ronald Enroth, Timothy George, and Mark Coppenger. It said of the latter, who is president of the SBC's Midwestern Seminary: "Dr. Coppenger is also a participant in the annual SBC/National Council of Catholic Bishops dialogue." With a speaker engaged in dialogue with a most flagrant cult (Romanism), we can hardly expect this cult to be considered a cult at this national conference on cults.

LUTHERAN OVERTURES TO CATHOLICS-The ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) approved a plan to share clergy and Communion with three major Reformed churches, but fell six votes shy of linking with Episcopalians. The ELCA, America's largest and most liberal Lutheran Church, also at its August meeting, declared the battle was over in the centuries-long division with Catholics and voted 958 to 25 to approve a statement declaring that past condemnations no longer apply.

EPISCOPALIANS & HOMOSEXUALS - Episcopalians, severely divided over homosexuality, apologized to "gays" and lesbians at their July convention. They voted to study blessing same-sex unions, extend insurance benefits to domestic partners, voted down attempts to prohibit sexually active gay clergy, and elected a new liberal presiding bishop sympathetic to homosexual concerns. They have 7 female bishops and some 1,500 female priests.

IS SEPARATION STILL IMPORTANT? - Rev. John E. Ashbrook has a new 4-page pamphlet with this title in the 8/97 Ohio Baptist Fellowship *Visitor*. He said: "The cutting edge of separation was removed from the *Voice* magazine and the [Independent Fundamental Churches of America] moved from fundamental to new evangelical in a short period of time. Silence will always lead to the weaker position, not the stronger one." He said of the appeal of new evangelicalism: "The orig

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12-STEP PROGRAMS ARE HARMFUL - Alcoholics Anonymous was founded in 1935 and the spread of its 12 Steps has been devastating. Thousands of groups and most codependency/recovery groups utilize the 12 Steps in some form. Tim Stafford (*Chr. Today*) says the 12 Steps are Christian yet they don't mention Christ. Bill Hybels' Willow Creek Church is one of thousands sponsoring 12- step programs (8/97 *Berean Call*). Dave Hunt says the 12 Steps of A.A. came by direct inspiration from the demonic world and open the door to the occult. He says: "12-step programs are doing great harm by turning people away from the true God to a false higher power, and by denying the sufficiency of God's Word and robbing multitudes of its transforming power." Martin & Deidre Bobgan (4137 Primavera Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93110) and Cathy Burns (212 E. 7th St., Mt. Carmel, PA 17851) have books on this.

CATHOLIC NOW HELPS DIRECT PK - Mike Timmis, a Roman Catholic, is now serving on the Promise Keepers Board of Directors. He is scheduled to speak at the 1997 Catholic Men's Conference at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, a staunch Roman Catholic institution which holds annual conferences defending the RC doctrine of Mary as the sinless Queen of Heaven. The conference brochure also announces the "Mary, Mercy, and the Eucharist Conference," and a photo has a Catholic priest holding a rosary, a set of beads used to count ritualistic prayers to Mary. [July-Aug. 1997 *Proclaiming the Gospel*]

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IS ABOUT MONEY - Millard Fuller, President and Founder of Habit For Humanities Int'l (HFH) addressed the Plenary Session of Habitat II last June in Turkey. He expressed a kinship with the United Nations Habitat. "Sustainable" was the buzzword of this conference. Sustainable housing as a global human right is a goal. But HFH is also mainly about money. It sold 3,500 houses last year, just in the U.S. It sold 10,000 worldwide (7-8/97 *Christian Conscience*). In addition to mortgage interest payments per house, HFH gets government funded administrative expenses, free building materials/equipment, 12,000,000 free man-hours /year of carpenter labor, and much more. HFH's Church Relations Department says by the year 2000, Habitat "will have formed partnerships with half the churches in the U.S." Local churches will be expected to tithe 10% to help fill the HFH's ecumenical international collection plate.

NEED LESS GOVERNMENT - "It is not the business of government to do good but to prevent harm. When

governments try to do good they generally get themselves and other people in trouble." (Calvin Coolidge, 8/1 *Baptist Vision*). Good advice to be heeded, from a former president!

UNITED RELIGIONS INITIATIVE 2000 - Episcopal Bishop William Swing wants a United Religions to locate in San Francisco's Presidio. He envisions many satellite centers around the world. He says: "For the next four years, we will be meeting in the San Francisco Bay Area to write the charter, and in the year 2000, on June 26, we want people of all religions to walk down their village or their town or their city to be a walking symbol of the religions together and also to sign the charter." (May-June *Foundation*) Dr. Marion Reynolds says: "Satan's scheme is to replace the Lord Jesus Christ, God's coming perfect Prince of Peace, with an ecumenical Tower of Babel. The United Religions Initiative is yet another vain attempt of man to bring unity and peace among men and religions apart from God's way as found only in the Bible."

WYCLIFFE USED BY CIA, ROCKEFELLERS? - A 1996 book is reviewed by Sarah Leslie in the July-Aug. *Christian Conscience* (P.O. Box 17346, Des Moines, IA 50317) which covers a long history of interlocking connections between the Rockefeller family, Wycliffe Bible Translators and the CIA. Though written by liberal leftists, there are 65 pages of small-print, documented footnotes. It says missionaries were often used to "pacify" the Indian tribes (So. America, etc.) while their land was being raided for oil or mineral reserves. Wycliffe began enjoying the favor of CIA agents and government officials, and corporations who donated lots of money, planes, land, etc. to WBT. Liberals have made similar charges before, and that missionaries cooperated in the genocide of tribes, but Leslie, admittedly skeptical at first, said the documentation became overwhelming. The book's authors opined that most missionaries in the field were unaware of the big picture. Wycliffe, and its Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL), has a long history of collaborating with Catholics, liberal denominations, the UN, etc. (e.g., see 3/15/89, 9/15/93 *CCs*).

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION SCANDAL - Funds from the National Baptist Convention USA, U.S.'s largest black denomination, reportedly went toward the down payment on a \$700,000 Florida house that NBC president Rev. Henry Lyons bought with a woman who is not his wife. He had denied this, but his wife was arrested for setting fires there after she learned he owned it with Bernice Edwards, a convicted embezzler (8/15 *H. Times*). Other charges against Lyons relate to deception regarding his marriages, and his and Edwards' lavish spending.

BIBLE IS COMMUNISM'S MAIN ENEMY - Recently, Jiang Zhemín, pres. of China and head of the Communist Party, said, "Our enemy is not those with guns, but missionaries with Bibles." (WITW). Christians take note!

SBF SPEAKERS - Speakers for the Oct. 6-8 Southwide Baptist Fellowship (Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga) include Drs. Gary Coleman, Tom Farrell, Bradley Price, Bob Gray, David Gibbs, David Wood, and Lee Roberson. Price is pastor of Northside Baptist Church, Charlotte, and, sadly, has Southern Baptists and other new-evangelicals in his pulpit on a recurring basis.

BAPTIST CHURCHES - The 1997 itinerary of evangelist Tim Lee as listed in his official publication contains a strange admixture of churches with ecclesiastical positions that vary from pro-ecumenical and Charismatic, to New-Evangelical and professing Fundamentalist stances (Jul-Aug *Fund. Digest*). *FD* editor Dr. Don Jasmin lists many of these churches by name, some of which we have earlier mentioned also. Lee, a dynamic preacher, is a dangerous "bridge-builder" to some linked to apostasy.

WHY CHRISTIANS CAN'T REMAIN CATHOLICS - The July-Aug. *Proclaiming the Gospel* lists and discusses six good reasons why Christians cannot remain in the Roman Catholic Church. 1) Its worship is idolatrous. 2) Its dogmas condemn Christians. 3) Its rituals are rooted in paganism. 4) Its authority is not divine. 5) Its doctrines are demonic. 6) Its teachings deny Christ.

EX-CATHOLICS FOR CHRIST, CHARISMATICS - A statement from the Association of Fundamentalists Evangelizing Catholics notes: "The Code of Behavior sent from Ex-Catholics for Christ (E.C.F.C.) specifically forbids exclusion of charismatics. They plan to hold their first conference in John MacArthur's church with John MacArthur, Dave Hunt and Joe Jordan as main speakers. Participating speakers include a charismatic ex-priest. Dr. Bill Jackson, President of A.F.E.C., writes: 'We realize the importance of the issue of Pentecostalism in the light of Roman Catholic evangelism. We regard Pentecostalism as a dangerous perversion of the message of the infinite Christ of the Bible. E.C.F.C.'s ignoring this danger causes us to approach them, as brothers in Christ, in the light of Gal. 6:1. We urge them to reconsider their Code of Behavior and exclude Pentecostals from participation. This would help, but other problems [e.g., separation] still exist that would keep us, as fundamentalists, from cooperation with E.C.F.C.' A.F.E.C. is a small group of nine missions whose bylaws state clearly they are non-ecumenical and non-charismatic.

SCHULLER PUNISHED - Televangelist Robert Schuller pleaded innocent to an assault charge of "shoving a male flight attendant" (see 8/15 CC). Prosecutors will drop those charges if he completes six months of federal supervision. He agrees to this and to pay a fine of \$1,100 to the FAA.

DENVER SEMINARY, CBA, CULTS - Denver Seminary is a member of the Conservative Baptist Association which is a member of the NAE (National Association of Evangelicals). Both Denver and CBA have become increasingly ecumenical, and strongly new-evangelical (e.g., see 9/1/91 CC). But more recently both seem to have a weak stance concerning cults. Denver has promoted books by Quaker "mystic/New Ager" Richard Foster, and its *Focal Point* (Sum.'97) said of new professor of Old Testament Dr. Richard Hess that he is a member of the Catholic Biblical Association. A book by Conservative Baptist minister Richard Allen Farmer was published by Seventh-day Adventists (9-10/96 *Fund. Digest*). Farmer is listed as a major participant at a Church Development Conference on "Waging Spiritual Warfare" Nov. 9-10 in Dallas, along with John MacArthur, Tony Evans, and Howard Hendricks (7-8/97 *Fund. Digest*). These are sad signs of a growing apostasy!

GARBC REPORT - David Gower replaces Vernon Miller as editor of the *Baptist Bulletin*. The General Association of Regular Baptist Churches at its recent annual meeting in Grand Rapids reported a loss of 24 churches over the past year with 10 new ones joining a net loss of 14. Next year's meeting will be at Lancaster, PA. The GARBC-approved schools and agencies are exercising ever greater control over the churches. Cedarville College and Cornerstone/Grand Rapids are very new-evangelical. Some other GARBC entities lag not too far behind. Rick Miesel cites "psychoheresy" inroads at Cedarville, and says "many, many GARBC churches are supporters of Promise Keepers" [notwithstanding, the resolution against PK]. ABWE hardly qualifies as separatist-fundamentalist. *Fundamentalist Digest* editor Dr. Don Jasmin comments on the GARBC's "Ecumenical Problem" thusly: "Dr. Bill Rudd has served as chairman of the GARBC's Council of 18, probably the most powerful and influential position in the GARBC. Rudd also serves as the chairman of the Cedarville College Board of Trustees. Rudd sent his men to a recent PK conference with his blessing. Rudd also promotes CCM music."

FALWELL LEADS MANY IN BBF TO COMPROMISE - Dr. Jerry Falwell, a Baptist Bible College (Springfield) grad, has long boasted membership in the Baptist Bible Fellowship. It is difficult to tell whether he is Southern Baptist, Interdenominational, Charismatic, or BBF. He associates with them all, and his church is now affiliated with the So. Baptist Convention. Pastor E.L. Bynum, editor of *Plains Baptist Challenger* (Tabernacle Baptist Church, P.O. Box 3100, Lubbock, TX 79452, \$5/yr.) says Falwell is also listed in the directory as a BBF member, and says quite a few in the BBF are following Falwell.

ACCC MOVES FORWARD - American Council of Christian Churches Executive Secretary Dr. Ralph Colas says: "Our recent move to Bethlehem [Pa.] is to enable us to move forward in the ministry we have had for 56 years. We want to cover religious meetings and give a vital perspective not available elsewhere. The religious

left as represented by the NCC/WCC would silence the voice of Bible-believing separatists if they were able to. No one can expect those in the inclusive National Association of Evangelicals to raise an effective testimony against the apostasy of the groups in the NCC/WCC. This would be difficult to do since the NAE accepts members from denominations still a part of the NCC/WCC. They remain an inclusive organization with a large representation of charismatic groups." Dr. Colas has press credentials for the Sept. 11-19 Central Committee meeting of the World Council of Churches. The WCC is in a state of great change. Decisions at this meeting will greatly influence the WCC's 8th Assembly, Dec. 3-14, 1998 in Zimbabwe. It will finalize documents on topics that require vital decisions at Zimbabwe. Dr. Colas says "Relying on God's help and strength, the ACCC is not in a mode to retreat from the battle against God's enemies, but to go forward!"

BOOKS TO CONSIDER - We recently received a copy of a 324-page book by Michael D. McCubbins, entitled *THOUGH I SPEAK: A Biblical Study of the Qualifications of a Prophet*. It is recommended by several fundamentalist leaders. This well-researched study of the "sign gifts" and the Biblical meaning and qualifications of a prophet is helpful in refuting the Charismatic "wild fire" of our day. It is available from the author at: 20422 Tuba St., Chatsworth, CA 91311, \$15 (in USA). * Dr. McCubbins' 1996 book, *Sedition In Missions*, is on special sale during Sept. for only \$6 postpaid. It is a critique of problems among churches, missionaries, and missions (with special focus on GARBC/ABWE). Order from: Bethel Baptist Bookstore, 754 E. Rockhill Road, Sellersville, PA 18960.

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HOMOSEXUALS DESTROY LIVES - First of all, they do so by drawing others into their way of life, which is horribly destructive *physically*. The median age of death for married men is nearly twice that of homosexuals: 75 compared with 39. Only 1 percent of homosexuals live beyond retirement age of 65. The average age of death for married women is 79 compared with 45 for lesbians. Homosexuals are 87 times more likely to commit suicide and 23 times more likely to die from heart attacks. They account for nearly 90 percent of all AIDS cases. One in an exclusively homosexual lifestyle is *1,000 times more likely* to contract AIDS than a heterosexual. Yes, they destroy lives - their own and multitudes of others! Secondly, they destroy lives *morally* and *eternally* by leading others into their destructive sin. The tiny 2 percent minority making up the homosexual population consistently accounts for one-third to one-half of all sexual child abuse. [Adapted, July 1997 *Berean Call*].

FALWELL GETS BACK IN THE 'SALT' RING - Dr. Jerry Falwell in his August *National Liberty Journal* paper said the PTL, Bakker, and Swaggart scandals in the late 1980s did severe financial injury to the cause of Christ and eventually forced him to leave his Moral Majority "salt" ministry. He adds: "But I do believe the time has come for me to cautiously and prudently 'get back into the ring' and begin to resume my salt ministry." He said: "I believe God has given me the unique ability to debate the enemies of Christ and the opponents of Biblical values on their own platforms and beat them almost every time."

CHINA PERSECUTES CHRISTIANS - China allows Christians to practice their faith but only in churches registered with the government. About 10 percent of its churches have registered under what the Communist government calls the "Three Self Patriotic Movement," a form of spiritual mind control, while 90 percent of the believers worship in house churches, many persecuted because they do not regard the state as God (8/2 *World*). Those unlicensed who evangelize outside TSPM churches are arrested and often tortured (11/13/95 *CT*). China tolerates religion under the confines of government control.

GRAHAM'S DAUGHTER PREACHES - Anne Graham Lotz, daughter of Billy and Ruth Graham, led the opening devotion at the recent Christian Booksellers Association (7/28 *Chr. News*). She said the six creation days may have been normal days or long periods of time. She apparently frequently teaches the Bible and preaches (see 1 Tim. 2:12-14). Her father has said she is the best preacher in the family. She has preached at his

School of Evangelism (2/1/93 CC), and Texas So. Baptists featured her "stirring preaching" at their 1/96 Evangelism Conference (5/15/96 CC).

PSYCHIC HOT LINES - Interest in psychic phenomena is exploding. Tarot card sales are at an all-time high. Many Christians are among the hundreds of thousands of Americans who call psychics for spiritual guidance (8/97 *Charisma*). Americans spend as much as \$300 million a year on psychic hot lines. Fraud is rampant. Experts believe psychic phenomena generally fall into one of three categories: fraud, self-deception or divination. Trickery, mentalism, and illusion may be involved. Psychics are accurate only about 15 to 20 percent of the time. Many embrace New Age spiritualism, leading people to rely on powers that are dangerously demonic, or at best nonexistent.

SBC LEADERS PLEAD WITH CLINTON ON ABORTION - SBC president Tom Elliff and nine former presidents in a May 12 letter begged Pres. Clinton to reconsider his continued defense of the brutal partial-birth abortion method (*Salt*). SBC presidents last year asked Clinton, a member of Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock, to "repent" of his veto of the ban on this grisly procedure that resembles infanticide more than abortion. Clinton replied in 1996 that he would support a ban that would limit the procedure to cases where a woman risks death or serious damage to her health. But Clinton's position has been discredited since his 1996 letter and the SBC leaders wrote (1997) that it is "well established that there are no cases in which it is necessary to partly deliver a premature infant and then kill it in order to prevent injury to the mother." They cited a group of more than 500 physicians.

COR WANTS TO REBUILD CIVILIZATION - A July letter listed Coalition on Revival director Jay Grimstead's vision for COR. The Mission statement: "To help unify and mobilize the Church to rebuild civilization on the principles of the Bible." COR is one of many groups working towards an ecumenical consensus and unity in the church for the coming millennium. Many COR leaders are post-millennial Reconstructionists. The May *Christian Conscience* said COR shares dominionist beliefs with many leaders in the signs and wonders movement and has openly welcomed "signs and wonders" charismatics into positions of leadership. It said: "COR has adopted the very non-scriptural principle that 'the ends justify the means' by expanding their political consensus to include obvious cults, and by building ecumenical bridges with highly controversial, charismatic-fringe Christian groups." Jack Van Impe and David Noebel have been connected with COR. Current COR Steering Committee members include: Trinity Evangelical Divinity School professors Gleason Archer and Wayne Grudem, D. James Kennedy, Ronald Nash, Joseph Tson, NAE's Robert Dugan, John Witmer (Dallas Seminary), Gary DeMar, and ORU's Paul Chappell.

SBC-BWA-WCC RELATIONSHIPS - The Southern Baptist Convention is by far the largest member body of the apostate Baptist World Alliance. A large percentage of BWA member bodies relate to the World Council of Churches. It is estimated that BWA member bodies in the World Council of Churches would make up 15% of the total (BWA's 7-9/97 *Baptist World*). Some BWA member bodies such as the SBC have engaged in ecumenical conversations with a whole variety of other bodies including the Roman Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church. The *BW* article said Baptists who were suspicious of any move toward organic union between churches in the 1950s and 1960s are much more likely today to feel comfortable in an ecumenical milieu. Those who claim the Southern Baptist Convention is now "conservative" have to ignore its links to apostate one-world church movements. Be warned, be wise, beware!

GRAHAM PROMOTES BWA - Baptist World Alliance General Secretary Denton Lotz, in the July-Sept *Baptist World*, writes: "All over the world, Billy Graham is known by Baptists and other Christians as the greatest evangelist of this era. As a Baptist, he served us around the world...He has spoken at six Baptist World Congresses and encourages everyone to support the BWA. In 1995 the BWA honored Graham with a special award." Lotz included Roman Catholic Mother Teresa in his list of "heroes of the faith." Many BWA members relate to the liberal World Council of Churches, and the BWA is heavily financed by its largest member, the

SBC.

GOTHARD SPEAKER DIES DURING SERMON - Prominent Southern Baptist evangelist Mickey Bonner collapsed and died June 5 while preaching a sermon on humility and brokenness. He was addressing 16,000 people who had gathered in Knoxville, TN for a home schooling conference sponsored by Bill Gothard. The 8/97 *Charisma* said: "Although [Bonner] was Southern Baptist, he was widely accepted by charismatics because of his emphasis on spiritual gifts such as healing and deliverance."

SCHULLER ACCUSED OF ASSAULTING FLIGHT ATTENDANT - A dispute over wrinkled robes and cheese mixed with fruit led to Dr. Robert Schuller being accused of physically assaulting a flight attendant while flying to speak at the June 30 funeral of Malcolm X's widow. Schuller denied the allegations and said: "I'm very proud of who I am. I have not broken a single one of the Ten Commandments. I have not broken any of the teachings of Jesus Christ, and so I'm proud of my faith and my message." (7/14 *C. News*). Schuller is the liberal pastor of the Reformed Church in America's largest congregation, the 9,435-member Crystal Cathedral (Calif.) and seen by 20 million on his Hour of Power TV program.

NE PUBLISHERS' UNCHRISTIAN BOOKS - Some new-evangelical publishers publish some good books, but also a lot of theological poison and watered-down junk. Word's *Searching for God in America* portrays the different faiths (Islam, Buddhism) as equally valid paths to God. InterVarsity Press's *The Openness of God* and other works by Clark Pinnock maintain that God changes, that He condemns no one, and that salvation is possible apart from faith in Christ (7/21 *Chr. News*). Eerdmans puts out books from the perspective of contemporary liberal theology, Roman Catholicism, and even Judaism.

JENKS SUCCEEDS ZODHIATES AT AMG HELM - For 50 years Dr. Spiros Zodhiates has been pres. and CEO of AMG (originally American Mission to Greeks, then Advancing the Ministries of the Gospel, to reflect a wider focus). Now at 75, his son-in-law Paul Jenks (Taylor Univ. grad) is CEO (see 2/15/91 *CC* for more on AMG).

UR IS TO BE A UN FOR RELIGION - Nearly 200 delegates of world religions (Islam, Hindu, Sikh, etc.) wrapped up a weeklong meeting in the Presidio in San Francisco in June predicting they had given birth to a United Religions movement, a "spiritual United Nations" (see 6/15 *CC*). Led by Episcopal Bishop William E. Swing, they inaugurated formal efforts to come up with a structure and mission and launch a charter-writing process (7/14 *Chr. News*). The aim for the UR is that it be a world assembly to nurture harmony among religions.

TIM LEE'S YOUTH ALIVE '97 - Tim Lee's Youth Alive conference at Northside Baptist Church in Charlotte (see 6/1 *CC*) featured Johnny Pope and David Ring (a So. Baptist who speaks in SB and charismatic churches - see 7/15 *CC*). Greater Vision and the Mike Speck Trio provided the music. The July-Aug. *Northside News* had these comments: "Special surprise guest, Andy Pettitte, of the World Champion NY Yankees gave a testimony. The finale was worth the wait! As the Speck Trio sang a final song, fireworks erupted and a man portraying Jesus came down 60 feet from a cloud in the ceiling of the Worship Center. It was a real deal!! Dr. Tim Lee announced that Youth Alive V will return next year."

SPURGEON SAID IT: - "Neither when we have chosen our way can we keep company with those who go the other way. There must come with the decision for truth a corresponding protest against error." (8/1 *Baptist Vision*).

HINN'S LAVISH SPENDING, HERESIES - Charismatic "healer" Benny Hinn has launched a \$4.5 million fund raising campaign to renovate a 30,000-square-foot building for a World Media Center to house TV and production facilities. He recently implemented sweeping policy and personnel changes after CNN criticized his

lavish spending practices (8/97 *Charisma*). Hinn then fired some staff members after an internal investigation indicated that someone fed CNN unauthorized information. Hinn has had to shift his heretical views about the death of Christ, a nine-person Godhead, etc. (see 4/15/91, 10/15/92, & 11/1/93 CCs), and continues to praise Roman Catholicism. Jerry Falwell was featured with Hinn, Kenneth Hagin, and other charismatics as a speaker at the April 1996 Washington For Jesus rally.

NEW PICKERING BOOKLET - Dr. Ernest Pickering, Field Representative for Baptist World Mission, is a prolific writer and author of several books and booklets. His new 16-page booklet, *Our Tear-Washed Eyes-Why Does God Allow His People to Suffer?* gives a moving account of how he lost his eyesight last November (and entered "the realm of perpetual night"), and why God allows His children to suffer. It is available from BWM, P.O. Box 1463, Decatur, AL 35602, for \$1.00 postpaid.

D. CLOUD'S 'HANDBOOK OF BIBLICAL DIFFICULTIES' - *O Timothy* editor David W. Cloud has a new book entitled *Things Hard to Be Understood*. It has over 200 large 8.5 x 11 pages and sells for \$19.95 + \$4 for shipping. It seeks to explain difficult verses (e.g., unpardonable sin, baptism, cremation, ecumenism, TULIP, eternal security, miracles, hell, Purgatory, Mary, soul sleep, wine, women preachers, and Bible inspiration/preservation). You don't have to agree with everything to greatly benefit from this helpful book. Order from: Way of Life Literature, Bible Baptist Church, 1701 N. Harns Road, Oak Harbor, WA 98277.

ACCC HAS MOVED - The American Council of Christian Churches' office is now located in Bethlehem, PA. Reports on numerous religious conventions and meetings (PK, NAE, etc.) are available from the ACCC office at: PO Box 5455, Bethlehem, PA 18015. Phone: 610/865-3009.

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ALCOHOL IS ALSO BAD - Over 400,000 deaths each year are attributed to smoking. (A forthcoming book says obesity claims 300,000 premature deaths a year!) But the same arguments used against the tobacco industry can be used against the liquor industry. While the number of alcohol-related deaths in the U.S. each year is placed at 108,000 (7/7 *USN & WR*), it kills people in their prime, often in car crashes. It deprives people of more years of life than smoking does. Almost 14 million adults abused or were dependent on alcohol in 1992. Thirty percent of suicides, 50 percent of homicides, and 30 percent of accidental deaths are related to alcohol abuse. Two-thirds of violent crimes are committed by perpetrators using alcohol, and many babies are afflicted with fetal alcohol syndrome.

WHO IS DR. LAURA? - Columnist and author Dr. Laura Schlesinger gives advice on a daily radio program to over 20 million people. She was raised without religion by a Jewish father and Catholic mother who often argued. Her "on the air" abrasive style offends some. She emphasizes responsibility, accountability, and character, and gives much good advice. But since she is the most popular woman in radio, we need a closer look. The 7/14 *U.S. News*, in an in-depth critique of her "ministry," says televangelist Robert Schuller has turned over his pulpit to her more than once. It says: "Schlesinger admits now and then that moral absolutes don't always hold...[S]he has advised callers against honesty...She breaks with Jewish law to condone homosexuality...." She is divorced, remarried, and has a strong belief in evolution (12/15 *CC*). The *U.S. News* article says she found her life's purpose by reading in Genesis about the covenant between God and man. She said: "I'm a priest and my mission is to help God perfect the world!"

THE NEW AGE MOVEMENT - There are as many as 3,500 "new" religious groups in the U.S. today (4/7 *USN & WR*). The New Age Movement is an ecumenical movement of epic proportion sweeping our world today. It offers a menu of spiritual choices which can be combined like making soup. Pastor William Bischoff in the 6/16 *Christian News* said: "New Age thinking has permeated every area of society. Because it is so broad and diverse, it may seem difficult to pinpoint its basic philosophy, but such is not the case. The NAM is the embodiment of Eastern mysticism and has its origin in ancient Hinduism and the mystery religions of the Orient...New Age groups believe in the inter-connectedness of all things. All is one, and God is all. Therefore...God [is] in us. Man's great need is to discover the deity within [through] positive thinking,

meditation, visualization or drugs...." For Christians, the New Age worldview is the same old ancient, occult cosmology used by Satan in the Garden of Eden to tempt Eve.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS A DISASTER - Something is terribly wrong with the public school system. Violence has escalated; the growing emphasis on sex education, environmentalism, political correctness, and multiculturalism has crowded out the teaching of fundamentals; God and His eternal truths have been expelled from the classroom; free love and free living often replace self-discipline and respect for God, family, and country; and "Johnny" often does not know how to read-write-add-subtract, how to apply his mind, or how to tell right from wrong (7/21 *New Amer.*). Many college students are terribly underprepared-some 30 percent have to take remedial classes (5/19 *USN & WR*). In a dumbing down and conditioning process, schools promote socialism, relativism, globalism and ignorance. To seize control over the child from parents, America's most liberal labor union's (NEA) official resolutions advocate distributing condoms, promoting homosexuality, and providing abortion counseling without parental knowledge or consent. Trying to save public schools by throwing more money at the problem is like trying to save a drowning man by giving him a drink of water.

FEE-FOR-SERVICE COUNSELING - "Imagine what it would be like if pastors were to charge fees for ministering God's grace to [members] just like the fee-for-service biblical counselors. There would be fee-for-service worship services, fee-for-service Bible class and Sunday school, fee-for-service hospital visitations, fee-for-service prayer, fee-for-service funerals, baptisms, marriages, etc. Before or after providing each service, the provider would ask, "Will you pay by cash, check or credit card?" Martin and Deidre Bobgan pose the above scenario, and say: "We say categorically that any biblical counseling ministry that charges a price is unbiblical." (July-Aug. *PsychoHeresy Awareness Letter*). They cite Lk. 10:7, I Tim. 5:18, and I Cor. 9:11, but also cite I Cor. 9:18 and I Pet. 5:2.

HONG KONG CHRISTIAN LEADERS MUZZLED? - Christian leaders living in Hong Kong hold opposing views on how to deal with Chinese ministries in the future. Many who were formerly critical of the Communist Chinese government reportedly have been silenced by mission leaders (7/97 *Bapt. Bulletin*). References to persecution and the house church movement in China have disappeared, replaced with more neutral subjects in missions literature.

HOMOSEXUAL NEWS - Increasingly, gay/lesbian couples are becoming foster parents for thousands of children left stranded from parental abuse, abandonment or neglect-3100 in San Francisco alone (6/30 *C.News*). *** Atty. Gen. Janet Reno has endorsed legislation favoring homosexuals, and received an award from a gay group in June. (7/7 *CN*).

SBC CHIEF TOM ELLIFF PANS PRES. CLINTON - Southern Baptist Convention President Tom Elliff in his June 17 presidential address at the SBC annual meeting in Dallas listed seven areas where Southern Baptists are "winning the battle, but must finish the war." On Sanctity of Life he said SBs have clearly affirmed their belief that life is a gift from God and their opposition to abortion. "But as long as any person of any rank would claim affiliation with Southern Baptists while having such a cavalier disregard for the sanctity of life that partial-birth abortion remains as an option...there are still battles to be fought," he said (7/8 *Indiana Bapt.*). This, an obvious reference to President Clinton's stance permitting partial-birth abortions, brought a standing ovation.

GRAHAMS SIDE WITH RED CHINA - At a time when our nation is flooded with various goods produced by slave labor in Communist China, America's "revered" evangelist Billy Graham and his son Ned recently supported most-favored-nation trading status for a nation which practices infanticide and brutally persecutes Christians (7/19 *World*). The debate in Congress put the Grahams against Gary Bauer, James Dobson, and Ralph Reed who all opposed MFN status for the "evil empire." Graham said it is "far better for us to keep China as a friend than to treat it as an adversary." This seems closely akin to the rationale King Jehoshaphat used to "justify" his disastrous alliance with wicked King Ahab (2Chron. 18). Jehu's warning (2Chron. 19:2) still stands.

PK PRO-CATHOLIC OVERTURES & DUPLICITY - Promise Keepers' board of directors at its March meeting welcomed Mike Timmis, a Catholic charismatic renewal leader, as a new member. PK hosted a "Catholic Summit" in June at its Denver headquarters. Earlier this year, PK amended its statement of faith revising lines [e.g., "by faith alone"] offensive to Catholics. PK founder Bill McCartney told *Our Sunday Visitor* (a Catholic weekly, and the source for all the above) that full Catholic participation was his intention from the start. Fundamental Baptist News Service editor David W. Cloud comments on the above: "When questioned by 'Protestants' about Catholic participation in Promise Keepers, they claim they want Catholics to come simply because they want them to hear the Gospel and be saved...When questioned by Catholics about Catholic participation in PK, they claim they want to receive Catholics as they are as brothers in Christ without any desire to evangelize them away from their 'church.'" Ecumenicals such as PK, when forced to choose between doctrine and unity, ultimately opt for unity and forsake doctrine.

FOR ELCA? - Ecumenical proposals are being voted on this summer among some liberal denominations. Rev. Frank Senn, ecumenical officer for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), frets about the potential impact a Lutheran-Reformed full-communion agreement would have on other ecumenical relationships (*7/7 Christian News*). He said: "I'm in the camp that says our relationship with the Roman Catholic Church has to be the most important agenda for us." He added: "We're the ones who parted company in the 16th century, and we're the ones that must get back together again."

GENE EDWARDS' TEACHINGS - Some say Gene Edwards is "obviously a mystic" and term some of his teachings "heresy." (See 1/15 CC). He believes churches should be administered by laymen instead of pastors (*2/97 Christian Media*). He was pictured in 2-page ads appearing in *Charisma* and PK's *New Man* (April) on a panel of speakers which included liberal Robert Webber.

CAMPUS CRUSADE'S LEADER, BILL BRIGHT - The *7/14 Christianity Today* has a 10-page article on Dr. Bill Bright, the ecumenical founder and president of Campus Crusade. It mentioned that he received the Templeton Prize last year, and said "charismatics today are warmly embraced by Bright." Some evangelicals denounced him as a heretic for his endorsement of the 1994 Evangelicals and Catholics Together (ECT) statement of mutual recognition and cooperation. Some ask him to recant his position on ECT but he refuses, saying: "There are tens of millions of true believers among the Catholics...." True believers will separate from the false RC religion.

BLACK CHURCHES PUT UNITY OVER DOCTRINE - Many of the 5,200 African-American ministry leaders who met at Hampton University (Va.) in June devoted their efforts to bridge-building across the doctrinal chasms between eight historically black denominations with a combined membership of 26 million (*7/14 Chr. Today*). Bishop Samuel Green of the Church of God in Christ said: "We're headed toward unity in the black church, where all our denominations will eventually come together, forget about our doctrinal differences, and work as one for the benefit of the gospel of Jesus Christ."

RCs HOSTILE TO EX-PRIEST BART BREWER - Dr. Bartholomew F. Brewer is a former Catholic priest who wrote the book *Pilgrimage From Rome* which tells of his fascinating search for truth and his journey (via Seventh-day Adventism and Charismaticism) from Romanism to fundamentalism. In a letter to us last month, he reported opposition by Roman Catholics to some of his recent meetings in the Philadelphia area and said this could be a growing trend. Up to 32 RC protesters attended his meetings, behaving rather rudely, and some had to be dismissed by host pastors. He reported the "disgraceful opposition" to Cardinal Bevilacqua. Dr. Brewer has written many booklets, tracts, and books which are helpful in witnessing to Catholics. For sample tracts, send \$5; for above book, send \$10; or write for free order form: Mission to Catholics, Int'l, Box 19280, San Diego, CA 92159. To schedule meetings, call 619/698-1823.

NewsNotes - The Presbyterian Church (USA) is losing about 35,000 members a year. The Episcopal Church has

suffered a 30 percent drop in membership in 30 years. (7/19 HT). ***Church attendance in the U.S. has dipped to its lowest level since 1940, per new Gallup Poll. (7/7 CN).*** Daniel Lockwood is Multnomah Seminary's new president, succeeding Joe Aldrich who left because of Parkinson's disease. (7/14 CT). *** Harvard University Memorial Church's gay pastor Peter Gomes says it has decided to allow same-sex marriages. (7/17 HT). *** China's president and Communist Party head recently said: "Our enemy is not those with guns, but missionaries with Bibles." (7/97 Charisma).*** Spain was recently rated the most sinful nation in the industrialized world. (2/7 Sword). *** Pat Robertson sold his Family Channel's parent company to media baron Rupert Murdoch.

DR. J. B. WILLIAMS OUTLINES - Dr. J.B. Williams is a veteran missionary and missions leader and a life-long fundamentalist. He has a large number of sermon/lesson outlines, some dealing with "defense of the faith" topics, available from Pastor Robert Cunningham, Metropolitan Baptist Church, 1315 Old Woodbine Rd. NE, Atlanta, GA 30319. He requests only postage reimbursement. We suggest \$2 for a packet of some of this helpful material.

DR. BEN BYRD BOOKLET - Pastor Ben A. Byrd, Pres. of Bread of Life Ministries, has a booklet of 4 sermons "Truths Worth Knowing" (also other booklets/writings) available from him at: PO Box 1467, Hickory, NC 28603.

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RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AT PERIL IN RUSSIA - The Russian Duma passed legislation June 18 which would wipe out hundreds of recently registered churches, seminaries and charities, and prohibit non-Russians from forming religious associations (*7/5 World*). Under the law, which still awaits final passage, all religious organizations formed within the past 15 years will lose their legal status.

WHITHER RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN HONG KONG? - We can look at Red China and see what likely lies in store for Hong Kong and maybe sooner than some think. In China, 350 million people live in poverty, per the World Bank. No communist country can support itself for long. The U.S., flooded with Chinese slave-labor goods, keeps granting China Most Favored Nation (MFN) trade status, even though its human rights record is atrocious. Forced abortions, raids of house churches, and detention and torture of religious leaders continue. Christians who fail to pledge loyalty to the Communist Party and its Communist-run church organizations risk imprisonment. Up to 30 per cent of Hong Kong's middle-aged and older pastors left earlier, fearing the worst, but some have since returned. Thousands of Chinese PLA troops that crushed dissenters at Tiananmen Square in 1989 have already arrived in Hong Kong. Red China will kill its own citizens again if its leaders ever feel threatened. But some New Evangelicals (e.g., at Wheaton College, and Billy Graham's son Ned) favor the MFN trade status for Communist China (*7/5 World*). Evangelist Luis Palau believes China will tolerate Christianity in Hong Kong, and said (*7/97 Charisma*): "There is a hope that the Lord is in the changeover to China."!

SALVATION ARMY BOWS TO 'GAY' AGENDA? - San Francisco's pro-homosexual politicians are using taxpayer dollars to punish institutions that do not toe the "gay rights" line (*7-8/97 Chr. American*). They recently tried to pull \$65,000 in federal funds from the local branch of the Salvation Army after an official was quoted as saying that "homosexuality presents a serious threat to the integrity, quality and solidarity of society as a whole." Supervisors voted to restore the funds after the Salvation Army chapter promised it would not discriminate against homosexuals. The Salvation Army also agreed to launch pro-gay sensitivity training for its staff, work to hire more homosexuals, and review its policy on homosexuality. The Salvation Army is a member of the NAE (11/15/90 CC).

PRESBYTERIANS COMPROMISE ON GAYS IN PULPIT - The Presbyterian Church (USA), internally

fractured over the role of homosexuals in the ministry, voted in June to tone down Amendment B ("fidelity and chastity" rule) which would have barred non-celibate gays from the ministry.

CATHOLIC INVOLVEMENT IN PK - Promise Keepers is going global and is developing relationships with men's groups in 40 countries. At a four-day PK Hispanic/Latino leadership summit in April, some Latinos opposed formal involvement of Catholics in PK. A Miami pastor said Hispanic Baptist pastors there have vowed not to participate in any event where Catholics are in leadership roles. Killings of evangelicals by Catholics in Chiapas, Mexico are a sore issue for many Latino Protestants. The 6/16 *Christianity Today* said: "This makes PK's recent appointment of Catholic Michael Timmis of Detroit to its board problematic." PK chief Bill McCartney, who was raised Catholic and now attends a Vineyard church, says Catholics are welcome if they can abide by PK's "Seven Promises," mission statement, and statement of faith.

VAN IMPE WRONG TO SAY CATHOLICS SAVED - Pastor Perry Rockwood (7/97 *Gospel Std.*) says: "When listening to such preachers as Jack Van Impe, one would think the Roman Catholic Church has changed for the better. It is still the same anti-Bible church leading millions to hell. Can Catholics be saved? Of course they can. But if they are saved they must leave the Roman Catholic Church for no Christian can pray to Mary; no Christian can partake of the Mass, for Christ died once for all; and no Christian can go to a priest to ask forgiveness of sins. [But] it is not popular today to point out that Van Impe is wrong in saying the Pope is a Christian and that Roman Catholics belong to the family of God." Saved Catholics will repudiate and separate from Romanism's false teachings.

YOUNG BRITISH APPROVE SEX OUTSIDE WEDLOCK - A survey of 3,000 youths in Britain, ages 16 to 18, found: Most all atheists/agnostics see nothing wrong for couples in long-term relationships to have sex outside marriage; 85 percent of Catholics and 80 percent of Anglicans felt the same (6/21 *H. Times*). On homosexuality, 60 percent of Anglicans and 63 percent of Catholics do not believe sexual activity between male homosexuals is always morally wrong. Half of atheists and 30 percent of Anglicans/Catholics surveyed said there are situations where adultery is morally right. The Bible says adultery and homosexuality are sins.

ANGELS USED TO RAISE FUNDS FOR JESUS FILM? - Paul Eshleman is Director of Campus Crusade's JESUS film project. In a letter from him received last month he said angels carried their five vehicles across barriers of terrain in Mozambique, and would-be robbers of their equipment in Thailand "were startled by two brilliant white beings eight feet tall and brandish[ing] flaming swords." He said "Our Lord intervened with His holy angels. Will you intervene with your prayers and gift?"

PK CHIEF HAS ADVICE ON RACISM, CONFESSION - Promise Keepers founder and CEO Bill McCartney at the May 30 PK meeting in Birmingham had this to say: "What we need to do is go into our community and cross colors. Listen to what I'm saying now. Do you know that when we cross colors we get stretched we get completed. We are not here to compete, we are here to complete each other. If you're a white guy and you don't have close and intimate relationships with men of color, you're being cheated. If you're a man of color and you don't have white men in your life, you're not getting everything. It's when we come together that we make a difference, not only in our life but in our community" In the closing invitation, he said: "Men there's two things you have to do tonight. One is you must find another man and confess your sin to him before you leave the stadium. Find another man and speak out of your heart and tell him your sin [immorality, etc.]. Ask Almighty God together to cleanse you. And then the second thing: If you're in a bad relationship call her on the phone and break the relationship. Set yourself clean, set yourself free. Let the Spirit of God do the cleansing tonight. Men, Almighty God is preparing us. We are going to stand up and take this nation for Jesus Christ. We can do it by being clean. Amen? Let's give the Lord a cheer, men [standing applause]." Host Thomas Hill then said: "Turn to your brother and confess. I believe we can imagine this rain as the blood of Jesus that is sweeping over us and cleansing us from all unrighteousness. The Bible says to confess your sins to one another so that you may be healed."

ABWE'S STANCE ON PK - Association of Baptists for World Evangelism president Dr. Wendell Kempton in an April letter said: "We approach [Promise Keepers] very much like we did [Bill Gothard's] Basic Youth Conflicts Seminars. We do not officially endorse either group" He said they are "too broad for our corporate support" but said "God has used them." In a May letter he said both groups are "too ecumenical." In a writing sent to the ABWE missionary family, Dr. Kempton said "Some of our Board members have attended" He said both groups have strong points and weak points. He said: "Our major concern is that some of the [PK] leadership comes from the group known as the Vineyard Movement, which is a proponent of 'Signs and Wonders' and is very active in Power Evangelism." This is a valid concern. But Kempton seems to believe PK's untrue and deceptive pledge. He says: "However, the Promise Keepers Board has gone on record stating they will not in any way promote Charismatics, Pentecostals or Signs and Wonders."

WOMEN'S ORDINATION FOES COST ANGLICANS \$25 MILLION - Under legislation passed by the Church of England shortly before the first women priests were ordained in 1994, clerics who resign their ministry because of their conscientious objection to women priests receive a three-year stipend (5/19 *Chr. News*). Church officials say it will cost over \$25 million to compensate these departing clergy by 2006 when the agreement ends.

CAMPOLO IN AUSTRALIA - - The 3/97 *Australian Beacon* said of Eastern College prof Tony Campolo: ". He is a well known admirer of Roman Catholic 'Mother Teresa' as well as promoting many immoral situations. Neither he nor his wife agree with the Biblical standards on homosexuality. He is quite favorable to the New Age movement, witness his book 'How to Rescue the Earth Without Worshipping Nature'. He is a keen supporter of President and Hillary Clinton. Now we find him at 'Festival '97' which is 'Victorian Churches working together to make an impact'. One must ask, what kind of impact can such a man have? Clearly the impact will be to turn churches more fully into the social gospel camp."

DAVID RING SPEAKS WITH CHARISMATICS - Southern Baptist evangelist David Ring who spoke at the June SBC meeting, often shares pulpits with Drs. Jerry Falwell and Tim Lee and this is, sad to say, sometimes in prominent Southwide Baptist Fellowship pulpits (e.g., see 6/1/97 & 6/15/96 CCs). We now see Ring listed as a speaker at Cecil Todd's Revival Fires conference, August 15-17, at Branson, Mo.'s Grand Palace (7/97 *Charisma*). Other speakers include the disgraced Bob Harrington and charismatics such as Pat Robertson and James Robison.

SEPARATION, SANCTIFICATION, LOVE - Foundations Bible College founder and president Dr. O. Talmadge Spence writes in the 6/97 *Straightway*: "Any definition of separation, and/or sanctification, that does not seek as its first motive and final goal the exalting of the Lord Jesus Christ in all His beauty and glory is not worthy to be called biblical separation. Also, this doctrine must be further defined as not only a separation from ecclesiastical apostasy and/or disorderly brother, but also a separation **unto** the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. I have often been asked if I love the pope, or Billy Graham, or Oral Roberts. I have always been careful to respond with gentleness: 'Yes, just as the sweet singer of Israel, David, when he slew Goliath, for I believe there are spiritually uncircumcised Philistines among the people of the Lord.' It must be remembered that the enemy is called upon to love us [also], and although there are neo-evangelicals and charismatics who have exalted love above truth, yet in reality, they do not seem to love the fundamentalist any more than they say the fundamentalist loves them."

SBC FAILED TO DEAL WITH FREEMASONRY - Southern Baptist Pierce Dodson writes in the 6/30 *Christian News*: "So another annual convention for the Baptists has come and gone, and with it another opportunity has passed for them as a convention to deal with the Masonic issue." He said it was safer for the SBC to act against Disney than to deal with the bigger Masonic battle. Several thousand SBC pastors (14%) and deacon board chairmen (18%) are Masons. (See 6/1/93 CC).

HAGGARD: CHARISMATICS HEADED FOR MAIN STREET - Ted Haggard, pastor of a large charismatic church in Colorado Springs, comments on which way the charismatic revival movement is headed (7/97 *Charisma*). He says: "We're headed toward a refreshed, faith-filled, empowered church. All of us today are enjoying the benefits of past renewals. God created a whirlwind of renewal at Azusa Street and gave people the gift of tongues. He created outrage when He used Oral Roberts to help the church understand that God wants us healed. And we've all seen the raised eyebrows when He used Kenneth Hagin to emphasize that we need to have faith in the Bible. Now these ideas are so closely woven into the fabric of the body of Christ that very few people are confused about the gifts of the Spirit, healing or the integrity of God's Word. These renewals ended up on Main Street." Today's Main Streets are slums! Haggard is a graduate of Oral Roberts University and is on the board of the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE).

BOB HARRINGTON PREACHING AGAIN - Flamboyant jokester Bob Harrington, "Chaplain of Bourbon Street," is back to "preaching" again. He spoke at Jerry Falwell's church last year (7/15/96 *CC*), and "preached a laugh-riot revival" at Eudora, Miss. early this year. The 4/11 *Tyler Morn.Telegraph* said: "Harrington's nearly two-decades-old marriage to Zonnya [his second wife?] is over now [and] he lives in an apartment in New Orleans." The 7/97 *Charisma* lists him as a speaker, along with charismatics such as Pat Robertson and James Robison, at a Cecil Todd Revival Fires conference in Branson, Mo. in Aug.

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GENDER INTEGRATION LEADS TO TEMPTATION - Our military today is consumed with sex. Scandals are rampant. Female soldiers eat, sleep, and train with men in nearly every venue of military life. Chaplains even share barracks with female clergy in training exercises (6/7 *World*). Sinful natures guarantee that such gender integration will produce temptation and transgressions. Yet, the newest trend in school-age socializing involves co-ed fifth-grade birthday party sleepovers, and parents renting hotel rooms for high-schoolers after the prom.

CHILD-SEX TOURISM - Pedophiles travel to Asia to have sex with children. The World Tourism Organization estimates that a million children under 16 work there as prostitutes about 100,000 in the Philippines alone (*World*).

SEX ON TV - American TV keeps offering a steady diet of sitcom sex, gratuitous gore and proliferating profanity. A plethora of programs pander to viewers' base instincts, especially the real-people tabloid video shows. And 94% of TV sex is among people who aren't married to each other (*World*), which tells children that sex isn't only for marriage.

MORE MUSLIMS THAN ANGLICANS IN ENGLAND? - Surveys show that England's practicing Muslim adult population is growing by 30,000 individuals annually while the Sunday attendance for the Church of England drops by 14,000 each year (6/2 *C. News*). If those trends continue, there will be 760,000 practicing Muslim adults in England in 2002, compared to 756,000 Sunday church-going Anglicans. Prince Charles, a New Ager and the ceremonial head of the Anglican Church, urges closer links with the Muslim faith. He says "only Islam can save contemporary civilization from its present crisis." (6/16 *Huntsville Times*). Roman Catholic Cardinal Basil Hume attended a recent service in Canterbury Cathedral. He and Anglican Archbishop Carey work for unity of all Christian churches.

FBF RESOLUTION: PSYCHOLOGY, FALSE SCIENCE - The FBF condemns the approach of psychotherapy in solving spiritual problems, realizing that behavioral therapy can deal only with surface problems and fails to deal with the real problem of man's rebellion against God. Both Humanism and the New

Age Movement which has filled the spiritual void left in the wake of the atheism of Secular Humanism, are products of this rebellion and depend on the false science of evolution and psychotherapy for their "respectability." Evolution has provided an alternative to accountability to God and psychotherapy provides an alternative for biblical answers to the problems rooted in sin; thus God is eliminated and man is encouraged. The Bible is sufficient for man's problems.

UNISEX NIV CANCELLED - Facing a nationwide revolt in pulpits and pews, Zondervan Publishing House and the International Bible Society abandoned changes in the New International Version of the Bible all the while claiming that the gender-neutral translation would have been more accurate (6/21 *World*). Pressure came from Southern Baptists, Focus on the Family, and other evangelicals who said the proposed NIV pandered to feminists. Focus then discovered that its own *Odyssey Bible* for children had gender-neutral language and at once decided to withdraw it! An agreement on the proposed "Stealth Bible project" then came from a meeting of theologians and publishers called by Focus's James Dobson. But Zondervan still publishes the *New Revised Standard Version* which violates the guidelines agreed to by Zondervan's president in the meeting. Don't look for principles here nor be surprised to see this project resurrected before too long, since the dollar sign is a big factor in publishing new Bible versions.

FALWELL & FLYNT: PASTOR & PORN KING - Dr. Jerry Falwell last month visited Larry Flynt for coffee and a friendly chat in his Beverly Hills office. Falwell had unsuccessfully sued "sleaze merchant" Flynt over a 1983 smutty Hustler magazine cartoon which suggested he had sex with his mother. But at the meeting, they acted like long-lost pen pals, per the 6/11 *L. A. Times*. Falwell praised Flynt: "He is a warm-hearted, very talented and very generous person whom I believe has much to offer the world." Hardly the language of Spurgeon, or Paul to a "child of the devil" and "enemy of all righteousness" (Acts 13:10)!

LESBIAN HEADS UCC WOMEN'S MINISTRIES - Rev. Loey Powell, the lesbian pastor of a small church in Tallahassee, Fla., has been appointed as Executive of the Coordinating Center for Women, which oversees the United Church of Christ's ministry to women and provides resources for women's fellowships in local churches (5/26 *Christian News*). The UCC is the only major Protestant denomination to permit the ordination of homosexuals.

ONE-THIRD OF EPISCOPAL PRIESTS GAY? - A homosexual lay delegate at an Episcopal convention said 33 per cent of Episcopal priests are lesbian or gay (2/24 *Chr. News*). He said: "They have lied to their bishop, they have lied to their congregations, and they have lied to themselves." He said "They have had to lie to answer the call to the priesthood."

PRESBYTERIANS' NEW LEADER - Losing members by the thousands and hampered by gay rights divisiveness the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s new leader, Patricia Brown (a social worker), intends to create one big happy family. She will try to stem the annual loss of about 35,000 members.

PALAU SPEAKS AT SBC MEETING - Evangelist Luis Palau was listed as a June 19 speaker at the Southern Baptist Convention's Dallas meeting. He is a Promise Keepers promoter and speaker and is often referred to as "the Billy Graham of Latin America." Evang. David Ring who often speaks on Jerry Falwell, Tim Lee and other pseudo-fundamentalist platforms was a listed June 17 speaker at the SBC meeting. The SBC June 15-16 Pastors' Conference speakers included Campus Crusade founder/president Bill Bright, John Maxwell, Wellington Boone, and Rick Warren. Maxwell and Warren recently spoke for liberal Robert Schuller (6/15 *CC*), and Boone is a Promise Keepers speaker. Life Action's Nancy DeMoss spoke at a Ladies meeting at the Pastor's Conference.

NEWBIGIN, WIERSBE TO SPEAK AT SAMFORD - Samford University's Beeson Divinity School (SBC) honored Bishop Lesslie Newbigin with a banquet June 23 and featured him as a speaker June 24 (6/5 *Ala*).

Bapt.). He served 35 years as a missionary to India, retiring in 1974. He was the first director of the Division of World Missions and Evangelism for the World Council of Churches. His 1979 book "comes out more clearly on universalism" said reviewer David Howard (10/79 *Evan. Missions Quarterly*). He has criticized capitalism, and has struggled for ecumenical church unity (12/9/96 *C.Today*). Samford's Pastors School (July 28-Aug. 1), features Dr. Warren Wiersbe (prof. at GARBC-approved Grand Rapids Bapt. Seminary) and Wheaton College president Dr. Duane Litfin as speakers (6/12 *Ala.Bapt.*). Wiersbe is again listed as a 1997 speaker at the Billy Graham Training Center (in N.C.). Dr. Timothy George, a Senior Editor of *Christianity Today*, is the dean of Beeson.

WEF HONORS 'BROTHER ANDREW' - At its recent 10th general assembly the World Evangelical Fellowship presented Bible-smuggler Brother Andrew, founder of Open Doors, with its Religious Liberty Award (6/16 *Chr. Today*). Brother Andrew is a Pentecostal/Charismatic from Holland who has been a big help to persecuted Christians. But he has shared platforms with or worked alongside Charismatics such as Reinhard Bonnke (at Pat Robertson's Regent University missions conference in Oct. 1994), Corrie Ten Boom, and Youth With a Mission. The NAE is a member of the WEF. Leftist Ron Sider represented the NAE/WEF at a March 1990 World Council of Churches convocation in Korea (5/15/90 *CC*; also see 12/15/93 *CC* for more WEF/WCC collaboration).

FBF RESOLUTION ON SEPARATION - The FBF asserts that there can be no true Biblical fundamentalism without a Biblical doctrine of separation, and that it is not sufficient to hold to the "fundamentals of the Faith" without a commitment to "earnestly contend for the Faith" (Jude 3) and to separate from those who deny that Faith outright, or refuse to obey it in practice. That which calls itself fundamentalism that does not insist on obedience to the Bible is a "pseudo-fundamentalism" from which true fundamentalists must separate. The notion that so-called "degrees" of separation exist is fallacious. Some have suggested that the man that holds hands with the heretic is a compromiser from whom we must separate just as we would the heretic, but that the man that holds hands with the compromiser is merely "questionable." We believe that if the so-called "questionable" man is holding hands in disobedience, there is no difference in his disobedience than that of the man who is clearly a compromiser. If he is "questionable," we say, "Ask your questions." The answers given will shortly reveal whether a man is disobedient or simply ignorant of the issues at stake. If he can be restored in a spirit of meekness, he should be; if not, separation is the Biblical response. This is not so-called "second-degree" separation, it is obedience.

FEMALE MEETING DRAWS 30,000 - Nearly 30,000 women assembled in the Rose Bowl May 16-17 for "Chosen women: Daughters of the King," the largest women-only stadium rally since the Promise Keepers men's movement began six years ago (6/16 *Chr. Today*). Women of all ages sang, danced, did the wave, blew bubbles, batted beach balls, prayed and applauded the all-female slate of speakers. Chosen Women is led by its founder, Susan Kimes. Speakers included: Jill Briscoe, Anne Graham Lotz (Billy Graham's daughter), Elisabeth Elliot, and Bunny Wilson. Other PK counterpart groups have held smaller rallies around the nation. Eastern College psychology professor Mary Stewart Van Leeuwen says these PK-like groups should not tackle the same issues as PK: "Women don't need a wake-up call."

WALLIS REVITALIZES SOCIAL ACTIVISM - Some have described radical *Sojourners* editor Jim Wallis as Jane Fonda's male clone. He was pro-Viet Cong (communists) during the Vietnam War. He passes for an evangelical and heads the Call to Renewal which recently convened "A Christian Roundtable on Poverty and Welfare Reform." The 6/16 *Christianity Today* reported: "Wallis has been transformed from an antiwar and social justice activist to a coalition builder who is reaching out to people as diverse as Joan Brown Campbell, general secretary of the National Council of Churches, and Ralph Reed, exec. director of the Christian Coalition."

DR. CEDARHOLM WITH THE LORD - Dr. B. Myron Cedarholm passed into the presence of his Savior

June 6. The funeral was June 13 with Dr. Arno Q. "Bud" Weniger, president of Maranatha Baptist Bible College, presiding. Nine fundamentalist leaders (Drs. George Youstra, Fred Moritz, David Cummins, Gerald Carlson, etc.) gave tributes. Dr. Cedarholm was a valiant warrior for the faith, and is remembered as a pastor, evangelist, educator, and fluent Bible preacher. He held many positions within fundamentalism. He served as national dir. of the Conservative Baptist Association, as pres. of Pillsbury College, and on several ministry boards such as FBF and Baptist World Mission. The crowning achievement of his ministry was the founding of Maranatha Baptist Bible College in Watertown, Wis. in 1968. [Other recent deaths include: Drs. Wes Auger and Ralph Yarnell.]

IBFNA '97 DETROIT - (See 5/1 CC for partial list of speakers.) Much good preaching, music, and fellowship. Dr. Clay Nuttall is Moderator. Paul Gustine is the new editor of the *Review*. Richard Harris was honored for his service as editor. David Reinhardt was elected Secretary. Ralph Weer was reelected Treasurer. The 1998 meeting is set for Plymouth, Mass. Two long resolutions were passed one on Lawlessness, and one on Hermeneutics. The last paragraph of the latter reads: "BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that we oppose all attempts through false systems of hermeneutics to blur the distinction between Israel and the Church as contained in covenant theology and progressive dispensationalism, and to culturally accommodate the commands and precepts of scripture to allow for a radical feminism or an acceptance of homosexuality in any of its abominable forms."

FBF '97 INDIANAPOLIS - (See 5/1 CC for partial list of speakers.) Twenty-three resolutions were passed on such topics as the charismatic movement, repentance, Disney, homosexuality, the "gender-neutral" NIV, and music. The Resolutions Committee was chaired by Dr. John Vaughn. A workshop on Biblical Separation (the only one scheduled on this vital topic) was replaced by a good one on Christian Counseling, but we wish *both* workshops had been included! The Fundamental Baptist Fellowship goes back to Schaumburg, Ill. for its 1998 meeting.

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31,520 PROMISE KEEPERS MEET IN BIRMINGHAM - This editor attended the Saturday sessions of the May 30-31 Birmingham Promise Keepers conference, with media credentials. PK is a mixed bag. No doubt some men are helped to be better husbands and fathers in these meetings but the stress on this seems dwarfed at times by the extreme emphasis on eliminating racism and tearing down denominational walls. PK founder Bill McCartney told a group of 45 black ministers at a May 30 stadium luncheon that he believes God will eliminate racism. He said, "In the year 2000, racism will be dissolved in this nation." The 5/31 *Birmingham News* reported: "In addition to bringing racial unity, McCartney said he foresees Promise Keepers moving more toward social action such as feeding the hungry." [Sadly, some fundamentalists seem to be heading toward a social-action "slippery slope."] Speakers at this meeting included: Franklin Graham, McCartney, Ramesh Richard (Dallas Seminary professor), Crawford Lorrits, Raleigh Washington, Wellington Boone, and Stu Weber. The main PK focus this year is not on the 18 regional events, but on an Oct. 4 "Stand in the Gap" rally in Washington, DC. We hope to have a longer report available soon, discussing the music, the emotions, the ecumenicism, and other aspects of this "rainy" conference.

UNITED RELIGIONS AND FUNDAMENTALISM - The United Religions charter-drafting Summit is set for June 23-27 (3/1 CC). Led by Episcopal Bishop William Swing, the UR would have all faiths abandon their core beliefs and join together in a worship-the-earth form of religiosity. Former UN Ass't Sec'y Gen. Robert Muller, a New Ager, told Swing's June 1996 assembly: "Peace will be impossible without the taming of fundamentalism through a United Religions that professes faithfulness only to the global spirituality and to the health of the planet." (4/14 *New Amer.*). Swing says: "The purpose of the UR Initiative 2000 is that there would be one central, interfaith global body primarily constituted to strive permanently and daily for peace among religions for the sake of peace among nations and wholeness for the entire created order." (5/5 *Chr.News*).

DON'T BE DECEIVED - Error is never set forth in its naked deformity, lest, being thus exposed, it should at once be detected. But it is craftily decked out in an attractive dress, so as, by its outward form, to make it appear to the unexperienced (ridiculous as the expression may seem) more true than truth itself. (Irenaeus, 4/97 *Chr. Conscience*)

HAVE TO SEE IT TO CRITICIZE IT? - Some say we can't criticize a bad TV show or film unless we have seen it. But I don't have to drink a whole quart of milk to know that it's sour, or stick my nose in a sewer to know it stinks!

DUTCH EXPERIENCE WITH EUTHANASIA - Marijuana and prostitution are legal under the Netherlands' liberal social policies. Physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia are technically illegal but physicians are generally not prosecuted (6/97*FocusOnTheF.*). Each year, Dutch doctors actively cause or hasten the deaths of 1,000 patients without the patients' requests (5/26 *New Amer.*). The Dutch experience shows that it is impossible to limit or restrain the power to kill once it is granted. Giving physicians the power to kill patients is a power no one in society can control.

SCHULLER TRAINS HOMOSEXUAL PASTORS? - The Spring'97 Evangelicals Concerned *Record* newsletter said: "More than 80 gay and lesbian pastors and lay leaders from the Metropolitan Community Churches participated in this year's Robert Schuller Institute for Successful Church Leadership at Schuller's Crystal Cathedral. Speakers included Bill Hybels, John Maxwell, and Rick Warren.

MAXWELL SPEAKS FOR SCHULLER & FALWELL - Author and motivator John Maxwell and his INJOY staff will conduct a Leadership Seminar at Jerry Falwell's Super Conference 1997. He is a Promise Keepers speaker, and was a 1/96 featured speaker at liberal false-teacher Robert Schuller's Institute, along with Bill Hybels and John Wimber (11/11 *C. Today*). Last February, he spoke to over 1,500 United Pentecostal Church (Oneness Pentecostal) leaders. The 6/97 *Charisma* said: "Rather than trying to 'fix' the UPC theologically, [Maxwell] says he simply embraces them as Christians" He added: "I don't draw lines."

CHARISMATICS: WILDER & WEIRDER - Even from its early days, the charismatic movement has been known for weird practices, and the breaking down of doctrinal walls. It serves as a catalyst for the ecumenical movement. The scandals, the extra-biblical revelations, the "signs and wonders," the barking and braying and "slaying in the spirit" nonsense of the "laughing revival" are sample characteristics of charismaticism. But one of its greatest harms has been the role it played in getting rock music into evangelical churches. Lee Grady, the executive editor of *Charisma*, says (6/97 *Charisma*): "Praise and worship means shouting praises to God, banging on drums and cymbals, jamming on electric guitars, dancing, waving, laughing, weeping, raising hands in the air, bowing and even lying prostrate on the floor." He said "I'm ready to break out of the religious restrictions that keep Sunday morning worship stiff and predictable. I'm ready to do something wild, something that releases me and those around me to revel in His love with absolute abandon." A danger is that some of this charismatic "wildness" and "absolute abandon" leaves some open for demonic control.

FANINI ATTEND - Dr. Jerry Falwell's 6/97 *Nat'l Liberty Journal* said over 18,000 persons braved the rain to hear Dr. Billy Graham deliver the 24th Commencement address at Liberty University, May 3. Over 1,500 received degrees, including Graham's grandson. Liberty bestowed an honorary doctorate on Graham, "a man of God." Dr. Nelson Fanini, president of the apostate Baptist World Alliance, attended with his family as his daughter graduated. The *NLJ* reported that: "Dr. J.R. Faulkner, now concluding 50 years of leadership at Chattanooga's Tennessee Temple University, attended with his family as his granddaughter also graduated." The *NLJ* added: "Following commencement, Dr. Faulkner offered the invocation in a private dinner with the Grahams, Falwells, LU trustees and special friends."

GRAHAM & FALWELL - *Sword of the Lord* editor Dr. Shelton Smith says of Drs. Billy Graham and Jerry Falwell: "Both began as fundamentalists! Both achieved great success and were catapulted into the international spotlight! Both shifted the moorings of their ministries from their fundamentalist base to a wider circle of evangelicals. Standards and principles of separation vanished! Compromise became the norm! The ecumenicism adopted by Graham (in the 1950s) is now the established game plan at Liberty University. In such an environment truth and error freely mix. Sound doctrine is shelved for the sake of fellowship. Where once the

strong voice of biblical authority was present, now the spirit of accommodation and expediency prevails."

WHO WILL EVANGELIZE CATHOLICS? - Who will take the Gospel to Roman Catholics today? Many mission agencies and parachurch groups now work jointly with Catholics to evangelize the world with a compromised, powerless gospel. The 6/97 *Proclaiming the Gospel* reported: "The Catholic Church is now participating [it has for decades] in Billy Graham's crusades. In exchange for promoting the crusade and using Catholic counselors, Graham promises the local bishop to send all the Catholics who come forward making a profession of faith, back home to their Catholic churches." These babes in Christ are thus fed to wolves who condemn the biblical Gospel and those who proclaim it. Charles Colson, Bill Bright, J.I. Packer, and other evangelicals more committed to unity than evangelism in 1994 signed the *Evangelicals and Catholics Together (ECT)* accord with Catholics, essentially agreeing not to "proselytize" one another's flocks. So, many evangelicals will stop evangelizing Catholics, opting instead to work with them as partners. But faithful Christians will resist the "urge to merge" and the "race to Rome," and will continue trying to reach Catholics and others with the true Gospel of Christ.

NAE ACCEPTS 'FORMER' ARMSTRONG CULT - National Association of Evangelicals board members recently voted to accept the Worldwide Church of God as its 49th denominational member (5/19 *Chr. News*). Dr. Ralph Colas recently warned of WCG's weak doctrinal statement and of NAE's impending and imprudent move in his NRB report (see 3/15 *CC*; also see 10/1 *CC* article).

GRAHAM, WOMEN PREACHERS, HELL - We saw part of David Frost's interview of Dr. Billy Graham (5/30, PBS) where Graham responded to a question about women preachers: "I'm equally at home in a Baptist church, Anglican church, or Roman Catholic church." He then indicated that he favors women preachers if that is the custom of a given church/denomination, and it was noted that his daughter Anne is a preacher. He reiterated his long-held belief that Hell is [merely] "separation from God" no mention of fire or torment.

PENTECOSTAL PANDEMONIUM AT PENSACOLA - For two years, charismatics and others have flocked to Pensacola's Brownsville Assembly of God church to witness the "outpouring." The pastor says "God sent pandemonium in the church." John Milton coined the word "pandemonium" in 1667 as "the capital of Hell." The word literally means "place of all the demons," or "any place of wild disorder, noise or confusion." A Mar-Apr *Foundation* article said "the spirit at Brownsville is the same spirit that manifests itself to followers of voodoo and pagan religions." It quoted a *Washington Post* writer: "If it weren't for the cross and stained glass behind the altar, you might think you were at a rock-and-roll show." The 6/97 *Nat'l Lib. Journal* had an ad for a video with examples of young girls shaking violently, Beatles music that alters consciousness, and guided imagery praying.

ONENESS GROUP PERFORMED AT NRB - Oneness Pentecostals have been called heretics for many years based on their beliefs concerning the Godhead. The 6/97 *Charisma* said: "The contemporary Christian recording group Phillips, Craig and Dean is composed of three Oneness ministers." This group was featured at the recent National Religious Broadcasters convention, and performed at a local SBC church (Whitesburg) March 22.

FEMINIST VERSION OF NIV SHELVED FOR NOW - The gender-neutral translation of the New International Version of the Bible has been temporarily put on hold. Southern Baptists and others objected to the "capitulation to feminism and political correctness" by plans to change "men" to "human beings," etc. (see 4/15 *CC*). The International Bible Society and Zondervan announced last month that they will continue to publish the current NIV but plan to possibly publish an "updated" edition (presumably with gender changes) after 2001 (6/7 *World*). A British publisher has a 1996 "inclusive language" NIV, and a simplified *New International Reader's Version* (NIrV) a unisex translation is sold in the U.S. by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

PORNOGRAPHY AT BETHEL COLLEGE? - Bethel College, a Baptist General Conference school (Minneapolis) has tolerated modernistic teachings for decades and has stood to the left of most BGC churches. Its current president is George Brushaber who is also Chairman of *Christianity Today's* Senior Editors. A student recently filed suit against the school charging that some of her professors used vulgar language, and said some students were asked to read books and watch films that contained hard-core violence and profanity, and explicit, illicit sex (5/24 *World*). Brushaber defended the use of the material, though he promised that one film and one class would be dropped. The suit charged that Bethel violated its own handbook by showing pornography which students are forbidden to possess on campus.

CHURCH WITHDRAWS FROM IFCA - The Middletown Bible Church (CT) voted unanimously last year to withdraw from the Independent Fundamental Churches of America, primarily over the latter's "denial of the eternal Sonship of Christ." It said, in a letter to IFCA Nat'l Exec. Dir. Dr. Richard Gregory: "We will continue, by God's grace, to uphold the historic IFCA position and doctrinal platform. We have not moved from where we have always stood. It is sadly ironic that in seeking to defend an organization's doctrinal statement, we are forced to leave the organization whose doctrinal statement it is." [This church has an updated list of over one hundred excellent books, tracts, and other literature items (many written by George Zeller), on various subjects. Available at cost, from Middletown BC, 349 East Street, Middletown, CT 06457. Write for free list.]

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THE GREAT DISNEY BETRAYAL - Disney movies have long promoted magic, occultism, etc., and were never as pure as their reputation. But the new Disney under Michael Eisner has become a money-making machine, outraging three generations of shocked devotees by anti-Christian films released by it and its subsidiaries such as Miramax, Touchstone, and Hollywood Pictures. A 156-page 1996 book *Disney and the Bible* by Perucci Ferraiuolo [Horizon Books, 3825 Hartzdale Dr. Camp Hill, PA 17011, phone 717/761-7044], says of Disney: "Biblically based family values are attacked; Occultism, Satanism, Eastern religions and New Age philosophy are promoted; Sexual perversion is modeled and applauded as an acceptable alternative lifestyle." The book gives an interesting biographical peek at the man Walt Disney, and cites examples of Disney declension. It has become a haven for homosexuals, has homosexual theme nights at its parks, and provides health insurance to partners of its homosexual employees. Its publishing company *Hyperion* has anti-family books such as *Growing Up Gay in America*. Disney now owns ABC which has *NYPD Blue*, and the lesbian *Ellen*. Sadly, the new Disney is an unabashed peddler of immorality, licentiousness, and in-your-face homosexuality.

MORMONISM A FALSE CULT - Mormons opened a new temple in St. Louis last month. Their Christ is not the Christ of the Bible. They reject the entire Christian faith. Mormonism's founder was a liar (5/5 *Christian News*). The Golden Tablets he claims to have translated never existed. Mormonism is an incredible fairy tale, a works-righteous false religion with connections to magic and Masonry.

U.S. TARGET OF 'HOLY WAR' IN SAUDI ARABIA - A leading financier of Islamic militants says U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia are now the main target of his "holy war" against the U.S. (5/11 *H. Times*). He said: "In our religion, it is not permissible for any non-Muslim to stay in Arabia."

WIMPY AMERICAN MALES - Men as leaders and protectors of society have meekly allowed women to be placed in harmful situations. Women are given guns and told to take on murderers and drug dealers, and may soon face military combat. We are a society of men turned weak and women turned ugly. Ugly with anger at men who have no backbone. Our schools and churches have produced meek little robots, not only by preaching, but mainly by example. Both men and women have lost their identity. A strong man or feminine woman is

looked upon as politically incorrect and in this society is scorned unceasingly. Today's male keeps quiet, works hard to support huge government programs, and whiles away his existence between entertainment and lethargy. [Adapted, May '97 *Network*]

PARTIAL-BIRTH BAN WON'T STOP ABORTIONS - Banning barbaric partial-birth abortions, the gruesome technique of murdering late-term unborn infants, will not stop this slaughter of the unborn. Medical monsters can do their dirty work using other methods. As one abortionist noted, if he kills the baby before performing the grisly partial-birth technique, any congressional ban against aborting "a living fetus," would not apply (5/12 *New Amer.*). So he injects a lethal solution into the womb which kills the baby. He then grabs the dead infant, pierces and crushes the skull, drags the dead baby out and disposes of the parts. His tactic begins by killing the fetus in the womb so that he can't be accused of doing an abortion on "a living fetus."

MUSIC IS DIVIDING CHURCHES - Dr. Hugh Pyle in the 5/2 *Sword of the Lord* said: "The admission of 'beat' music into churches was bound to lead to this. Churches now have two morning services, one still resembling New Testament Christianity with sound Bible exposition and traditional music; the other, a laid-back 'contemporary' gathering with religious entertainment and rock 'n' roll. The driving beat of contemporary music is supposed to make the worldlings lose their distaste for religion and 'turn them on' to God."

WHAT THE ACLU SUPPORTS - The so-called American Civil Liberties Union supports legalization of drugs, child pornography, and prostitution. It supports abortion, tax exemption for satanists, mandatory sex education, and the right of homosexuals to become Big Brothers and scout masters. It opposes chaplains in the armed forces, tax exemptions for churches, and the phrase "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance. It has almost 300,000 members, dozens of staff lawyers, and thousands of volunteer attorneys. Several of its original executive board members were later prominent leaders in the Communist Party USA.

PSYCHOHERESY'S MODERN ACCEPTANCE - Because of the inherent conflict between psychological systems of therapy and doctrines of Scripture, Christians were wary of psychological therapy until Narramore, Brandt, Minirth Meier, Dobson, Crabb, and McGee made it palatable and enticing, by assuring trusting Christians that, when secular ideas are "filtered" through Scripture, they are helpful and even essential. But these worldly theories and therapies are mixed into Scripture in such a way as to conform the Bible to the psychological system that takes priority. [Adapted, Martin/Deidre Bobgan, 5/97 *Dallas/Ft. W. Heritage.*]

RUDY ATWOOD VIDEO - Dr. Gordon Sears has a new, classic one-hour memorial video by Rudy Atwood, "beloved pianist" of Dr. Charles E. Fuller's Old Fashioned Revival Hour. Write: Songfest, PO Box 182, Coldwater, MI 49036.

CATHOLICS BOOST GRAHAM'S ATTENDANCE - Roman Catholics played a key role in Billy Graham's recent San Antonio crusade as a sort of payback for the Baptist show of support during the Pope's 1987 San Antonio visit. Rock stars also provided a big boost (see 5/1 *CC*). Graham praised the cooperation of Hispanics and Catholics, including an early endorsement from Archbishop Patrick Flores, the top Catholic official in Texas (5/19 *Chr. Today*). Flores taped radio spots encouraging Catholics to attend the crusade to help bring them to a closer commitment to their faith. Graham said: "The Devil has separated us, and a crusade like this is used of God to bring people of all denominations together." To be Scriptural, this sentence should read: "*God* has separated us [from false-gospel systems such as Roman Catholicism], and a crusade like this is used of *the Devil* to bring people of all denominations together."

RONALD NASH SPEAKS AT CORNERSTONE - Dr. Ronald Nash, a prolific writer and speaker and a Prof. of Philosophy at Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando, spoke in chapel at GARBC-approved Cornerstone College (Grand Rapids), April 1 and 2 (5/97 *Baptist Bulletin*). In his 1987 *Evangelicals in America* book, Nash referred to a "Catholic-Protestant consensus" and called Roman Catholics and Eastern Orthodox "orthodox

Christians" (10/15/88 CC). Nash is not a fundamentalist, Cornerstone is not a fundamentalist school. Dallas Seminary professor Dr. Robert Lightner in the Preface to his 1979 *Neoevangelicalism Today* book called Nash's *The New Evangelicalism* book "a defense of neoevangelicalism and a vigorous attack on fundamentalism." Lightner said Nash stated his dissatisfaction with the fundamentalist doctrine of Scripture very plainly (p75). He quoted Nash as saying (p82): "Strictly speaking, the Bible does not teach the inerrancy of its original manuscripts." How can the GARBC keep approving Cornerstone each year?

CEDARVILLE HAS STOWELL AS SPEAKER - Dr. Joseph Stowell, the president of Moody Bible Institute, was scheduled to speak at GARBC-approved Cedarville College Jan. 15 and 16 (1/97 BB). Stowell in recent years has kept company with ecumenicals and has spoken at National Religious Broadcasters and Promise Keepers meetings. He is a member of the NAE, and was involved in the Luis Palau "Say Yes, Chicago" crusade last year. A Cedarville Parents' Weekend May 2-4 was to include a concert with CCM singer Steve Green (4/97 BB), who also is often featured at Palau, NRB, and PK meetings.

TIM LEE & DAVID RING TO BE AT NORTHSIDE - Dr. Tim Lee and David Ring (Southern Baptist) are again scheduled as speakers at Northside Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC, for a June 16-19 Youth Alive conference. Northside is pastored by Dr. Bradley Price and in recent years has had a string of SBC/new-evangelical speakers, but has also hosted a couple of Southwide Baptist Fellowship conferences. It grieves us that a fundamental church would continue to routinely feature non-separatist speakers. Lee is also scheduled to speak at Adrian Roger's Bellevue Baptist Church (Memphis) at its June 27-29 Celebrate America conference. This is an SBC church and Rogers, though an excellent pulpiter and former SBC president, pulpit-shares with ecumenicals. "Bridges" on the road to apostasy are deadly dangerous!

FREE PREACHERS FELLOWSHIP HAS CRISWELL- Southern Baptist patriarch Dr. W. A. Criswell and evangelist Bill Stafford (SB) are among the scheduled speakers at the Nov. 1997 Free Preachers Fellowship, Tuscaloosa, AL (4/97 *Fund. Digest*). The FPF was formed in 1992. Some FPF "freedoms" are weaknesses in the areas of separation and music (see 8/15/92 & 10/15/95 CCs).

IS IT WRONG TO PUBLICLY REBUKE A BROTHER? - Rev. Bob Dalton (5/1/97 *Bapt. Vision*) discusses six myths concerning ecclesiastical separation. The first one: "*We should never publicly judge or criticize any Christian brother.*" The Bible records numerous examples where one believer publicly rebukes another for inconsistent or foolish conduct. Christ Himself found it necessary to openly rebuke Peter, more than once. In Galatians two, Peter was again severely rebuked, this time by Paul and "*before them all.*" Paul also found it necessary to expose Demas for his worldliness and desertion. The Apostle John refused to spare the ambitious and self-seeking Diotrephes from public exposure in his third epistle. The letters which record these incidents were written to be circulated among the churches. One purpose for open censure is to make misconduct painful and hopefully lead to the correction and restoration of the offender. It is also to protect weak Christians from the influence of the wayward, to remove the leaven before the whole lump is affected. But motives for such exposure must be pure. We must avoid a quarrelsome spirit that relishes strife.

DALLAS IS 'DESTROYING DISPENSATIONALISM' - Dr. Manfred Kober (Professor, Faith Baptist Theol. Seminary, Ankeny, IA) has a scholarly two-part-series paper on "The Problematic Development of Progressive Dispensationalism" in the March and April *Faith Pulpit*. He says: "It is sad to observe what has occurred at Dallas Theological Seminary, the stronghold of dispensationalism, where many of the instructors here at FBBC&TS have studied." He says the system has been "totally changed by Bock, Blaising and their followers." He cited a 1992 "assuring" letter from then president Donald Campbell to DTS alumni, but said: "The new president of DTS, Chuck Swindoll, has not helped matters at all [by saying] he would "no longer emphasize dispensationalism.", that the term may and perhaps should disappear, etc. Kober considers the changes at DTS significant, and said Thomas Ice's warning is well-placed that "these men are in the process of destroying dispensationalism." In conclusion, he warns that progressive dispensationalism "appears to be rapidly

moving toward covenant theology."

MISSIONARIES ADAPT TO CULTURE - *Chr. Today* Exec. Editor David Neff reports on an experiment being conducted by a Southern Baptist mission couple in West Africa on new Muslim converts to Christianity. He says: "Like their brothers and sisters [?] who worship Allah at the mosque, they leave their shoes at the door, they kneel or sit on mats or carpets, they chant biblical psalms, they cup their hands in prayer, and they worship segregated by sex." Other missionaries in other places do similar experiments, "not only replacing Western hymn- singing with the chanting of the Scriptures in Arabic and substituting prayer rugs for pews, but worshiping on Friday instead of Sunday." (5/19 *CT*). These experiments would seem to be carrying contextualization much too far.

NEW BOOK: ROME AND THE BIBLE - This book by *O Timothy* editor David Cloud traces the history of the Roman Catholic Church and its persecution of the Bible and of Bible believers. It covers the RC Inquisition from the 11th to 19th centuries, giving the history of the English Bible from Wycliffe to Tyndale, and the history of the Spanish, German, French, and Italian Bibles. This indexed book (200 big 8 x 11 inch pages) is available from: Way of Life Literature, 1219 Harns Rd., Oak Harbor, WA 98277. Special sale price is \$14.95 + \$4 postage.

PREMILLENNIAL ESSAYS, compiled by Nathaniel West in 1879, out-of-print book, is now available at special sale price of \$11 postpaid, from: Bryant Avenue Baptist Church, 5601 Bryant Ave. So., Minneapolis, MN 55419.

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WORLD VISION AND ABORTION FUNDING - World Vision recently found itself in a controversy over its support of a bill that provided abortion funding for Third World nations. A Congressman said World Vision's letter of support of the family-planning bill "tipped the scales" in favor of the measure (5/97 *AFA Journal*). Just over a year ago WV president Dr. Robert A. Seiple said the United Nations needs reform but said it fills a necessary role Christians should support (1/1/96 *CC*). World Vision is a radical new-evangelical relief agency that has used funds donated by Christians to help Communists, Muslims, and Catholics.

PK PAPER - *New Man* ceased being the official publication of Promise Keepers last month in a mutual decision between Strang Communications (publisher of *Charisma*) and PK (4/28 *Chr. Today*). It now has a circulation of 330,000 and aims to reach a broader Christian men's audience.

RON SIDER RETREATS FROM FORMER SOCIALISM - Eastern Seminary prof. and Evangelicals for Social Action pres. Ron Sider says his *Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger* 1977 book is being reissued with significant revisions (4/28 *Chr. Today*). This self-described "Mennonite farmer" says "The times have changed, and so have I." He has been called a "socialist," a "pacifist," and a "pro-Marxist." (See 5/15/90 & 7/1/92 *CCs*) He now says: "I say more explicitly that when the choice is democratic capitalism or communism, I favor the democratic political order and market economics. I am no longer as concerned as I was earlier with the ratio of money between the rich and poor."

CHURCH WITHDRAWS FROM WCC MEETING - An ongoing anti-homosexual campaign by Zimbabwe's pres. Robert Mugabe and a condemnation of homosexuality by Zimbabwe's Council of Churches have prompted a Dutch Lutheran church to withdraw from the forthcoming assembly of the World Council of Churches (WCC) set for next Sept. in Zimbabwe's capital, Harare (4/28 *Chr. News*). Mugabe, a Catholic Marxist, has said publicly that homosexuals are not welcome in Zimbabwe, and has described them as sodomites and perverts, saying it was extremely outrageous and repugnant that they had any supporters.

GENETIC DETERMINATION OR WILLFUL CHOICE? - A homosexual, or alcoholic, today is treated as a helpless victim of his biology rather than as a willful agent with control of his own conduct. This conveniently

diminishes accountability and the capacity to choose. Gone is the sense of responsibility for bad choices, as social workers/ psychologists/biologists/criminologists scurry to find the "destining gene cluster" to blame for the abusive behavior, youth/gang violence, homosexuality, drunkenness, etc.

GRAHAM IMPRESSED BY CLINTON COMPASSION - Dr. Billy Graham in his new book indicates that Pres. Clinton made a big impression on him during the Oklahoma City bombing tragedy. He said "Seldom have I seen anyone express so movingly and sincerely a genuine sense of compassion and sympathy to those who were hurting. I felt that he, not I, was the real pastor that day." Our president is also a very superb actor.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS & JEWS FEUD - Jewish and Southern Baptist officials have been trading brickbats over a resolution passed at the 1996 SBC meeting in New Orleans calling for a renewed emphasis on evangelizing Jews (4/21 *Christian News*). Baptists believe that Jews, and others, must accept Jesus as Messiah/Savior to be saved. Mainstream Jewish groups reject that as theologically insulting. Another problem for Jews: Inter-marriage and assimilation are eroding Jewish identity in many quarters.

MUSLIMS WORSHIP AT LUTHERAN SCHOOL - Four thousand Muslims worshiped in April at Concordia University, St. Paul, Minn., a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod school (4/28 *CN*). Concordia's president Robert Holst has long maintained that the Bible contains errors, and says "multiculturalism" is the new mission of Concordia.

PACKER CALLS NEW NIV 'FEMINIST EDITION' - When it was reported in the March 29 *World* that the NIV Committee on Bible Translation the group with exclusive authority over the NIV, and to whom publisher Zondervan is contractually bound had decided to change the NIV to a unisex version, leading theologians spoke out (4/19 *World*). Regent College professor and author J.I. Packer, after examining specific changes, stated that the "adjustments made by what I call the feminist edition are not made in the interests of legitimate translation procedure. These changes have been made to pander to a cultural prejudice that I hope will be short-lived." He said the revisions are "blurring rather than clarifying the sense of the original."

WHAT ISLAM SAYS ABOUT JESUS - We were sent a document about Islam and an explanatory translation of the Koran last month. The document boasted that Islam is the fastest growing religion in America, and that it has over 1 billion followers in the world. It said Muslims believe Jesus was a great prophet but do not believe he is God, or the Son of God, or God Incarnate. It said: "We do not believe in his death or crucifixion. We believe that Allah who created him caused him to disappear miraculously just as his birth." The Bible doctrine of the Trinity is regarded as a sin in Islam. Never let anyone tell you that the Muslim god Allah and the Christian God are the same.

EASTERN COLLEGE - On a visit last month to Eastern College (St. Davids, Pa.) we received literature that revealed the following: EC has a student body of 2400. It was founded in 1932 as a department of Eastern Baptist Seminary. It is affiliated with the American Baptist Churches, USA (member of the NCC/WCC). Its chapels feature speakers ranging from Cardinal Bevilacqua to Habitat for Humanity's Millard Fuller. It has active chapters of Habitat for Humanity and Evangelicals for Social Action. It has or has had relationships with World Vision, Habitat for Humanity, YWAM, and Young Life. Its concert schedule lists United Methodist and United Presbyterian churches, and a concert by rock group Jars of Clay (see 2/15 *CC*). Dr. John M. Templeton, Jr. is on EC's board of directors. David Neff (*Chr. Today* exec. editor) was a Nov. 17 EC scheduled speaker. Dr. Roberta Hestenes ("liberal" feminist, activist) recently stepped down as EC president to become senior pastor of Solana Beach Presbyterian Church (USA) in California. Honorary degrees were conferred on PK speaker Tony Evans and wife Lois last year. Tony Campolo has taught at Eastern for over 25 years. Nearby Eastern Seminary has students from over 20 denominations, 35 percent of which are women.

EVANGELICALS DECEIVED BY ORTHODOXY - From the 4/97 *Berean Call* we glean the following:

Eastern Orthodoxy is the close twin of Catholicism. The Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church are in essential agreement on doctrine, ministerial order and the sacraments. Seventy-five percent of Russians claim to be Orthodox, yet 63% are atheists. Billy Graham agreed with the Russian Orthodox patriarch that proselytizing was inappropriate. The Orthodox Church opposes the gospel throughout Russia and is *not* Christianity. Franklin Graham and Robert Schuller are deceived on this point. Campus Crusade has long accepted Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy as true Christianity. Frank Schaeffer had to renounce his parents' evangelical faith as a false religion in order to embrace the Catholic/Orthodox faith.

FALWELL FOOLED BY ORTHODOX TRANSLATOR? - Dave Hunt (4/97 *Berean Call*) says:

"Evangelicals coming from the West to evangelize Russians naively look to the Orthodox Church for help and are often duped. Jerry Falwell was part of a large evangelistic outreach in Moscow last year involving a tour which many Americans joined to see the 'wonderful response to the gospel in the former Soviet Union.' Jerry was the principal speaker at a large gathering in Moscow's Olympic Stadium. According to Russian/English-speaking attendees, he gave a clear gospel message, but the translator changed it to conform to Orthodox belief. When Jerry gave the invitation to receive Christ (offensive to Orthodoxy), the translator made it sound like a call for all who wanted to join in prayer. Many raised their hands, leading Jerry and those with him to mistakenly believe there had been a great response to the gospel" The Russian Orthodox religion is false. It opposes the gospel and is *not* Christianity.

NEW BILL GOTHARD REPORT - Miles J. Stanford in a new 5-page report entitled "Gothardism" (free, from him at: 840 Vindicator Dr., #111, Colo. Springs, CO 80919) says: "Bill Gothard has one foot in the Charismatic (demonism) realm, and the other in the Covenant (legalism) realm." In a recent letter from Gothard to us, he confirmed that he attended and participated in Bill Bright's Dec. 1994 fasting and prayer meeting in Orlando, but did not say *why* he, a proclaimed fundamentalist, went. Nor was there any expression of regret for going, or surprise at the liberal/charismatic/new-evangelical attendees. The CC editor believes that Gothard does not deserve the support of fundamentalists if he is leading toward new-evangelicalism and Bill Bright ecumenism.

NAE '97 - National Association of Evangelicals speakers for its 55th annual convention, March 4-6, in Orlando included: Josh McDowell, Crawford Lorritts, England's Baroness Caroline Ann Cox, Anne Graham Lotz (Billy Graham's daughter), Ted Haggard, David Erickson (PK), David Johnson, George Barna and Vonette Bright. Promise Keepers was prominently promoted. Worldwide Church of God leader Joseph Tkach was given a standing ovation. The NAE executive committee will vote in Sept. on receiving this "former" Armstrong cult group as an NAE member. Churches that maintain membership in NCC/WCC denominations are welcomed as NAE members. ACCC exec. secretary Dr. Ralph Colas attended the NAE meeting and his incisive report will be available in June. [ACCC, P.O. Box 19, Wallingford, PA 19086]

ASBURY SEMINARY & WOMEN PREACHERS - The Winter '97 issue of *The Asbury Herald* is devoted to "Women in Ministry." It says first century cultures were patriarchal cultures. It says it is not surprising that Jesus was crucified for saying things like women could be single for the sake of the kingdom and were no longer required to be mothers and wives. Asbury Seminary pres. Dr. Maxie Dunnam, whose daughter is an ordained United Methodist pastor, said Miriam "even dared to reproach Moses for his exclusive claim to divine revelation." Dunnam is a Senior Editor of *Christianity Today*. Wheaton prof. Robert Webber recently spoke at Asbury.

WEAKNESSES IN FUNDAMENTALISM - *Lack of Consistency*: Militant Fundamentalists frequently criticize new-evangelicals for unscriptural cooperative *mission* endeavors, but then support missionaries associated with new-evangelical boards. We criticize evangelists for speaking in weaker churches then bring weaker evangelists to our pulpits! We strongly denounce religious rock *music*, but use its deceptively named equivalent CCM without reservation in our services. *Lack of Cleanliness*: We decry deterioration in external

standards among accommodators without, while sometimes neglecting the equally vital matter of the heart within. Fundamentalists may maintain a flawless record of external standards, while having hearts filled with internal lust. *Lack of Courage*: Fear of fellowship disapproval, friendship disruptions and family divisions sometimes causes us to be silent on vital issues that need exposure. The fear of offending those with higher credential status in our ranks sometimes results in timidity in speaking out against damaging error [Adapted, Mar-Apr *Fundamentalist Digest*]

BLACKABY'S EXPERIENCING GOD BOOK - This best-seller by Henry Blackaby (with co-author Claude King), a Southern Baptist leader in prayer and spiritual awakening, is reviewed in the May/June *BDM Letter* by Pastor Gary Gilley. The reviewer says *EG* is full of errors and infiltrated with mysticism. He cites examples, and concludes that the teachings in *Experiencing God* are "a dangerous mixture of Biblical truth with mysticism, neo-orthodoxy, and good old fashioned misuse of Scripture."

NEW PK BOOKS - *O Timothy* editor David Cloud has two books available on Promise Keepers (Vol. 1 is 44 pages, Vol. 2 is 53 pages). Volume 2 (at the end) has a list of other booklets and reports on PK, and a list of web sites with information on PK. Both of these books can be had for \$9 (postpaid) from: Way of Life Literature, 1219 Harns Rd., Oak Harbor, WA 98277. Bro. Cloud has lots of other books/booklets and an electronic news service. Other PK reports: Dr. Don Jasmin has a large 152-page PK Report for \$12 (postpaid): P.O. Box 2322, Elkton, MD 21922. Rick Miesel has a 33-page PK report for \$2 (*BDM*, P.O. Box 679, Bedford, IN 47421). The ACCC (PO Box 19, Wallingford, PA 19086) has a report for \$2.

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PSYCHIATRY'S \$40 BILLION FRAUD - Psychiatry is the smallest department in the realm of health care, but is responsible for almost 90% of health care fraud--\$40 billion annually! (4/97 CVN). It won't police itself and depends on government and insurance companies to fund its over-staffed clinics, unnecessary research, and greed.

HOLLYWOOD'S RELIGION - Hollywood loves religion, as long as it's New Age, non-western. Richard Gere (who meditates with Tibetan masters) and Oliver Stone are Buddhists (4/97 AFA Journal). John Travolta and Tom Cruise are disciples of L. Ron Hubbard (Scientology). Shirley MacLaine clones are everywhere. So, consider the source when you see the Bible and Bible-believers castigated.

'GAY' AFFLUENCE - Homosexuals often complain of discrimination in employment, but a new study reveals that 28.5% of homosexual household incomes exceed \$50,000 a year, while 21% were over \$100,000 annually (4/97 AFAJ).

CHINA CRACKS DOWN ON RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES - The Communist Party would like to see religion entirely gone from China, but China's present policy is to tolerate it within the confines of government control. New decrees in late 1994 restricted religious activities of foreigners and this is coupled with a new campaign to shut down underground churches. A Communist party leader met in 1995 with leaders of the "official" churches and explained that the communist-designated "religious" leaders would be required to help "consolidate and expand the party's united front" and to ensure that "people in religious circles play their active role in socialist modernization better." (3/17 New Amer.) Not surprisingly, the "sanctioned" religious leaders promised to "contribute to national unity and the cause of building socialism with Chinese characteristics."

CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION RAMPANT - Christians are the single largest group persecuted worldwide on the basis of religious beliefs (3/22 H. Times). Two Christian villages in Pakistan were attacked and churches and homes were burned by a hostile Muslim mob, Feb. 6. As many as 5,000 Christian homes were burned (4/97 Charisma). The top 25 nations in the world in religious persecution are: Somalia, Saudi Arabia, Sudan (South), China, Iran, Sudan (North), Yemen, N.Korea, Morocco, Comoros, Egypt, Libya, Maldives, Qatar, Algeria,

Vietnam, Mauritania, Afghanistan, Bhutan, Laos, Uzbekistan, Turkey, Kuwait, Nigerian (No.), and United Arab Emirates (4/5 *Berea Bapt. Banner*). In over 60 countries worldwide, Christians are harassed, abused, arrested, tortured or executed specifically because of their faith. Christian worship is banned in Saudi Arabia (3/31 *C. News*). It's illegal to wear a cross or to utter a Christian prayer.

HYBELS, CAMPOLO PRAISE CLINTON - Bill Hybels meets with Pres. Clinton on a regular monthly schedule. Tony Campolo meets with him about every 1-1/2 months. The 4/5 *World* said Hybels, on inauguration day, faced the President and praised "the wisdom and the leadership and the vision in your life the past four years." He lauded "the development of your heart, your increasing desire to know God, and to live for him." He wanted Mr. Clinton to know "to the depths of your being that you are loved by many, many of us." Campolo said: "The idea that someone has to tell him what the gospel is about, is silly. But living it out that's the question. His position toward gays and lesbians is right." But President Clinton attends a pro-homosexual, liberal Methodist church and has consistently supported special rights for homosexuals and abortionists.

SHROUD OF TURIN A FAKE - While Italians rejoiced at saving the Shroud of Turin from a recent fire, Holy Land scholars say the shroud revered by Roman Catholics and some others as Jesus' burial cloth is a crude forgery by someone ignorant of Jewish customs (4/13 *Huntsville Times*). They present evidence to support their charges (also, see 10/15/88 *CC*). The shroud's legend began in the 14th century.

UCC SUSPENDS CHAVIS, ANGLICANS BAN PAPWORTH - The United Church of Christ has suspended former NAACP leader Rev. Benjamin Chavis after he joined the Nation of Islam. (Ref. 4/1 *CC*) *** The Church of England has banned Anglican minister Rev. John Papworth from officiating at church services after he condoned shoplifting and admitted sheltering British spy George Blake. (Ref. 4/1 *CC*)

PRESBYTERIANS BAR ORDAINING GAYS - After years of contentious debate, the Presbyterian Church (USA) has voted by a narrow margin to require that all unmarried ministers, deacons and elders be sexually celibate (3/20 *H. Times*). This was intended to ban the ordination of homosexuals, but has rattled thousands of single, sexually active heterosexual church officers who now must "repent, resign or lie."

MUSIC IS NOT NEUTRAL - In his 1992 book "*The Battle For Christian Music*" Tim Fisher writes: "[T]he testimony against the neutrality of music is overwhelming. Where would Musak (the company that formats music for shopping malls, restaurants and businesses) be if music had no effect on people? Where would the film music industry be? If music didn't have such a profound effect on us, why would it be such an important part of our existence? Those who have looked beyond the current music publications know that no one has ever taken the position that music is neutral except for Christians in the last twenty-five years who are trying to justify bringing rock into the church."

ROCK STARS HELP GRAHAM DRAW CROWD - Dr. Billy Graham, now 78 and diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 1989, plans to continue his crusades "as long as the Lord gives strength." The 4/2 *Houston Chronicle* said, concerning his April Crusade in the Alamodome: "More than 700 San Antonio churches representing over 50 denominations have joined together for the Graham crusade, which hopes to attract South Texas youth with big-name Christian rock acts [Amy Grant, dc Talk, Charlie Daniels Band, Michael W. Smith, Steve Green, and Jaci Velasquez] and a Saturday service just for kids." Organizers expected 250,000 to attend the event.

CATHOLICS SUPPORT GRAHAM CRUSADE - The 3/30 *Houston Chronicle*, reporting on the recent Billy Graham crusade at the Alamodome, said: "But the local Catholic community played a key role as well, a sort of payback for the Baptist show of support during the Pope's 1987 San Antonio visit." It added: "As a Christian leader, Billy Graham has earned a respect that so transcends theological differences that Baptists, Catholics and Presbyterians come together for planning, meetings and training sessions months in advance to prepare for a

Graham crusade." This will likely be Graham's last South Texas crusade. Some predict he will end his Texas ministry sometime in the future in Dallas where he retains a membership in First Baptist Church (the W.A. Criswell church). Graham said: "I don't see anywhere in the Bible where God's servants retired and went to Florida."

FALWELL SPEAKERS - Dr. Jerry Falwell's 1997 Super Conference speakers include: Drs. Jerry Vine (Southern Baptist), Jay Strack (SB), John Maxwell (PK speaker), and John Rawlings (BBF). Dr. Billy Graham is still slated to bring Liberty University's commencement address, May 3. A crowd of 25,000 is expected. ServiceMaster chairman and Wheaton College board chairman C. William Pollard is LU's baccalaureate speaker this year.

FBF & IBFNA CONFERENCES - The 77th Annual Meeting of the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship is at Colonial Hills Baptist Church, Indianapolis, June 10-12. Host pastor is Dr. Bob Taylor. Speakers include: FBF president Dr. Rod Bell, Drs. Bob Jones III, Bud Weniger, Les Ollila, John Vaughn, Bob Wood, Bill Hall, and Tim Jordan. *** The Independent Baptist Fellowship of North America's Annual Conference is at the Royce Hotel, Detroit, June 17-19. Speakers include: Drs. L. Duane Brown, Richard Harris, Ralph Colas, David Cummins, Robert Delnay, Charles Dear, Lloyd Streeter, Peter Van Kleeck, Rev. Kevin Colas, Rev. Albert Richards, and Rev. Paul Gustine. IBFNA Moderator Dr. Clay Nuttall has accepted a position with Piedmont Bible College.

NEW PK BOOKLET - Richard Teachout, a veteran missionary to French Quebec, has a new booklet entitled, *The Tidal Wave of Ecumenism and the Local Church, A Lesson from Promise Keepers*. He says: "I have ministered for over 25 years in three countries where the Catholic religion is very active and very dominant. Two years ago I began receiving many questions from people in my supporting churches in America, questions or sometimes even affirmations from those who believed that Catholics are actually saved and do not need the gospel. This was a great surprise. I have not been able to stop thinking, 'What am I doing here, if these people don't need the gospel?' Since that time I have encountered more and more people in my supporting churches who have come to the conclusion that it is a very good thing for Christians and Catholics to get together to worship and serve God together. Bro. Teachout sounds a good warning against PK and Catholicism. Get this 36-page booklet from him at: 2650 Mont Joli, Ste Foy Quebec, G1V 1C6 Canada, \$3.50 postpaid.

CRAIG BRANCH IS PART OF A PROBLEM - We have read some excellent articles by Watchman Fellowship cult expert Craig Branch. But we are disappointed that he says "to work together [with Roman Catholics] as co-belligerents against other evils is wise, prudent, and Biblical," and that he will speak in Churches of Christ, Seventh-day Adventist, New Age, apostate liberal, and Word of Faith churches as "pre-evangelism opportunities to bring truth." Brian Snider, a former Watchman Fellowship volunteer said that when Branch appeared on Mother Angelica's Eternal Word Television Network [RC] to discuss the New Age Movement with Roman Catholic charismatic Jesuit Father Mitch Pacwa he told what's wrong with New Age but not Catholicism. Snider writes to Branch: "If you're only discerning for one audience what's wrong with the next audience on the schedule, I don't see how you're doing anyone much good in these dark days. [Y]our discernment ministry consists of pointing out the errors of liberalism to those who aren't liberals; of word/faith to those who aren't word/faith; of Church of Christ to those who aren't Church of Christ. Tell me how many churches you've rescued from apostasy with this approach." A physician tells a patient what's wrong with him not what's wrong with another sick patient. Somewhat similarly, anti-evolution expert Dr. Kent Hovind speaks at liberal and charismatic churches and tells them what's wrong with evolution but would not be invited back if he pointed out their main error. These are examples of a growing problem.

IS TOLERANCE A VIRTUE? - The more popular use of tolerance speaks of accommodating beliefs and practices known to be erroneous. It's hard for me to understand how welcoming error into our ministries could be viewed as virtuous. That's why I cannot join evangelistic efforts which welcome as partners those who are

confused about the work of the Holy Spirit, or those whose confidence rests in a religious system rather than salvation by grace through faith alone. Christ taught truth. Truth is absolute. Absolutes are intolerant. Tolerance is no virtue if it means hailing error or those who espouse it as friends and partners. Indulging error is not only contrary to the example of Christ, it contradicts the biblical doctrine of separation. People who eschew personal and ecclesiastical separation are seemingly unable to see the comparisons between marital fidelity and spiritual fidelity. Shunning behavior or relationships that would detract from the keeping of marriage vows is considered an honorable narrowness, a desirable negativism, and a commendable isolationism. If my vows to my wife demand that I be particularly selective, can my devotion to Christ demand any less? My love for God and His Word demand that I keep the lines between truth and error clearly marked. (BMM Pres. Gary Anderson, Spr. '97 *Focus on Missions*)

SAILHAMER WARNING - In a review of Dr. John Sailhamer's 1995 book, *Introduction to Old Testament Theology: A Canonical Approach*, Dr. Robert Bell (BJU's 4/97 *Bib. Viewpoint*) writes: "After criticizing the evangelical theologians for following the Enlightenment's view of finding theology in history instead of in the Scriptural text, the author accepts far too much of the modern critical views about form criticism and especially redaction criticism (editors adding to already written Biblical books)." Sailhamer in early 1994 was scheduled to become Provost at Dallas Seminary after leaving Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, but plans changed.

CALVER TO LEAD WORLD RELIEF - Clive Calver, general director of the Evangelical Alliance ("the largest Christian organization in Great Britain"), is the new president of World Relief (3/29 *Dallas Morn. News*). WR is an arm of the National Association of Evangelicals.

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DISNEY TV SITCOM'S 'ELLEN' IS HOMOSEXUAL - The main character on the ABC sitcom *Ellen* comes out of the closet in a one-hour special, April 30. Although she is the first openly homosexual character to have her own show, there have been dozens of positively portrayed homosexual characters (3/22 *World*). The once family-friendly Disney produces the show and has overtly approved the script.

TV, VIDEOS FEED LUST - *Baywatch* is the most-watched television program in the world (3/1 *World*). This bikini-fest is seen by nearly 2.4 billion viewers in 103 countries. *Playboy* was the leading distributor of home videos in 1996. I Pet. 2:11 says: "Abstain from fleshly lusts." Sinful passions war against the soul and steal our passion for God.

HARVARD'S 'GAY' CHAPLAIN PETER GOMES - Harvard's chaplain, Peter Gomes, is a black homosexual Republican. He is also Harvard's Plummer Professor of Christian Morals. He rejects biblical interpretations that condemn homosexual practices (2/24 *Chr. News*). He says: "No credible case against homosexuality or homosexuals can be made from the Bible unless one chooses to read scripture in a way that simply sustains the existing prejudice" (W.'97 *Record*). A 4/7 *Christianity Today* reviewer seems too quick to praise Gomes, and a former archbishop of Canterbury (Runcie) calls him "one of the great preachers of our generation."

BORK'S BOOK - Justice Robert Bork's best-selling book, *Slouching Toward Gomorrah*, cites religious liberalism as a major cause for the virtual decline of decency, integrity, and traditional morality in many sectors of American life. Bork says the feminist movement has been permeated if not controlled by witchcraft proponents (2/97 *Religion Watch*). In seeking to protect traditional morality, he favors having the courts tighten up the current definitions of sexually explicit and offensive speech in the print and electronic media.

PK EMPHASIZES RACE, DE-EMPHASIZES DOCTRINE - Promise Keepers continues to break down racial and doctrinal walls. It has drawn more than 2 million men to stadium conferences since 1991. It has 19 conferences scheduled for the U.S. in 1997, and plans a Washington, DC gathering for Oct. 4 (4/97 *Charisma*). About 30 percent of its 437 staffers are minorities, and a strong push is on to increase this. Race seems the

MAIN thing; doctrine is downplayed for the sake of unity and racial reconciliation.

ONLY ONE GOD - Atheists, such as Madalyn Murray O'Hair, say there is NO God. New-Ager Shirley MacLaine says she (and everyone) is God. Christians say the Triune God of the Bible is the only God that exists (I Cor. 8:4). God's Word says He is the ONLY God there is (Isa. 43:10, 44:8). Let God be true and all naysayers liars (Rom. 3:4)!

SELECTIVE OUTRAGE AGAINST TOBACCO - Tobacco is addictive and harmful. Alcohol is this and more. It causes people to murder, rape, assault, and to slaughter thousands on highways each year. Many other drugs are also addictive and harmful. Some foods are addictive and harmful. Television and pornography can be addictive and harmful. Where is the outrage against these, especially the liquor industry? Cal Thomas said (3/26 *H. Times*): "I may be at risk from exposure to secondhand smoke. I am more at risk when I try to walk down almost any street in Washington, and most other cities, at night. And I am at greater risk, still, when I put my body in the hands of a medical profession that is rapidly abandoning standards for life and death."

MESSIANIC JEWS SHUN CROSS, CHRISTIAN LABEL - Messianic Jewish believers question Fuller Seminary's recent sponsoring of a conference on religion and politics with the American Jewish Committee, an implacable opponent of evangelistic outreach to Jews. An AJC leader, Rabbi A. James Rudin warned that whenever he hears the claim that "there is only one way to God," he hears an echo of totalitarianism (4/7 *C. Today*). But even many messianic Jews seem to shun the Christian label and the Cross of Christ. Many say, "I'm not a Christian, I'm a messianic Jew." The 4/97 *Charisma* says: "Also, you won't find a cross in a messianic synagogue. Stars of David are plentiful. The cross is a huge stumbling block for many Jews. It's synonymous with the symbol of death for all the wrong reasons." Without the Cross there is no Gospel, so Christians should not be ashamed of it (Romans 1:16).

HOMOSEXUALITY AT CRC'S CALVIN COLLEGE - The Christian Reformed Church has been embroiled in controversy in recent years over its toleration of beliefs in homosexuality and theistic evolution. But most of the over 30,000 members quitting the CRC in the last five years, were opponents of its approval of women's ordination (3/3 *CN*). Now, a special insert in the Calvin College *Chimes* has an extended interview with three homosexuals (3/24 *CN*). One homosexual alumni estimated that Calvin currently has fifty to one hundred homosexual students on campus.

MANY MEN MEANER THAN WOMEN - PK's *Men of Action* (Spr. '97) says: "America suffers the highest violent crime rate of any nation in the world. Of the 1.6 million people that are incarcerated, nearly 93 percent are men."

FREE HUMANISM CHART - A "Humanism/Naturalism New World Order Tree Chart", showing the New Age Movement's globalist, educational, masonic, UN, religious and environmental ties is available free for anyone sending a self-addressed, stamped legal-size envelope before July 1 to: P. Cuddy, 1027 St. Mary's Street., Raleigh, NC 27605.

NIV TO GO 'GENDER-NEUTRAL'? - Susan Olasky in the 3/29 *World* said: "The *New International Version* of the Bible the best-selling English version in the world is quietly going 'gender-neutral.' Say goodbye to the generic *he, man, brothers, or mankind*. Make way for *people, person, brother and sister, and humankind*." She said by the year 2000 or 2001, if the 15-member Committee for Biblical Translation the NIV's controlling body has its way, the 35 percent of American Bible buyers who prefer the NIV will not be able to buy a new copy. But publisher Zondervan may choose to put out two separate versions as it does in England. The CBT wants there to be just an inclusive language edition here. Pressure for unisex language came from women who "felt left out" by traditional language, and from NIV publishers. Olasky said this fits with the trend toward egalitarianism the denial of any distinctions between men and women, and that women should be pastors and co-

heads of families. Pro-abortion feminist Virginia Mollenkott, "a practicing lesbian who promotes adultery and repudiates the Christian faith" (11/25 *CN*), was a consultant for the NIV translating committee.

HYBELS CHURCH FAVORS WOMEN PREACHERS? - Wheaton Prof. Gilbert Bilezikian, a founding elder at Bill Hybels's Willow Creek Community Church near Chicago, favors the "full inclusion of the constituency of members into the ministry, life, and leadership of the group." Such egalitarians assert that women should be pastors, elders, and co-heads of families (3/29 *World*). Willow Creek has had women elders since its founding in 1978. In the past year, the church has demanded that staff and prospective church members agree with a draft position paper which makes clear the church's belief that "when the Bible is interpreted comprehensively, it teaches the full equality of men and women in status, giftedness, and opportunity for ministry, despite "a few scriptural texts [that] appear to restrict the full ministry freedom of women."

MacARTHUR A SPEAKER AT NRB - The National Religious Broadcasters is an affiliate of the NAE. Speakers for the recent convention in Anaheim included: Franklin Graham, MBI-president Joe Stowell, Church of Christ minister Max Lucado, David Jeremiah, Beverly LaHaye, and John MacArthur (replaced Stephen Olford). Stowell, Lucado, and Graham have spoken at Promise Keepers meetings. MacArthur can speak at ecumenical NRB and SBC meetings and still be a member in good standing of the IFCA, and be its main speaker this year! Dr. Ralph Colas attended the NRB as a reporter and his extensive report should be available in a few weeks. He voiced concern over the involvement of the former Armstrong cult (Worldwide Church of God, Plain Truth Ministries) and its doctrinal statement. It is already an associate member of the NRB and has applied for NAE membership. NRB exhibitors included: The "Toronto Blessing" church, *Voice of Prophecy* (Seventh-day Adventist), and Awana Clubs International (for the first time).

TRUMPET VOICES NOW MUTED - Many who were once strong and vocal in their defense of personal and ecclesiastical separation have greatly mollified their stand. It appears that the notion is that some things that used to be wrong are not wrong any longer and some truths held dear and worth fighting for are not so important as they once were. The lines that were once clearly drawn are now smudged and barely legible. The voices that were once a trumpet sound are now hardly a whisper. A metamorphosis is taking place. Militance is being replaced with diplomacy. Values and priorities are changing. Militance which was once considered honorable and scriptural is now considered crude and uncouth. While we are "militant" and "contending" for the truth, we are to do it in a right spirit and for the right purposes. (Maranatha Bapt. Watchman)

NAE HEAD DON ARGUE POPULAR WITH NCC & CLINTON - Last Nov., for the first time ever, National Association of Evangelicals president Don Argue and a Muslim leader addressed the National Council of Churches (see 2/1 *CC*). The 4/97 *Charisma* said "prominent Pentecostal ministers" supported President Clinton on Inauguration Day. It said that at the National Prayer Service at an A.M.E. church in Washington: "Clinton asked Don Argue, a Pentecostal to lead the audience in prayer" Argue has met with Clinton and other religious leaders on other occasions. He is an Assembly of God minister, popular with the ecumenicals and charismatics.

SIX MARKS OF FALSE PROPHETS: - 1) Through signs and wonders they lead astray after false gods (Dt. 13:1-4); 2) their prophecies don't come to pass (Dt. 18:20-22); 3) they contradict God's Word (Is. 8:20); 4) they bear bad fruit (Mt. 7:18-20); 5) all men speak well of them (Lk. 6:26); 6) they deny that Jesus, the one and only Christ, has come once and for all in the flesh (1Jn. 4:3). Any one of these marks is sufficient identification. Dave Hunt

CANADIAN CATHOLICS TO JOIN COUNCIL - The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops voted in Feb. to become a full member of the Canadian Council of Churches, the counterpart of the U.S. NCC. Meanwhile, the WCC's financial crisis last year led to major staffing cuts, reducing the number of full-time staff from 237 to 189 (3/24 *Chr. News*). The World Council now seeks a common date for Easter for eastern and

western churches.

CATHOLIC ECUMENICAL BRIDGES - The ecumenical movement today attempts to unify all religions. Pope John Paul II has been building bridges to non-Christian religions. Even Mother Teresa has the ecumenical spirit as seen from the book *Servants of Love*. She states, "we went every day to pray in some temple or church. The Archbishop gave us permission to do so. We prayed with the Jews, the Armenians, the Anglicans, the Jains, the Sikhs, the Buddhists, the Hindus. It was extraordinary. All hearts united in prayer to the one true God." (4/97 *Proclaiming the Gospel*). The New Evangelicals of our day are being enticed into this ecumenical "bridge-building" web. Instead of warning believers of the apostate world church, they embrace those who are building it.

FUNDAMENTALIST BRIDGE-BUILDING - Many Fundamentalist groups today, instead of building walls to protect young Christian lambs from the wolves (in sheep's clothing), are busily building unscriptural bridges with pseudo-fundamentalists, new evangelicals, charismatics, Roman Catholics, liberals, and various and sundry other apostates. Be warned, be wise, beware!

BAPTIST WORLD MISSION CHANGES - Dr. David Cummins resigns his pastorate in Warren, MI about July 1 to become Deputation Director of Baptist World Mission (Decatur, AL). He succeeds Dr. Ernest Pickering who now serves as BWM Field Rep. Dr. Pickering lost his eyesight last Nov. due to radiation therapy after 1995 cancer surgery. He has moved to Pa. and continues to write and preach. Dr. Fred Moritz is BWM Executive Director.

ACCC REPORTS - American Council of Christian Churches exec. sec'y Dr. Ralph Colas has attended several key conferences over the past year or so and filed first-hand extensive reports on issues of vital importance. These meetings include: WCC, Promise Keepers, Urbana, Fasting & Prayer (Bill Bright), NAE, and NRB. The latter two reports won't be available until next month. These are available on an offering basis, but please keep in mind that some involve tremendous travel expense. Order from: ACCC, PO Box 19, Wallingford, PA 19086.

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ABORTION EXPERT LIED- - Ron Fitzsimmons, executive director of the National Coalition of Abortion Providers which represents some 200 independently owned abortion businesses, in a Feb. 25 interview said he "lied through his teeth" when he said on *Nightline* that partial-birth abortions are rare and confined to serious threats to mother and fetus. He knew at the time that thousands of such abortions are done each year, most on healthy mothers and babies (3/7 *H. Events*). He now says telling the lies made him "physically ill." He said he lied because he feared the truth would damage the abortion rights cause. President Clinton's veto of a bill to ban partial-birth abortions, the brutal stabbing of a 90%-born baby in the birth canal, was predicated on a lie.

TOBACCO & BOOZE - Tobacco products kill over 400,000 people each year. That's more than the combined deaths due to AIDS, car accidents, alcohol, homicide, illegal drugs, suicide and fires (1/6 *USN & WR*). Tobacco causes approximately 115,000 "spontaneous abortions" every year. If it doesn't get the fetus in the womb, it may get the baby in the crib. Maternal smoking alone is responsible for an estimated 1,200 to 2,200 deaths each year from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (3/97 *Christian View of the News*). Meanwhile, alcohol is the leading cause of death for young people ages 15 to 24 (3/4 *Indiana Bap.*). They die in alcohol related car crashes, drownings, fires, homicides, and suicides.

BUILDING BRIDGES: CHRISTIANITY & ISLAM - Fouad Elias Accad, in a new NAVPRESS book by the above title, gives many helpful hints for dialoguing with Muslims. But he starts from a false premise. He says (back cover): "Muslims and Christians worship one God.", implying it is the same God. Thus in his passion to build bridges [he died in 1994] and bring the Christian and Muslim communities together, he makes dangerous concessions. He says "beware of the words 'evangelism,' 'missions,' and 'convert.'" and says be "careful not to quote John 3:16 unnecessarily." He asks: "Have we done *our* part" for the salvation of our lives? There is some good advice and insights, but read with care. We are not to build "bridges" between truth and error.

'BUDDHA' IN A BAPTIST CHURCH? - Rev. Tim McDonald has no problem allowing Buddhists to worship a different divinity in his Baptist church's annex. Konomu Utsumi, a Buddhist monk from Japan, established a small temple with a gold shrine to Buddha in the annex of First Iconium Baptist Church in Atlanta five years ago (1/11 *Houston Chronicle*). McDonald said: "They worship an idol god, but that god has some of the same

principles of love and compassion as our unseen God." He added: "Jesus never called himself a Christian. That's the label we put on it." It is blasphemous to compare God to an idol!

TEMPLETON PRIZE GOES TO HINDU NEW-AGER - The \$1 million Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion was awarded last month to Pandurang Shastri Athavale, the founder of a spiritual movement that has reached nearly 100,000 villages in India with the message that God is greater than class or religious divisions and is present in all people. He leads a self-knowledge movement based on Hinduism's Bhagavad Gita and urges people to recognize the presence of God within themselves and their neighbors, and that all persons are divine brothers and sisters in the family of God. Previous winners of this prize include Bill Bright, Billy Graham, Chuck Colson, and Mother Teresa.

MOTHER TERESA'S SUCCESSOR CHOSEN - Catholic nun Mother Teresa, 86, is stepping down from leading the Missionaries of Charity. It has over 4,000 nuns and runs 517 orphanages, homes for poor, AIDS hospices, etc. (3/13 *H. Times*). Her successor is Sister Nirmala, a Hindu convert to Catholicism. It is feared she won't have the fundraising savvy and close ties to the Pope of Mother Teresa. Chuck Colson praises Mother Teresa, calls her a great Christian, and his sister in Christ (11/15 *CC*). But others say she is a universalist who tells dying people to "Pray to whatever god you feel comfortable with." *O Timothy* editor David Cloud has interviewed her coworkers and says she is "anything but an Evangelical Christian." He says she is a self-sacrificing woman who is following a false religion.

CHAVIS JOINS NATION OF ISLAM - Benjamin Chavis announced in Feb. that he has joined Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam and has changed his name to Chavis Muhammad. He recently served as executive director of the NAACP. *Christian News* for years has exposed the anti-Christian and radical views of Chavis, an immoral United Church of Christ clergyman who denied historic Christianity.

BARBOUR DROPS SUIT AGAINST CHRISTIAN NEWS - Dr. Joseph Barbour has resigned from the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's clergy roster and as a Concordia Seminary professor. He has dismissed his suit against Lutheran News, Inc. and Rev. Herman Otten, editor of *Christian News*. *CN* had exposed the "voodoo psychology" promoted by Barbour, used by him in a counseling case, and by his endorsement of a "Recovered Memory Movement" book, The Courage to Heal.

ANGLICAN PRIEST SAYS O.K. TO STEAL FROM GIANT RETAILING CORPORATIONS - Church of England priest Rev. John Papworth suggested last month it was no sin to shoplift as long as the victim is a big supermarket (3/16 *HT*). But the commandment, "Thou shalt not steal," is an absolute one and makes no exceptions for giant corporations that "have run little stores out of business" as Papworth says.

GOTHARD REPLIES TO CHARGES - We received a letter in February from Bill Gothard, president of Institute in Basic Life Principles. He denied giving a "prophetic directive" at Bill Bright's 12/94 Fasting & Prayer meeting in Orlando, as reported in the 2/95 *Charisma* which the 3/15/95 *CC* quoted. Gothard said he does not believe in extra-Biblical revelations and does not give prophetic directives. Charismatics likely perceived it as such, so it seems to be a problem of semantics since he admitted to speaking out on the reported subject at the meeting. He implied we were untruthful in our charge that attendees included "liberals, charismatics, and new evangelicals." Pro-Catholic pope-praiser and "bridge-builder" Chuck Colson was a main attendee. Ecumenicals such as Pat Robertson, Paul Cedar, Adrian Rogers, Kay Arthur, Carlton Pearson, and Lloyd Ogilvie were listed attendees whose associations would place them in one of the above categories. We quoted California pastor John Mincy (8/15/96 *CC*) as saying Gothard has Catholics on his local sponsoring committees and as workers at his seminars. Gothard denied having *sponsoring* committees, but let the rest of the statement stand. Again, semantics! A former FBF board member said (6/93), as we recall, that Gothard has become cultic, promotes a peculiar kind of homeschooling, and calls himself a fundamentalist but is not. Gothard wrote: "I want to assure you that I am committed to the purity of God's truth and Biblical separation." It

is sad and dangerous that one can be "committed" to separation, but not practice it.

LUIS PALAU & ASSOCIATES - Luis Palau is known as "the Billy Graham of Latin America," and for good reason. He likes to preach on things Protestants and Catholics have in common (1/15/94 CC). In the past three years he has spoken for Promise Keepers, National Religious Broadcasters, National Association of Evangelicals, Billy Graham and Moody Founder's Week conferences. His own ecumenical crusades have featured Pat Boone, rappers, and rock musicians. Catholics, liberals, charismatics, and Source of Light Mission "endorsed" his 1993 Jamaican Crusade (see 3/15/93 CC). Moody Bible Institute president Joseph Stowell and Bill Hybels participated in his 1996 Chicago meetings.

DR. VAN GELDEREN'S HOME-GOING - Fundamentalist leader Dr. Wayne Van Gelderen Sr. went home to be with his Lord March 9. He is survived by five children. Of the three we have met, Jim and John are evangelists and Wayne Jr. is a pastor. The memorial service was held March 13 in the latter's Falls Baptist Church, Menomonee Falls, Wis. , with Dr. Ed Nelson officiating (assisted by Dr. Frank Bumpus). There were testimonies by his children, and friends such as Dr. Bob Jones III. Dr. Van Gelderen pastored several churches, and for 27 years, the historic Marquette Manor Baptist Church (Chicago area). A special tribute was held at MMBC March 14, with MMBC Pastor Mark Simmons officiating. Dr. Van Gelderen served on many fundamental boards, including: Bob Jones University, Baptist World Mission, and Fundamental Baptist Fellowship.

BILL HYBELS' WILLOW CREEK MINISTRY - Bill Hybels has monthly meetings with President Clinton (3/15 CC). *Sword of the Lord* editor Dr. Shelton Smith comments on Hybels' mega-church, seeker-sensitive ministry near Chicago: "[I]t is one of the main sources of a philosophy of church growth which we strongly oppose. It is ministry based on giving the community what they want when they come to church, instead of setting strong, biblical standards. It is an anemic and flawed philosophy. Success must be built on the Scripture, or else we cannot be pleased with the 'success.'" We must not violate scriptural principles to draw crowds.

FULLER'S 'THEOLOGY OF PLURALISM' SEMINAR - A recent conference co-sponsored by Fuller Seminary and the American Jewish Committee focused on how evangelicals and Jews view one another and the dynamic interplay between religion and politics in a diverse America (2/24 *Christian News*). Rabbi A. James Rudin, Harvard Divinity School dean Ronald F. Thiemann, and Fuller president Richard J. Mouw explored the possibility of developing a "theology of pluralism" within Christian and Jewish traditions. Pluralism teaches that no one religion contains all the truth for everyone everywhere. Thiemann is on the clergy roster of the liberal Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and has been a strong defender of Peter J. Gomes, the homosexual chaplain of Harvard.

URBANA '96 REPORTS - The Feb.-March *Foundation* (FEA, PO Box 6278, Los Osos, CA 93412, \$10/yr.) had reports by Dennis and Matt Costella on the recent InterVarsity Christian Fellowship's Urbana '96 mission conference (see 3/1 CC). Urbana and the American Bible Society collaborated in giving each participant a free copy of the polluted New Revised Standard Version Bible. The NRSV is a gender-free, ecumenical Bible prepared by the apostate National Council of Churches. A wide spectrum of Urbana '96 participants exemplified the inclusiveness of this youth-oriented ecumenical gathering. A "Worship Team" provided worldly rock music with Christian lyrics.

35,000 EXPECTED AT YFC'S DC/LA MEETINGS - Every three years Youth For Christ holds the DC/LA Super-Conferences. This year it's DC in July, LA in June. Over 35,000 students are expected at DC/LA '97 the largest crowd ever. Speakers include: Josh McDowell, Ron Luce, and Buster Soaries. Music is by: Michael W. Smith, Jars of Clay, Newsboys, and Steven Curtis Chapman. The list of Christian schools involved include (see 9/15 CC): Fuller, Wheaton, Oral Roberts, Moody, Western (GARBC), and Christian Heritage (David Jeremiah, president).

CHURCH OF ROME NOW A MARXIST CHURCH? - A new book by Wilson Ewin, The Chilling Significance of Pope John Paul's Oct. 22 Address, says: "The Church of Rome is now a Marxist Church. Before many, it still proclaims there is a God; before others, however, it is building a close association with global atheists." This 32-page booklet discusses evolution, the pillar of atheism, and the one world church. Send \$2.50 + postage to: Ewin Publications, P. O. Box 180, Norton, VT 05907.

MARY HAS ROLE IN SALVATION? - Pope John Paul stated in his 12/18 general audience: "Mary intensely and mysteriously unites her life with Christ's sorrowful mission: She was to become her Son's faithful coworker for the salvation of the human race." (2/17 *Chr. News*).

UCC APOSTASY - The United Church of Christ tolerates virtually all kinds of denials of Christian doctrines. It was the first major denomination officially to approve of the ordination of homosexuals and lesbians (2/24 *CN*). It has endorsed abortion, and euthanasia and suicide in some situations. It allows its clergy to pastor Unitarian churches.

SBC-SDA ECUMENICAL SERVICES - A church choir from a predominately black Seventh-day Adventist church and from two predominately white Southern Baptist churches (Huntsville, AL) will "break down racial and denominational walls" that separate them to join for three performances (one in each church) of the musical cantata "Make Us One," March 22-24 (3/15 *H. Times*). The SDA is still a cult (Dr. John Whitcomb lists six reasons for classifying it as such in the March-April *BDM Letter*. The article is available for \$1 from: BDM, PO Box 679, Bedford, IN 47421.) Apostasy is still rampant in the SBC.

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CARTER COMMENTS ON CONVERSION - Former president Jimmy Carter in his newest book, *Living Faith*, says (1/11 *Houston Chron.*): "Being born again is a new life, not of perfection but of striving, stretching and searching—a life of intimacy with God. Being born again didn't happen to me when I was 11. For me, it has been an evolutionary thing. Rather than a flash of light or a sudden vision of God speaking, it involved a series of steps that brought me steadily closer to Christ. My conversion at 11 was just one of those steps." This is the kind of flawed theology one might expect from someone whose four favorite theologians/thinkers were notorious liberals Barth, Niebuhr, Tillich, and Kierkegaard (10/1/86 *CC*). It also helps explain his liberal stance on social issues, and his 19-93 endorsement of the moderate/liberal wing of the SBC.

ABORTION IS JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE? - A new book praised by NOW president Patricia Ireland and feminist abortion crusader Eleanor Smeal says: "Even in a medically normal pregnancy, the fetus massively intrudes on a woman's body and expropriates her liberty. If the woman does not consent to this transformation and use of her body, the fetus's imposition constitutes injuries sufficient to justify the use of deadly force to stop it." (2/15 *World*). The book, *Breaking Abortion Deadlock: From Choice to Consent*, is by Eileen McDonough who concedes the humanity of the unborn child "just as a homeowner concedes the humanity of a thief in the night but shoots him dead." But when a woman consents to conception, the unborn baby is an invited guest, not a freedom-stealing burglar.

TBN DROPS PAT BOONE...UNTIL HE 'EXPLAINS' - Besieged with thousands of phone calls and letters from shocked contributors, the charismatic Trinity Broadcasting Network's president Paul Crouch and other TBN executives moved to strike Pat Boone from its schedule "at least until he 'explains' his actions" (2/20 *H. Times*, 12/15 *CC*). Boone's recent tattoos and bare-chested black leather costume were too much for some fans. The 2/2 *Dallas Morn. News* said: "There was a time when Boone...believed heavy metal music a demonic plot." His parents, wife and daughter Debby opposed his turn toward heavy metal.

BOESAK WOES - Marxist African National Congress for-mer provincial leader Allan Boesak was forced to resign as president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches after two highly publicized extra-marital affairs and divorce a few years ago (1/27 *Christian News*). For the last year or so he taught at the American Baptist

Seminary of the West, but is now charged with nine counts of fraud and 21 counts of theft in misappropriating anti-apartheid donations and diverting them to his own personal wants.

RECENT EPISCOPAL SCANDALS - In January 1995, the head of the Episcopal Church's largest diocese killed himself after multiple adulterous affairs (4/3/95 *CT*). Then its embezzling treasurer resigned in disgrace. In 1996, heresy charges against Bishop Walter Righter for ordaining a noncelibate homosexual were dismissed (6/17/96 *CT*). Of course, notorious Bishop John Spong is an ongoing "scandal" himself with his liberalism, and defense of homosexuals, becoming more blatant with each book he writes. His Episcopal Diocese of Newark (NJ) voted overwhelmingly in late Jan. to ask its national church to write a liturgical blessing for same-sex marriages (1/26 *Star-Ledger*). A homosexual lay delegate at an Episcopal convention recently said 33 percent of Episcopal priests are homosexuals (2/24 *C. News*). In Jan. a NY Episcopal priest was arrested as he smoked a crack pipe while typing his sermon, and was charged with dealing drugs from his church.

CROWDS FLOCK TO 'PENSACOLA OUTPOURING' - Charismatics in droves are converging on Pensacola's_Brownsville Assembly of God, site of a 21-month-long "revival." Some arrive as early as 4 A.M. for evening seats and leave after 3 A.M., following hours of prayer and spiritual manifestations such as jerking, moaning, weeping, and dancing (3/3 *Chr. Today*). This continues four nights a week and is compared to, but is less giddy than, the Toronto Blessing ("laughing revival"). "Worship" became so wild (barking, roaring, etc.) at the Toronto church that its mother denomination, John Wimber's Vineyard Fellowship, ousted it (see 1/15 & 4/15/96 *CCs*). Charismatic/occultist David Yonggi Cho, pastor of a huge church in South Korea, is credited with laying the ground- work for the Pensacola "revival." The *CT* article said: "God prompted him to look at a U.S. map. And he placed a finger on Pensacola." Hundreds of people lie prostrate, face down, wailing, "slain in the Spirit." Contemporary Christian music (CCM) is used to get the audience on its feet (3/2 *Huntsville Times*). Revival organizers say perhaps 100,000 souls have been saved, but in random interviews over a three-day period, none said they were born again.

HYBELS, SCHULLER, CAMPOLO 'HELP' CLINTON - Liberal Eastern College sociologist Tony Campolo preached false doctrine at Pres. Clinton's inaugural prayer service (2/3 *CN*). Billy Graham gave the inaugural ceremony prayer. Willow Creek Community Church pastor Bill Hybels gushed in his praise of Clinton's "increasing desire to know God and to live for him" and said he has seen him grow spiritually in the monthly private meetings they have held for four years (3/3 *World*). Self-esteem liberal Robert Schuller said Clinton is a "pastor to the nation, not a politician." With such "helpers," pray for our president!

FALWELL GEARING UP FOR GRAHAM-- Dr. Jerry Falwell's 3/97 *National Liberty Journal* said a 1000-voice "Crusade" Choir will join Dr. Billy Graham for Liberty University's 1997 commencement. It said the LU class of 1997 will "be honored to hear Dr. Billy Graham as their commencement speaker on May 3rd." Billy Graham's grandson (Will Graham) is one of the nearly 2,000 graduates, and Franklin Graham will offer the invocation.

SCHAEFFER'S INFLUENCE ON FALWELL - Francis Schaeffer was a strong defender of inerrancy, but weak on separation. Near the end of his life (1984) he became disillusioned with fellow evangelicals as noted in his last book, The Great Evangelical Disaster. The 3/3 *Christianity Today* has a long essay on Schaeffer, noting his vast influence on many new evangelicals of our day. It said: "Francis's writings helped convince Jerry Falwell to take a stand against abortion. He also tutored Falwell in the concept of cobelligence (Schaeffer's belief that Christians ought to stand with non-Christians against social injustice) which led Falwell to try to bring Catholics, Jews, Mormons, and others into the Moral Majority in 1979." He made public appearances with Falwell and Pat Robertson. Falwell in his 3/97 *National Liberty Journal* lists Schaeffer as one of his three mentors and said: "The students at Liberty University revered Dr. Schaeffer. When he walked into a convocation or chapel, they stood instantly in deep reverence of this man of God...."

NRB, LAHAYE, MOON - In perusing a draft of ACCC exec sec Dr. Ralph Colas's NRB report, we note: Speakers included Franklin Graham, MBI pres. Joseph Stowell, Max Lucado (Church of Christ pastor), John MacArthur, Beverly LaHaye, and David Jeremiah. Plain Truth Ministries sponsored a breakfast at the NRB (Nat'l Religious Broadcasters), and is already an associate member of the NAE. The pace of evangelical acceptance of Herbert W. Armstrong's former cult seems imprudent. (See 10/1 CC). LaHaye, in private, shared her discomfort in being a keynote speaker at a recent conference sponsored by followers of Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church. She indicated she did not know it was a "Moonie" conference until a few days prior, and felt that by then it was too late to cancel. She was joined on that "Moonie" platform by Ralph Reed (Christian Coalition), Gary Bauer, and Robert Schuller. Jerry Falwell has spoken at Moonie conferences in recent years (11/15/94 CC).

FUNDAMENTALISM'S GREATEST DANGER - FBF v-p Dr. Frank Bumpus identifies it as "a spirit of tolerance." (*Frontline*). He says: "The tolerant conservative today is usually a product of our Fundamentalist institutions and moves with ease within our circles. As Dr. David Beale (*In Pursuit of Purity*) observes, his personality is congenial and winsome, but he disdains controversy and recoils from militancy. He is inclined to suspect and criticize the motives of those who fight error and often parrots the criticism of those outside Fundamentalism. His is the voice of moderation, and he prefers peace over purity. His philosophy leads to compromise ...surrender and defeat." Dr. Bumpus quotes Dr. George Dollar, then says: "The legacy of the tolerant conservative is one of naivete, cowardice and betrayal to the cause of Christ." He adds: "...Evil and error must be exposed....It is vital for Fundamentalism to resist any tolerance of error and compromise and to maintain its militant spirit."

MARTY TO LECTURE AT CONCORDIA - Liberal ELCA clergyman Dr. Martin Marty is a main speaker at a Concordia Seminary (LCMS) symposium, St. Louis, May 6-7. He is Senior Editor of the ultra-liberal *Christian Century* (1/27 CN). He attacks inerrancy, denies the physical resurrection of Christ, and is pro-abortion.

WARE TO SPEAK WITH SO. BAPTISTS - Baptist Bible College (Indianapolis) president Dr. Charles Ware is listed in Dr. Jerry Falwell's 3/97 *Nat'l Liberty Journal* as a speaker for a Rick Gage GO TELL Camp at the GA Baptist Assembly at Toccoa, Ga. in July. Southern Baptists such as Rick Gage and Jerry Johnston are also listed speakers. Ware was a main speaker at the GARBC's 1996 annual conference, and is a member of ABWE's board (see 10/1 CC). It is sad that fundamental churches still support organizations such as ABWE and the GARBC that claim to be separatist, but practice compromise. (See *Sad Signs GARBC Not Separatist* article in 10/1 CC, and 4/15 & 5/1/96 CCs for ABWE info.)

CHARISMATIC GROWTH - According to a study by David Barrett of the Global Evangelization Movement, charismatic growth will continue to flourish in the next century (3/97 *Charisma*). He says in 1996, 11.8 percent of the world's "Christians"—or 479 million of 1.9 billion Christians—were charismatic. By 2000, 26 percent (554 million) of the world's 2.1 billion Christians will be charismatic. And by 2025, 37 percent (1.1 billion) of the world's 3 billion "Christians" will be charismatic.

MUSLIMS AND JEWS - "Reconciliation Walk" is a four-year international effort to build bridges between Christians and their historical "enemies"—Muslims and Jews (3/97 *Charisma*). Lynn Green, a top Youth With A Mission director, is RW's international coordinator. But by rejecting Christ as Savior, these two religions reject the divinely established "bridge." And to say that "Muslims and Jews deserve an apology from Christians" today for the brutal "holy war" Crusades against Muslims and Jews is to confuse. Don't blame Christians today for the Crusades, promoted and financed by Roman Catholic popes centuries ago! YWAM and others have no authority to reconcile and build bridges to Christ-rejecting religions. The Cross of Christ is God's only salvation bridge. For Muslims, Jews and others who refuse that, there can be no real reconciliation.

WIMBER, HYBELS SPEAK AT SCHULLER EVENT Listed faculty for The Robert Schuller Institute for Successful Church Leadership, Jan. 27-30, at Crystal Cathedral campus included: Schuller, John Wimber (Vineyard "signs and wonders" guru), Bill Hybels, Charles Blake (Church of God), Walt Kallestad, John Maxwell, and Rick Warren. Ken Medema was at piano (9/16 CT). Hybels, Wimber, and David Cho were 1994 speakers. Tony Cam-polo and Jack Hayford were listed as 1995 speakers.

CHARISMATIC 'WOMEN OF FAITH' - The "Women of Faith" (Luci Swindoll, Sheila Walsh, Thelma Wells, Patsy Clairmont, Marilyn Meberg, & Barbara Johnson) are listed in the 3/97 *Charisma* to present their "The Joyful Journey" conference in John Hagee's charismatic church and in former SBC president Ed Young's church (Houston). This is billed as a "special time filled with infectious joy, laughter and inspiring spiritual truth."

POPE'S VISION FOR NEW MILLENNIUM - The 3/97 *C.E.C. Journal* had an ad from the 3/96 *New Covenant* by Franciscan University, Steubenville, OH (where Dr. James Dobson received an honorary doctorate). It read (emphasis theirs): "THE HOLY FATHER has a sweeping vision for the new millennium: a Church HEALED of *division*, BOUND together by *love*, and CELEBRATING a Eucharistic unity. See how Mary, the Mother of Mercy, is leading the Church into the third millennium."

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U.S. IS WORLD'S MAIN PRODUCER OF PORN - America is by far the world's leading producer of pornography, churning out hard-core videos at the shocking rate of about 150 new titles per week (2/10 *USN & WR*). The number of hard-core video rentals rose from 75 million in 1985 to a record high of 665 million in 1996. Availability of hard-core home video films has forced adult theaters out of business. Last year Americans spent over \$8 billion on hard-core videos, peep shows, live sex acts, adult cable programs, sexual devices, computer porn, and sex magazines. They spent between \$750 million and \$1 billion on telephone sex. A new AdultVision cable service offers porn films 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our sex-crazed society, by such toleration of pornography, is breeding degradation of women and corruption of men's minds.

PORN TO STAY ON MILITARY BASES - A NY federal judge struck down a new law forbidding the sale of sexually explicit magazines at U.S. Military bases. Pornographer Bob Guccione sells 19,000 copies of his *Penthouse* on Army and Air Force installations each month (2/1 *World*). The federal government is America's largest distributor of pornography (4/1 *CC*). Most sex crimes and rapes are directly related to porn, so it is small wonder that recently these rates are soaring at military bases. Pornography demeans women, perverts youth, and destroys families.

UNITED RELIGIONS INITIATIVE - The Dec. 1996 *URI News Update* said: "The United Religions Initiative [see 4/1, 8/15, 1/15, & 2/15 *CCs*] seeks to bring religions and spiritual traditions to a common table, a permanent, daily, global assembly. There, respecting each other's distinctness, they will seek to make peace among religions so that they might work together for the good of all life and the healing of the earth." A 2nd UR Summit Conference is set for June 23-27 at Stanford University. A specific task for this conference is to "identify the issues central to the creation of a UR and the drafting of its charter."

SELL-OUT OF HONG KONG TO COMMUNISTS - Great Britain's Margaret Thatcher flew to China in 1984 and signed a treaty that will turn Hong Kong over to Red China on July 1, 1997. Hong Kong's six million Chinese citizens were not given any voice or vote in the decision, but over 600,000 have since voted with their feet to leave (1/97 *Baptist Bulletin*). Pope John Paul II warned China's atheist government (that bars state-controlled Catholics from swearing fidelity to him) in January to respect the religious freedom of some 400,000

Catholics in Hong Kong (1/18 *Dallas Morning News*). Missionaries already see disturbing signs that their freedoms and future ministries would be severely threatened under communism.

POPE'S EVOLUTION STATEMENT - Pope John Paul II was recently quoted as saying evolution is "more than just a hypothesis." (See 12/1 *CC.*) Cal Thomas, in a 1/25 *World* article, said the Vatican news service mistranslated this and that the pope really said "there is more than one hypothesis in the theory of evolution." But the Feb. 3 *Christianity Today* said the Vatican newspaper that reported it this way later realized it had made a mistake and has printed a retraction. *CT* said: "The pope's original French text should be translated as more than just a hypothesis."; Confusing? The pope embraces evolution!

NEW ERA FOUNDER INDICTED - John Bennett was in-dicted last September on 82 counts of mail fraud, wire fraud, and money laundering. Now, under psychiatric care, he has pleaded innocent due to insanity (2/1 *World*). Churches, charities, colleges, and individuals including over 180 evangelical schools/organizations lost \$135 million in his New Era Ponzi scheme (11/11 *C.Today*, 8/1/95 *CC*). Some that profited from New Era before it collapsed have agreed to return millions to help offset losses of others.

AFRICA, & AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOES - *U.S. News & World Report* (2/3) in an article entitled "The Same Old Excuses" excerpted from Keith Richburg's new book *Out of America* and gave "A black American's tough prescription for Africa's ills." Sample quotes: "Almost all of the Southeast Asian countries have risen from poverty to create huge and stable middle classes and enter the first tier of newly industrialized economies. Why has East Asia emerged as the model for economic success, while Africa has seen mostly poverty, hunger, and economies propped up by foreign aid? Why are Southeast Asian leaders negotiating to ease trade barriers while Africans are chop-ping up their neighbors with machetes because they be-long to a different tribe?...Africa's children are the most likely on Earth to die before the age of 5...." Black liberal columnist Cynthia Tucker (2/2 *H. Times*) said prominent black activists utter scarcely a public word about black-on-black crime. She said: "Homicide is the leading cause of death for African-American men between the ages of 16 and 24 [and] most of the perpetrators are also black."

RELIGION FREEDOM AT RISK IN RUSSIA - Religious freedom in Russia has been shrinking for the last two years and likely will shrink still further even without any formal changes in the 1990 law on freedom of conscience.

RITALIN DISQUALIFIES FOR MILITARY - The 1/20 *New Amer.* says teens who have taken Ritalin or similar behavior-modifying drugs to control vaguely defined Attention Deficit Disorder are rejected from military service.

LIBERTY UNIVERSITY ON PROBATION - Dr. Jerry Falwell's Liberty University has had ongoing financial problems and has a current debt load of about \$40 mil-lion. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools placed Liberty on probation for one year on Dec. 9. It said LU's financial situation has impinged on the education program. Most of the debt is owed to around 2,000 bondholders and payments have been late the past two years. But LU Pres. Pierre Guillermin says with "the assistance of many special friends" debt should be reduced to around \$20 million soon, which is "manageable."

LIBERALISM AT SBC STATE LEVEL - The 1996 Southern Baptist state convention results suggest that conservatives lead in eleven state conventions, liberals control seven, nine are mixed results, and the other twelve are new work states where the "conservative re-surgence" is not a recognized factor. The Jan. 1997 *Baptist Banner* (Va. SBC) said thirteen states passed resolutions opposing abortion, six opposing euthanasia and assisted suicide, fifteen opposing gambling, and ten op-posing homosexual practice and/or same sex marriage. The Texas convention sends funds to the moderate/ liberal Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and the apostate Baptist World Alliance. The SBC has already lost, or is in the process of losing, control of universities such as

Wake Forest, Baylor, Mercer, Samford, and Ouachita.

PROMISE KEEPERS UPDATE - Praise Keepers is a coalition of Christian women dedicated to similar ideals as Promise Keepers. Co-founder Donna Henley says: "Women's ministries are always bigger than the men. This will be bigger than the men's." (12/2 *Chr.News*). Catholic men are forming Promise Keepers-like groups all over the country (1/4 *Houston Chron.*), though many Catholics also attend PK meetings. Promise Keepers seeks to break down denominational and racial walls. It is trying to form partnerships with at least six denominations. Its new reconciliation division is responsible for both racial and denominational unity efforts. Among PK's 437-member staff, 30 percent are minorities (1/6 *C.Today*). Birmingham expects about 80,000 men to attend its PK regional meeting May 30-31 at Legion Field.

URBANA 96 - InterVarsity Christian Fellowship's Urbana 96 mission conference drew 19,360 attendees—36 % of color, and 60% female. When asked how inclusive it was, the reply was that Urbana serves the whole church and both Roman Catholics and Seventh-day Adventists were registered. Many liberal denominational groups were among those advertising. American Council of Christian Churches' Exec.Sec'y Dr. Ralph Colas, who attended as part of the press, said the GARBC-approved Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary was deeply involved at Urbana with Vineyard churches and apostate, Charismatic, compromising denominations and their education and missionary agencies. He said: "A major problem associated with Urbana '96 is the mixture of truth and error. It is certainly a commendable goal to want to reach the people of the world with the Gospel and to challenge young people to be involved. But can we ever forget that we always must do God's work in God's way if we want God's blessings upon our labors?" Dr. Colas cited II Tim.2:5 and I Sam.15:22. His several-page report will hopefully be available within a few weeks. Order from: ACCC, P.O.Box 19, Wallingford, PA 19086.

RYRIE TO SPEAK AT FAITH - Faith Baptist Bible College/Seminary is arguably the strongest GARBC-approved school. But we were disappointed to again see Dr. Charles Ryrie listed in the Fall 1996 *Faith Witness* as speaker for the Staley Lecture Series in April (see 1/1/95 *CC*). John Colyer speaks at an April Youth conference.

HANNAH FEARS EVANGELICAL CRISIS - John Hannah, chairman of Dallas Seminary's historical theology department, is worried that the evangelical movement has "sold out to psychobabble and entertainment." (2/1 *Dallas Morn.News*). Yet his seminary through Minirth and Meier has promoted psychobabble. And Hannah says he is "all for seeker-sensitive churches, spiffy buildings, music that rocks and full-service mega-churches." But he fears that, to get people to church, some leaders are soft-pedaling the hard parts of theology. Instead of coming to worship a holy God, they "come to be entertained." He says "I don't mind if they use entertainment for an end" if members come to maturity and lead moral lives. He says evangelicals may be headed down the same path as liberals who've seen their numbers dwindle. Sadly, he sees the problem, but fails to see that rock music entertainment and the seeker-sensitive philosophy ("give people what they want") are part of it.

BAYLOR HONORS CHUCK SWINDOLL - Dallas Seminary President Charles Swindoll recently received Baylor University's Spurgeon-Truett Award for Outstanding Preaching—as one of the "top 12 most effective preachers in the English-speaking world." (DTS's *Kind-red Sp.*). Other recipients, ranging from liberal to new-evangelical, include: James Forbes (ultra-liberal River-side Church), John Stott, Billy Graham, Lloyd Ogilvie, and Haddon Robinson. So, this is a dubious "honor." Baylor has been a liberal Southern Baptist school for decades. Swindoll has spoken on Promise Keepers, Wheaton College, and other new-evangelical platforms.

FORMER MOODY - EDITOR PROMOTES PEALE - Eric Fellman—MBI and Wheaton grad, and former editor of *Moody*—is also president of the Norman Vincent Peale Center for Christian Living and author of a new book, *The Power Behind Positive Thinking* (2/97 *Baptist Bulletin*). The book builds on Peale's legacy. Peale, who died in 1993 at age 95, was a liberal who rejected key Bible doctrines (7/15/93,1/15/94 *CCs*). *Moody*

had articles by Fellman after he had joined with Peale (7/15/88 CC).

DENVER PRESIDENT'S NE TIES - Dr. Clyde McDowell, new president of Denver Seminary (12/15/96 CC), at- tended Wheaton College, has an M.Div. degree from Gordon-Conwell Seminary, and a D. Min. degree in church growth from Fuller Seminary. A son is now at Wheaton, a daughter at Westmont (*Focal Pt.*). McDowell is Vice-Chairman of the board of Mile-High Ministries, a group of churches organized to partner with inner-city churches. McDowell should fit well with Denver's new evangelical stance as a Conservative Baptist (CBA) school aligned with the National Association of Evangelicals.

BRYAN COLLEGE SPEAKERS - Bryan College has featured ecumenical/new-evangelical speakers in recent years such as pope-praiser Kenneth Kantzer. Its Winter 1996 *Bryan Life* lists a late-July 1997 Summit featuring: Drs. David Noebel, Ron Nash, Jeff Myers and over 15 other speakers. Michael Card, who recorded a recent ecumenical duet album with Roman Catholic monk John Michael Talbot (see 10/1 CC), is also to be featured.

BURKETT,BRIGHT, MUTUAL ADMIRATION - Larry Burkett, founder and president of Christian Financial Concepts, was recently honored for 20 years of ministry at a surprise dinner. Guest speaker was Dr. Bill Bright, head of Campus Crusade where Burkett's ministry career began (12/96 *Money Matters*). Another special guest was Peter Lord (charismatic pastor). Burkett calls Cam-pus Crusade "one of the largest and most respected ministries in the U.S." (2/97 *MM*). CFC's seminar/workshop itinerary includes liberal, cultic, and evangelical groups.

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C.O.R. REPORT—The Coalition on Revival was formed in 1984 and is headed by Jay Grimstead—a Fuller grad, charismatic, and former Young Life area director. It is a theopolitical movement with a 24-point "Master Plan" for implementing God's kingdom on earth. It, as Christian Reconstructionism, is strongly post-millennial. [BDM has an 18-page report on COR and Dominionism for \$1: P O Box 679, Bedford, IN 47421.] Grimstead, in a Dec. 1996 "12 Year Assessment of COR & Year End Report," said: "Many of us believe the Church cannot fulfill it's God-ordained function on earth at this historic moment unless it first embraces and commits to the kind of Christianity outlined in [the COR] Manifesto." He calls for a series of global Church Councils where the world's leading theologians and Christian leaders meet to discuss 21 issues now dividing the evangelical Church. He says every city needs a united, mobilizable, spiritual army of Christians from every denomination and group, and a 25 Year Plan "To rebuild civilization on the principles of the Bible." COR has hired a new Administrator (Rick Johnson) and plans to hold a COR Worldview Symposium next fall.

JARS OF CLAY AT CREATION 97—Speakers at this year's Creation 97 "Christian" rock festival include: Tony Campolo, Greg Laurie, and Luis Palau. Music is by Michael W. Smith, Newsboys, Jars of Clay, etc. Jars of Clay, currently the most popular Christian band, has recorded for a new R-rated film that has nudity and 83 obscenities.

ASTROLOGER JEANE DIXON DIES-- Psychic-astrologer Jean Dixon, famed for her predictions on the rise and fall of politicians and film stars, died last month at 79. She rightly predicted that Pres. Kennedy would die in office, but many of her forecasts proved untrue. Dr. Noel Smith called her a medium. Alice Braemer, a former Dixon aid and traveling companion, said Oral Roberts was Dixon's friend for many years and that Billy Graham helped give her credibility (2/1/88 CC). We are to "test the spirits" and warn Christians of those who dabble in the occult.

PANIC FOR NEW SONGS—The music industry is doleful, waiting desperately for the next big sound. Teens are buying records—alternate rock sales are up 12 percent and rap is up 36 percent—but music bought by adults is down: Country dropped 12 percent; rhythm & blues fell 8 percent; and classical fell 10 percent. A 1/25 *World* article said: "Christian musicians may find new opportunities. But this will mean more than simply writing

Christian lyrics to secular sounds. Those are the sounds that have become used up." CCM today follows secular trends and becomes increasingly worldly and degenerate.

JOHN HAGEE WARNING—John Hagee boldly denounces sin and the moral decline of our day, much like Jimmy Swaggart used to do. Two Southern Baptist leaders have warned that his "Two Covenant" teaching is heretical (see 6/15/94 *CC*). Hagee became pastor of the large charismatic Cornerstone Church in San Antonio following his 1975 divorce. He is popular on Paul Crouch's TBN and received his honorary degree from Oral Roberts University. He is listed in the 2/97 *Charisma* as a main speaker again at ORU's International Charismatic Bible Ministries Conference (June). Other speakers include: Benny Hinn, Marilyn Hickey, Oral and Richard Roberts, and Paul Crouch.

WCC DOWN-SIZING-- A story in the Dec. 18-25 liberal *Christian Century* reported "WCC Faces Major Structural Changes." This includes the abolishing of the General Assembly of the World Council of Churches which meets every seven years and the elimination of the seven WCC presidents (1/13 *Chr.News*). Many churches have left the WCC, so this will alleviate the severe financial crunch for a while at least. But it reveals the utter failure of the WCC and ecumenical movement. The New World Order's United Religions (UR), planned to be formed in San Francisco in June (see 1/15 *CC*), may be the ecumenical wave of the future--networking with Catholicism, COR, New Age religions, etc. Sadly, the charismatics, new-evangelicals, and Promise Keepers seem to be "bridge-building" catalysts for a UR world church of Antichrist.

DANGER POINTS FACING CHRISTIANS-- A 1/97 Rutherford Institute letter said: "Our society has forsaken its Christian roots and is in the midst of a moral and cultural crisis..." It listed several "danger points." Pres. Clinton vetoed the partial-birth abortion bill and his people advocate the RU-486 abortion pill and fetal experimentation on unborn children. There is the danger that government will eradicate any kind of protest against abortion. Also lurking, is physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia for the aged "not fit to live." Government's increasing harassment of families by social workers on trumped-up charges of child abuse, and forced acceptance of homosexuality as an alternative lifestyle are "danger points."

DUTCH EUTHANASIA—Euthanasia is widely accepted in the Netherlands, but conditions are different in America. Dutch malpractice suits are rare. Patients cannot demand euthanasia. Three-fifths of all cases go unreported, and 1 in 5 of these is death without a patient's request—900 such cases in 1995 (1/13 *USN&WR*). This shows that once a doctor has authority to end life, even under regulated conditions, it will be easy to do so in ambiguous situations.

BAPTISTS CALL MERCER PRESIDENT'S BOOK HERESY -Mercer University, a Southern Baptist school in Macon, Ga., is embroiled in controversy over a new book by its president R. Kirby Godsey (see 11/1 *CC*). Baptist Book Stores have pulled the book from their shelves. The Ga. Baptist Convention has chastised Godsey, but Mercer trustees back him. He says the Bible is not infallible, God is not omnipotent, and Jesus is not God. He says Jesus "points us to God," but that Christian faith is about "following Jesus, not worshipping Him"(1/13 *C.News*). A former Ga. Convention president calls the book "theological pornography and Biblical heresy." *O Timothy* editor David Cloud, in a 7-page review of this book, says: "...[I]n this one book Godsey denies, reinterprets, or questions practically every doctrine of the Christian faith." [*O Timothy* is \$20/yr. Address: 1219 N. Harns Road, Oak Harbor, WA 98277.]

MacARTHUR ENDORSES GREG LAURIE—Charismatic pastor Greg Laurie is perhaps best known for his Harvest Crusades. His Greater Philadelphia Harvest Crusade is set for June 12-15 and involves over 300 area churches. Some of his past crusades have involved Church of Christ, Assembly of God, Vineyard, Catholic, Methodist, and Presbyterian denominations. Laurie speaks at ecumenical, charismatic, psychologized Promise Keepers conferences, and at various Billy Graham ministry meetings. He is on the BGEA board. Yet John MacArthur (IFCA) has allowed Laurie to video tape him and use this as an endorsement for Laurie's Harvest

Crusades. *BDM Letter* editor Rick Miesel says MacArthur justified his Grace Church's involvement in the Los Angeles Harvest Crusade on the basis that Laurie allowed Grace to train Crusade counselors and provide overall direction for the follow up process. [Send \$4 for a 5-page report on Greg Laurie and a 31-page report on John MacArthur to: Biblical Discernment Ministries, P.O. Box 679, Bedford, IN 47421.]

GARBC'S CORNERSTONE, GRAND RAPIDS—Cornerstone College and Grand Rapids Seminary are GARBC-approved schools. Speakers for their Feb. 17-21 Bible Conference include: Drs. Jerry Falwell, Warren Wiersbe, and Bill Rudd. Falwell's and Wiersbe's new-evangelical credentials have long been established. Rudd is chairman of the GARBC's Council of Eighteen, and has promoted Promise Keepers (see 8/1 *CC*). Amway's billionaire president Richard DeVos spoke at a 12/9 luncheon hosted by Cornerstone (1/97 *Bapt. Bulletin*). Amway denies having occult/New Age links as some accuse them of (based on marketing of books promoting this). Cornerstone again sponsored Project Angel Tree children (a Chuck Colson/Steven Curtis Chapman ministry) during the recent Christmas season. Dino performs at Cornerstone Mar. 23. He for years was pianist for Kathryn Kuhlman, a divorced charismatic preacher.

BARCLAY A HERETIC & UNIVERSALIST—British theologian and Scottish preacher William Barclay saw Christ as a good man adopted by God as his Son, but denied the deity and miracles of Christ and his substitutionary atonement. The 1/97 *Evangelical Times* documented Barclay's denials from his books (1/97 *Australian Beacon*). It quoted him as saying: "I am a convinced universalist...", and quoted Lloyd-Jones as saying Barclay was "the most dangerous man in Christendom." Barclay said pain and suffering are not the will of God for His children, and thought such a suggestion was blasphemous. He viewed the Bible as a badly flawed document and denied its divine inspiration. Yet his books and commentaries are sold in most Christian bookstores, advertised in new-evangelical papers, and he is favorably quoted by many new-evangelical leaders of our day.

SMITH, LIGHTNER DEFEND FALWELL-- Liberty University board member and former SBC president Bailey Smith defends Jerry Falwell in the Feb. *National Liberty Journal* against the recent "*Christianity Today* hate article" (see 1/15 *CC*). He says "Jerry Falwell is the greatest" man of God he has known. Dallas Seminary Prof. Robert Lightner (GARBC) also has a letter to *CT*'s David Neff decrying *CT*'s "put down" of Falwell and LU. He said: "By stark contrast you gave a loving, gracious, understanding, conciliatory, apologetic, treatment of Lesslie Newbigin. This despite the fact that most of his adult life has been spent advancing the ecumenical cause of the theologically liberal World Council of Churches...." Defending liberals is nothing new for *CT*.

LIBERTY TO FEATURE HOLYFIELD, NEWSBOYS--Liberty University this spring will have heavyweight boxing champion Evander Holyfield, a "disciple" and financial supporter of charismatic Benny Hinn, as one of its "distinguished convocation speakers." LU has also booked a concert by the Newsboys. A 9/96 *Charisma* article said the Newsboys "speak in a language called rock 'n' roll..." and "are translating the gospel into the language of rock 'n' roll for an alienated youth culture."

A TWO-FOLD DUTY— Paul the apostle in Titus 1 reminds preachers of a two-fold ministry: to encourage others by sound doctrine, and to rebuke those who oppose it. Sound doctrine must be proclaimed, but the error of opposers must be exposed. Many Fundamentalists of our day increasingly seem to consider the latter duty optional. Toleration is the word. Spurgeon said: "Complicity with error will take from the best of men the power to enter any successful protest against it."

HYBELS TO SPEAK FOR AMERICAN BAPTISTS—Rev. Bill Hybels, senior pastor of Willow Creek Community Church near Chicago, is a special speaker for the liberal American Baptist Churches' biennial meeting June 24-27 in Indianapolis. ABC President Dr. G. Elaine Smith is also a speaker. Dr. Molly T. Marshall, formerly a controversial liberal professor at SBC's Southern Seminary in Louisville, will lead a Bible study.

GEISLER PRESIDENT OF SEMINARY- Dr. Norman L. Geisler recently assumed the Presidency of Southern Evangelical Seminary, Charlotte, NC. He had been Dean of this school that he co-founded with Ross Rhoads, who served as its first president until assuming duties with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (1/13 *Chr. News*). Geisler has said it is "a gross overstatement" to call Catholicism a cult (see 2/1/95 & 2/1/96 *CC*'s).

GORDON-CONWELL LEADERSHIP CHANGES—Gordon-Conwell Seminary is a major bridge-builder between liberal Protestantism, Roman Catholicism, evangelicalism, and the charismatic movement. It has had liberal and Catholic speakers (see 3/15/91 *CC*). Assembly of God charismatic Robert Cooley has been its President for 16 years but now becomes its Chancellor, effective July 1. Dr. Walter Kaiser, who formerly taught at Wheaton and Trinity, is G-C's new President. G-C has an enrollment of over 1,000 at its three campuses.

FUNDAMENTALISM focuses on evangelism. It engages in a militant defense of the faith. Love for souls demands the protection of gospel purity. This involves, of necessity, a militant mood or ethos (Phil.1:7, 17, Jude 3, Acts 20:26-31). This disposition is watchful and distrustful of reason, philosophy, scholarship, history, and tradition (Col. 2:8). This protection demands the public exposure of false teachers and disobedient brethren who strengthen their hands.... [Bob Dalton, 1/97 *The Bapt. Vision*].

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HEROIN POPULAR WITH YOUTH--The psychedelic '60s turned on with LSD; the strung-out '70s found energy in amphetamines; the hard-charging '80s got kicks from cocaine. Today's pop culture is cultivating a dark, depressed mood, the fruit of decades of spiritual rootlessness and family collapse. Young people dressed in black, indulge themselves in bleak, moody introspection, and their music wallows in cynicism, anger, and despair. Their drug of choice increasingly is heroin (11/9 *World*). Teenage drug use is soaring, as rock groups now openly promote it.

PRO-ABORTIONISTS' INSANE LOGIC- When the president of the U.S. defends a procedure [partial birth abortion] that aborts babies who are three-quarters born - and does so in the name of morality - is it really so surprising that some people take the natural next step and assume that killing the baby a few seconds after the journey of birth is also a moral act? Is it logical or consistent that obtaining an abortion at nine months is fully legal but killing a newborn baby gets you prosecuted for murder? (1/97 CVN). *Roe v. Wade* was the disastrous first step toward devaluing all human life.

MARRIAGE & MILITARY UNDER FIRE- Former Marxist David Horowitz says he and others who hated America concluded that it could be destroyed from within if feminists and homosexuals undermined the moral foundations of society. Their chosen targets--marriage and the military--are now under assault by activists and liberal judges (1/3 *Wash. Watch*). In feminizing the military, sexual harassment has wrought havoc. Homosexuals plan to challenge laws banning same-sex marriages. An activist boasts that same-sex "marriage" is "the final tool with which to dismantle all sodomy statutes, get education about homosexuality and AIDS into public schools and change how society views and treats us."

MARILYN MANSON'S SATANIC CD POPULAR WITH YOUTH--Satanic death-rock band Marilyn Manson's new album *Antichrist Superstar* was the third top-selling CD in its first week of release. With his stage name taken from suicidal sex symbol Marilyn Monroe and serial killer Charles Manson, this ordained Satanist priest and his head-banging band openly defy every moral principle (11/16 *World*). Wearing T-shirts that read "Kill God, Kill Your Mom and Dad, Kill Yourself," the band celebrates hate, racism, sexual depravity, violence, and blasphemy. Religion is a favorite theme as they mock God and rant against Jesus. Marilyn said:

"Raise your kids better or I'll raise them for you." He said, "I'm on my way down now, I'd like to take you with me."

ABORTIONS DECLINE-- The U.S. abortion rate has dropped to its lowest level in 20 years. About 1.2 million abortions were performed in 1994, down from 1.3 million the year before, and the fourth straight decline. In 1976, 988,267 abortions were performed (1/4 *HT*). The peak year was 1990 when there were 1.4 million abortions.

THE KORAN'S FALSE JESUS- Islam's *Koran* depicts Jesus as a great miracle worker and one of the greatest prophets, but says He did not die on a cross. Muslims believe that when the Jews sought to crucify Him, God called Him up to heaven and threw His likeness onto someone else, who was crucified by mistake (12/96 *Discerner*). Muslims deny the Trinity, deity, and lordship of Jesus, and His crucifixion and resurrection. The *Koran* offers a false Jesus, and a religion that relies upon violence and force.

HOMOSEXUALITY ACCEPTED- The media and cultural elite promote the idea that homosexuality is as virtuous as heterosexuality. Before, homosexuals were seen as immoral and mentally ill; today, those who oppose their wicked lifestyle are portrayed that way. The 1/4 *World* said: "Gays have been so favorably portrayed by movies, sit-coms, and the news media that popular opinion seems to be turning their way. The acceptance and legalization of homosexual marriage is a real possibility, something allowed in no other culture [in history]." Those who defend homosexual marriage logically have to also defend polygamy, marriage between siblings, or marriage between a man and a female animal.

MORMON TEMPLE DISINFORMATION--The Mormon Church currently has 49 operating temples with at least 15 more planned or under construction. Mormons claim to practice the same ordinances in modern-day temples as were practiced in the temple of the Bible (12/96 *Evangel*). But where are the daily sacrifices? Mormon temples are used 98% of the time on behalf of dead people; the temple of the Bible was for the living.

O'HAIR AND \$627,500 MISSING-- Atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair, her son, and granddaughter mysteriously vanished in summer 1995. Two of her tax-exempt organizations filed documents in Dec. saying \$627,500 disappeared about the same time the three did. Some say she, in poor health, disappeared to die secretly away from Christians she had fought so long (1/5 *Dallas Morn. News*). Estranged Christian son, William Murray has filed petition for a court order to become guardian of her estate. Someone said she should not be hard to trace--just look for a bunch of money with "in God we trust" scratched out!

NAE HEAD ADDRESSES NCC-- For the first time since its creation in 1942, the National Association of Evangelicals' top leader, with the blessing of the NAE's board, has addressed the general assembly of the liberal National Council of Churches (1/6 *CT*). NCC head Joan Brown Campbell says she and NAE chief Don Argue have become friends through prayer breakfasts with President Clinton, and by cooperating on causes such as the Religious Alliance Against Pornography and helping to rebuild burned churches.

CATHOLIC PRIEST TO SPEAK AT ASBURY SEMINARY--Roman Catholic priest and former Lutheran Richard John Neuhaus is a universalist and theological liberal (5/2/94 *CN*). He is president of the Institute of Religion and Public Life, and is the Theta Phi lecturer at Asbury Theological Seminary, March 6-7 (*Asbury Herald*). Asbury Pres. and U. Methodist minister Dr. Maxie Dunnam has praised the Rosary, and is a member of the Roman Catholic-Methodist Int'l Dialogue Commission (see 1/1/96 *CC*). Other recent Asbury speakers were: Fuller Seminary Pres. Dr. Richard Mouw and Dr. Clark Pinnock. Wheaton College Prof. Robert Webber (Episcopalian) is a listed speaker for Asbury's 1997 Ministers' Conference, Feb. 3-6. He also was a listed speaker for Dr. Jerry Falwell's recent Super Conference (6/15 *CC*).

TILTON'S WIFE FORMS NEW CHURCH--The second wife of healing evangelist Robert Tilton testified

during their divorce trial that she has formed a new church. Married for two years, she said his church's main purpose is to collect offerings, and that he has absolute authority there.

ROBERTSON PRAISES POPE-- Religious broadcaster and Christian Coalition head Pat Robertson had a seat of honor at Pope John Paul II's Oct. '95 Mass in New York. He praised the Pope profusely (see 12/95 CC). In his 1993 book, The Turning Tide, Robertson said (p279): "Pope John Paul II stands like a rock against all opposition in his clear enunciation of the foundational principles of the Christian faith." He said the Pope at his 1993 Denver visit urged American Catholics to reach out in fellowship to their Baptist brothers and sisters in faith.

BOB JONES UNIVERSITY & DOMINION DBS-- Dominion DBS (Direct Broadcast Satellite) system is now the electronic delivery system for Bob Jones University's home-schooling channels. It also carries programming by charismatics and other groups. BJU President Dr. Bob Jones III likens this to an electronic Mars Hill and to churches having radio programs on secular and foul religious stations. But some good men disagree with this analogy. Dr. Jones says the channels are given for educational purposes and that BJU is not identifying itself with any other programs (ESPN, CNN, Charismatics, etc.) using the satellite. He says BJU for ten years had its *Show My People* television program on secular and Charismatic stations. BJU Press recently published two of the strongest books on separation of the past decade--one by Dr. Fred Moritz and the other by Dr. Ernest Pickering.

NEW MINISTRY FOR DR. FAST- Dr. Marion Fast has pastored two churches over the past 42 years-- New Buffalo, MI (1956-78), Longmont, CO (1978-97). He is highly recommended by fundamentalist leaders as he now enters a new ministry of helping fellow pastors in Revival meetings, church-school advice, pulpit supply, building programs, Missions, and other areas. Contact him at: 1426 Pratt Street, Longmont, CO 80501, 303/776-7029.

FULLER SEMINARY APOSTASY-- Fuller Theological Seminary supports women's ordination and has some women theological professors. It was founded in 1947 to promote Biblical inerrancy. It repudiated inerrancy under Pres. David Allan Hubbard (12/16 *Chr. News*). Hubbard endorsed Robert Schuller's heretical Self-Esteem book which re-defined sin as the loss of self-esteem, salvation as the creation of self-esteem, and Christ as Self-Esteem incarnate (*O Timothy*). Fuller has now become "a headquarters for indoctrinating students in ecumenism, psychology, and charismatic heresies." (See 8/15 CC).

SCHULLER A UNIVERSALIST, NEW AGER?-- As one of 16 writers who responded to Pope John Paul's Crossing the Threshold of Hope book, in a new book, A Reader's Companion to Crossing the Threshold of Hope, Robert Schuller said (p163): "God has promised salvation to all of us. But only when we realize that we have been saved and we accept God's love do we open ourselves to Jesus Christ..." He speaks of experiencing "the Christ within" us, and "innermost potential." He said "meaning" lies in a God who is committed to our happiness, and that belief in God helps us become possibility thinkers. Schuller said: "When we know we have been redeemed and we know we are part of God's family, we are ready to dream that great divine dream of building the kingdom of God in the world."

WEBBER ON SALVATION--Wheaton College professor and Episcopal lay theologian Robert Webber conducts seminars on worship in ecumenical settings (and at Jerry Falwell's 1996 Super Conference - see 6/15/96 CC). As one of sixteen writers who responded to the Pope's recent book (see 12/15 CC), Webber seems to praise, promote and endorse much of the Pope's false salvation teachings. He says: "While the Orthodox, Protestant, and Catholic ways of speaking of union with God contain various nuances, the meaning is the same...." He said: "Today, when people say to me, 'When were you saved?' I always answer, 'At my baptism.' I see the whole of my Christian life as a calling to live out my baptism....Salvation as a process moving *from* evil *to* ultimate good is a constant calling...."

HISTORY OF OBF'S SEPARATION FROM IFCA-- Rev. John Ashbrook and three other "older men" of the Ohio Bible Fellowship are writing a series of four messages in the OBF *Visitor* addressing the OBF's key principles and history. Rev. Ashbrook discusses the 1968 OBF withdrawal from the Independent Fundamental Churches of America, and says: "The IFCA was fond of that cliché, 'We stand where we have always stood.' That is the favorite quotation of declining organizations." Write OBF, 3865 No. High St., Columbus, Ohio 43214, concerning availability of copies.

ACCC REPORTS-- American Council of Christian Churches Exec. Sec'y Dr. Ralph Colas has new reports available on the WCC, and the Fasting and Prayer Meeting. He attended Urbana'96, and plans to cover the NRB and NAE conventions again this year. These reports will be available in the weeks/months ahead on a free-will offering basis from: ACCC, P.O. Box 19, Wallingford, PA 19086.

OUR NEW COMPUTER--Thanks to two large donations we replaced our old 386SX computer (DOS) with a Pentium 166MHz computer with 32MB RAM (Windows 95). Also, the P.O. is requiring us to move our address upward, and this is causing appearance problems with our title and logo area (finding a slightly smaller shield, etc.).

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GAY RIGHTS, OR GAY APPROVAL?- Dr. Richard Flanders writes in *Frontline*(Vol. 6, #6): "The gay rights movement as a whole is looking more for approval than for rights. The concept of 'gay marriage' as a legal status is a symbol of societal sanction. Should society sanction homosexuality? The homosexual lifestyle is degrading, depressing and disease-producing. As a group, homosexuals have a lower than average life expectancy. They are especially prone to contract AIDS and many other serious diseases. They are plagued by a high suicide rate. Counseling as a pastor has taught me much about the homosexual way of life; it is anything but gay. Why should society sanction homosexuality?"

MARILYN HICKEY'S 'PRAYER'-- Marilyn Hickey co-pastors, with her husband, a large charismatic church in Denver. She has made 25 Bible-smuggling trips to China. But we are shocked by the irreverent "prayer" she prays each time she crosses the border (1/97 *Charisma*): "God, don't ruin Your reputation by letting me get caught."

CoMISSION UNITY BASED ON LAUSANNE COVENANT--The *CoMission* is a coalition of mostly New Evangelicals (Wheaton, Navigators, YFC, Campus Crusade, Moody, Cedarville, etc.) for teaching former Soviet Union educators Christian ethics and morality ("Character Education") for them to teach to students. A 1995 letter canceling the Protocol (see 6/1/95 CC), had negligible effect. Tongues-speaking CoMission members are asked to refrain from public exercise, but private exercise of tongues is permitted. An 11/22 paper from the Navigators CoMission stated the policy for dealing with doctrinal diversity: "All CoMission organizations and individuals must agree to the Lausanne Covenant. This provides for great commonality. CoMission training focuses on what we have in common and what we have to offer each other, not on different doctrines, traditions or gray areas." The Graham/Stott Lausanne Covenant is weak on Biblical inerrancy.

CCM'S CHAPMAN MOVES LEFTWARD- The 9/21 *Tennessean* said: "Gospel's biggest male star [Steven Curtis Chapman] has taken a radical left turn with his music." His new album is a lot closer to rock than to old-time religion. He asked his pastor about taking his songwriting in new directions, and said: "I was encouraged by my pastor to allow the songs to go in [this] direction." Chapman is "elder statesman" to rock/rap acts such as dc Talk and mainstream rock-crossover group Jars of Clay. He is on mainstream *Billboard's* chart. He said being

'safe,' would be the kiss of death, and: "The creative process can be a drug, and I'm becoming an addict."

GAMBLING FEVER DISEASE--Lottery fever is spreading worldwide. Gambling on planes and the Internet is increasing. The sad results are predictable. The number of Gamblers Anonymous groups in the U.S. has doubled since 1980 to 1,200. Gambling costs some states more than they receive (*O Timothy*). It is resulting in increased family breakup, suicide, crime, and overwhelming personal debt. It also causes increased embezzlement, insurance and credit card fraud, theft, bad checks, and domestic violence. Compulsive gamblers have an average gambling debt of \$43,000, and 85 percent of them have stolen from employers to pay debts. Gambling is indeed a tax on the weak, the sick, and the poor.

ISLAM EXPOSED-- *The Truth Seekers* reported a debate between Dr. Robert Morey and Dr. Jamel Badawi, whom many Muslims consider the best debater for Islam (12/16 *Chr. News*). The report says: "Dr. Morey successfully demonstrated that Allah is not God, Muhammad was a false prophet, and the Qur'an is not the Word of God."

UN AGENDA IS GLOBAL TRANSFORMATION-- Radical ideas were heard at the recent UN Food Summit. UN conferences reach beyond stated topics such as saving the earth, protecting children, eradicating poverty, empowering women, and feeding the poor. A 12/9 *Christian News* article cited the Marxist economics and social "equality" touted by the UN, and said: "No wonder the World Food Summit contract tells nations to "reallocate resources" as "required to ensure food for all--not through foreign aid but through total worldwide social and economic transformation." And: "It's already happening across America. Young and old are being trained to blend their values, adapt their beliefs, think as a group, and conform to the new standards. Like other nations, America is following the Pied Piper into a new world order whose architects may sound wise and compassionate, but are neither rational, factual, honest or tolerant."

ONE-WORLD CHURCH THIS YEAR?-- Episcopal Bishop William Swing, the Communist Gorbachev Foundation, and certain Catholic and other leaders are collaborating on the New World Order's United Religions (UR) patterned after the UN (12/ 16 *C.News*). The UR is meant to be for religions what the UN is for nations. It is to be launched June 1997 with the writing of its charter, be in place by June 2000, and fully operational by June 2005. It will locate in San Francisco, and will be a "permanent gathering center where the world's religions engage in daily prayer, dialogue, and action for the good of all life on this earth." Antichrist, where are you!

FALWELL RESPONDS TO CT's 'SCATHING ATTACK'--Dr. Jerry Falwell in his Jan. '97 *National Liberty Journal* said *Christianity Today* magazine used its Dec. 9 issue to publish "an extremely negative article about Liberty University and Jerry Falwell." The *CT* article is pictured in the *NLJ* with a caption calling it "a scathing and unfounded article aimed at damaging Falwell and Liberty." Loyal friend and former Falwell aide Dr. Ed Dobson, who is now a Senior Editor of *CT*, defended Falwell in a "letter of rebuke" to *CT* Executive Editor David Neff. Falwell accused the article's author of "deceitful and unprofessional behavior." He said: "Some feel the magazine [*CT*] has shifted its theological thrust leftward." Dr. Falwell's complaints seem valid, but it is ironic that *CT*'s founder and current Board Chairman is Dr. Billy Graham who is to bring the LU commencement address in May.

IFCA, MacARTHUR, & DOCTRINAL INTEGRITY-- John MacArthur has signed the IFCA doctrinal statement even though he contradicts it in his public tapes and writings. Three examples: 1) The Two Natures of the Believer. IFCA Statement: "We believe that every saved person possesses two natures, with provision made for victory of the new nature over the old through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit." MacArthur: "I believe it is a serious misunderstanding to think of the believer as having both an old and new nature...there is no such thing as an old nature in the believer" (Freedom From Sin--Rom. 6-7, p31-32). 2) The Extent of the Atonement. IFCA Statement: "We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross for all mankind as a representative, vicarious, substitutionary sacrifice." MacArthur: "He is the Substitute only for those who

believe....In the substitutionary sense He bore only the sins of those who ultimately would put their faith in Him (Tape GC 47-36). 3) The Eternal Sonship of Christ. IFCA Statement: "We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man, without ceasing to be God." MacArthur: "The Bible nowhere speaks of the eternal Sonship of Christ...only from His incarnation has He been Son. He was not a son until He was born into this world" (Hebrews comm., 1:4-5). Can the IFCA leadership ignore such glaring contradictions? Apparently so. The 6/97 IFCA national convention will be at the Word of Life facilities (NY), with John MacArthur as main speaker!

'COMMITMENTS' DON'T ALWAYS CONVERT-- Dr. R. L. Hymers writes: "In May Billy Graham received the Congressional Gold Medal from Pres. Clinton. Although 74% of Americans say they have 'made a commitment to Jesus Christ' (per a recent Gallup Poll), Dr. Graham said to the President and Congress, 'We are a society poised on the brink of self destruction.' No one seemed to notice the irony of this statement. How could a nation where 74% of the people are committed to Jesus Christ possibly be on the brink of self destruction? The only conclusion one can logically draw is that these 'commitments' have not converted the vast majority of our people."

SBC REPORT AVAILABLE FROM SWORD-- *Sword of the Lord* editor Dr. Shelton Smith has run a 2-part series on the Southern Baptist Convention showing that SB conservatives are not so conservative after all. Some state conventions are still largely controlled by the moderates/liberals. This series, with other info, is available in booklet form for \$1.95 + postage. Call 1-800-24-SWORD. This is especially timely, in the wake of Dr. Falwell's recent defection to the SBC.

FASTING & PRAYER '96 MEETING-- Bill Bright's Fasting and Prayer gathering met in St. Louis, Nov. 14-16. In its third year, this nationwide event was called Mission America Fasting and Prayer '96. It was the largest yet, drawing almost 4,000. Many religious denominations were represented. NAE president Don Argue and Adrian Rogers (SBC) were there. Paul Cedar is chairman of the super ecumenical Mission America. ACCC exec. dir. Dr. Ralph Colas attended with press credentials, and will have a report ready in a few weeks (ACCC, PO Box 19, Wallingford, PA 19086). He said Bright made fasting a public matter rather than a private one. Dr. Cathy Burns says: "To broadcast a fasting event seems to go against the Scripture that says we shouldn't appear in public as though we are fasting." She has a tape exposing Bill Bright and Jay Gary ministries, and a lot of other literature (212 E. 7th St., Mt. Carmel, PA 17851).

GENE EDWARDS A MYSTIC?- Dr. Tim Lee's 9/89 CORE conference featured some ecumenical and new-evangelical speakers. Gene Edwards (SBC background) was a listed speaker. He promotes "deeper life," and his writings seem to border on the mystical realm. He promotes books by Madame J. Guyon, a French mystic/quietist, and an apparent Roman Catholic (see 7/1/89 CC). The 11/96 *Berean Call*, commenting on a tape by Edwards, said: "Edwards is obviously a mystic who applies his own esoteric meaning to words." It termed certain of his strange teachings as "heresy."

MARIOLATRY-- Mary worship and apparitions are on the rise. Some Catholics say she turns the chains of their rosaries to gold. She receives the daily devotions of Pope John Paul II who says she saved him from an assassin's bullet in 1981 (12/21 *H. Times*). In Mexico, millions still crowd a shrine built to honor her five visits in 1531. A new book says "there is no question that in Mexico, God is a woman." Per a paper by Roman Catholics (*Fatima Crusader*, Sum. '96): "Mary is crowned Queen of Heaven and we will one day join Her if we make our Five First Saturdays in reparation to Her, for She promises to assist with the graces necessary for salvation all those who do so." Roman Catholicism is a soul-damning, false-gospel religion.

BARTH & TILLICH- The 11/11 *Christian News* said Swiss theologian Karl Barth was a modernist, the founding father of Neo-orthodoxy. It said he had a close romantic involvement with Charlotte von Kirschbaum for 35 years. CN said Barth repudiated historic Christianity and denied such doctrines as the resurrection of

Christ. Yet he is widely considered the most influential Protestant theologian of the 20th century. *Christianity Today*, the flagship new-evangelical magazine, praises him as does Billy Graham who said the world needs more theologians like Barth. *** Similarly, CN said Paul Tillich rejected the Trinity, did not believe in a personal God, and led an adulterous lifestyle. His liberal admirers excused his infidelities and called him the "Twentieth Century's Greatest Lutheran Theologian." He was one of former Pres. Jimmy Carter's four favorite theologians.

NewsNotes-- Trans World Radio founder Dr. Paul Freed died Dec. 1 after long illness (12/16 CN). * * * Multnomah Bible College president Dr. Joe Aldrich is resigning in May for health reasons. He has Parkinson's disease. * * * Former Falwell lieutenant Ed Hindson is listed as a speaker in the Jan. '97 *Charisma* for a charismatic "Abiding in the Anointing'97" conference.

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LIQUOR ADS ON TV-- The Distilled Spirits Council decided in Nov. to end its longtime self-imposed ban on broadcast ads for whiskey, gin, vodka, etc. Networks vow to continue their own rules against liquor ads, but many local stations and cable operations have no such policy (11/18 *USN&WR*). Distillers say "a can of beer has about as much alcohol as a mixed drink, so either ban beer from TV or let liquor ads on." Alcohol is a drug, and we have a long tradition of regulating drug ads (12/9 *USN&WR*). TV liquor ads will increase consumption, with predictable increases in addiction and drunk driving.

AIDS IS MAIN KILLER OF BLACK AMERICANS--In 1994, the HIV virus overtook homicide as the leading killer of African Americans aged 25-44. One out of every three black male fatalities in the 25-44 age bracket is the result of AIDS. (12/8 *H.Times*) Blacks constitute only 12 percent of the population, but make up 40 percent of all AIDS cases. Over 60 percent of all children with AIDS are black. Yet black leaders are derelict in confronting and warning of this. [Meanwhile, the 10/14 *USN&WR* said a report indicates that racism may be reversing. It found that blacks charged with serious crimes like murder, rape and drug trafficking are *more* likely than whites to be acquitted by juries.]

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY A GLOBAL RELIGION--Habitat for Humanity is ecumenical to the core and is basically a global "religion." It has its own credo, its own liturgy, a multi-faceted theology, and an international collection basket. Its Utopian Mission is to eliminate poverty (11/96 *Chr.Conscience*). Its founder Millard Fuller in his 1994 book The Theology of the Hammer (p84) said: "Habitat is in sympathy with the efforts of the World Council of Churches and other groups to influence churches and God's people to cooperate and work together." (12/1/94 CC). He added: "So get out your hammers, Catholics and Protestants, liberals and conservatives, Reform and Orthodox, Unitarians and Trinitarians, Gentiles and Jews. We have some houses to build to the glory of God! 'The theology of the hammer' binds us together in common ministry."

POPE & CASTRO SOUND ALIKE ON SOCIALISM-- Fidel Castro and Pope John Paul II met last Nov. Cuba is overwhelmingly Catholic. Catholics are allowed to join its officially atheist Communist Party. The Pope sounds very Castro-esque in his frequent condemnations of capitalism, consumerism and the suffering of the poor (11/19 HT). He told the Nov. UN World Food Summit that the imbalance between the rich and poor ("the

haves and have-nots"?) cannot be tolerated.

EVANGELICALS EULOGIZE EVOLUTIONIST POPE-- John Paul II's election as pope in 1978 was enthusiastically endorsed by Poland's Communist Party and by World communism in general, says Dr. Henry Morris (12/96 *Acts & Facts*). Morris adds: "Since his election, he has seemingly been promoting a syncretistic agenda, not only with Protestants but also with Hindus...and others...[H]e is not a recent convert to evolution, as the media have implied....All cults and movements associated with the "new world order" of the so-called New Age Movement have two things in common--evolutionism as their base and globalism as their goal. It is disturbing now to see even many large evangelical movements (e.g., Promise Keepers, charismatic ecumenism) inadvertently drifting into the same orbit while eulogizing this evolutionist pope."

SPITTLER IS FULLER PROVOST--Assembly of God theologian Russell Spittler has been elected provost and vice president for academics of Fuller Theological Seminary. He has been a member of Fuller's faculty since 1976 (12/96 *Charisma*). He is a frequent lecturer on ecumenical dialogue and Pentecostal-charismatic traditions.

DID BERNARDIN TEACH US HOW TO DIE?-- Chicago's Cardinal Joseph Bernardin's death and funeral received much publicity. He was a leader of Roman Catholic liberals. Many said he showed a person how to die. *Newsweek* said: "In any tradition, a good life is the best preparation for a good death." But *Christian News* editor Herman Otten says: "All religions, except true Christianity, teach that a person is saved by 'the good life' and at least in part by his own works. All religions with the exception of historic Christianity are religions of the law. Christianity alone is a religion of grace which teaches that only Jesus Christ saves and that works are only the fruit of faith and in no way the cause of salvation and eternal life."

NOUWEN DEFENDED HOMOSEXUALITY?-- *Christianity Today* (11/11) said of Henri Nouwen who died Sept. 21: "Acknowledged as one of the world's great spiritual writers, the renowned Catholic theologian left behind a wealth of insights..." The Fall'96 *Record* (a pro-homosexual newsletter of Evangelicals Concerned) said Nouwen taught psychology at Notre Dame and theology at Yale/ Harvard. It said: "For the past quarter century Nouwen was supportive of "a deep personal relationship based on a strong mutual attraction between two men or two women. "It quoted Nouwen as writing (1971) that he who pretends not to have homosexual feelings is "like a man who pretends to be able to live without a heart."

BILLY GRAHAM TO SPEAK AT FALWELL SCHOOL--Liberty University confirmed in Nov. that Dr. Billy Graham will bring the commencement address May 3. Dr. Jerry Falwell's 12/96 *Nat'l Liberty Journal* said: "It is befitting that Dr. Graham will speak at Liberty's 1997 Commencement, since his grandson [Will] will be among the graduating seniors. (Another grandson...is a freshman at Liberty.)" Graham's son and successor [Franklin] was Liberty's 1995 baccalaureate speaker.

FALWELL: ETHICS, HONESTY, OBEDIENCE, CONFUSION--In his 1981 Fundamentalist Phenomenon book, Dr. Jerry Falwell said: "I have always made it clear that I am a Fundamentalist--big F!...I am also a separatist...." (p219-220) But he appealed to Evangelicals: "Do not be embarrassed because we believe the same things you do. Acknowledge us. Accept us...." True Fundamentalists in the late seventies rightly perceived that Falwell's "big F" fundamentalism in practice was a big "pseudo" fundamentalism, or New Evangelicalism in a thinly veiled disguise. Dr. James Singleton published a 75-page book of a dozen Fundamentalist leaders (plus this editor) reviewing Falwell's 1981 book and warning of his confusing doublespeak and blatant disregard (e.g., Moral Majority) for the Bible doctrine of separation. In 1987, Falwell briefly chaired PTL, a TV network operated by charismatics. In his 1987 autobiography, he referred to Jim Bakker as "a major minister of the gospel," but in his 1996 autobiography he called PTL ("in hindsight") "a moral cancer." (12/9 CT). The 12/9 *Christianity Today*, whose founder and board chair is Billy Graham, has a largely disparaging interview with Falwell and called the PTL debacle one of his "strangest alliances". Falwell is now linked with the SBC through

donations from his church. He also claims to be "what Southern Baptist churches have always been, independent..." But this is misleading, since no contributing SBC church is truly "independent." Confusion reigns supreme!

METZGER A LIBERAL- Princeton Prof. Bruce Metzger serves on the board of the American Bible Society, and was a 2/92 speaker at Dallas Seminary (9/1/92 CC). He served on the committee which produced the RSV and the New RSV. He was chairman for the butchered Reader's Digest Condensed Bible. *O Timothy* Editor David Cloud says (Vol.13, Iss.10): "Bruce Metzger is a Liberal. He piously claims on one hand that the Bible is the inspired Word of God; but out of the other side of his mouth he claims the Bible is filled with myth and lies. He denies the Bible's history, its miracles, and its authorship...."

KAY ARTHUR SPEAKERS AT U. METHODIST CHURCHES--Precept Ministries' Kay Arthur--a broadcaster, author, and dynamic Bible teacher--has spoken (preached?) in recent years at such ecumenical forums as the following: Billy Graham Training Center, National Religious Broadcasters, National Association of Evangelicals, and Campus Crusade conferences. This month she is to speak at the ecumenical Mission America and NRB conferences. [See 1/15 & 11/15/93 and 5/1/94 CCs for other "unbiblical" associations and teachings.] Other Precept Ministries staffers are to speak in United Methodist (liberal denom) and So. Baptist churches in the coming month. Paul Smith, pastor of People's Church in Toronto, says, "Kay Arthur is by all odds the best Bible teacher we have had at People's Church for a long time. Within two or three minutes after the beginning of her message, all of us lost complete track of whether she was a man or a woman...."

NRB '97 SPEAKERS-- NRB'97 is set for Anaheim, CA for Jan. 25-28. Speakers include: Franklin Graham, Church of Christ minister Max Lucado, Beverly LaHaye, MBI Pres. Joseph Stowell, David Jeremiah, and Stephen Olford. Actress Dyan Cannon is listed as a panel speaker, pending her movie schedule. Campus Crusade is sponsoring an All Media Breakfast. Music will be provided by Steve Green, Kim Boyce, and others.

MOODY FOUNDER'S WEEK SPEAKERS-- Moody Bible Institute's 1997 Founder's Week conference is set for Feb. 3-8. Speakers include: Franklin Graham, Howard Hendricks, Crawford Loritts, Ravi Zacharias, and MBI Pres. Joseph Stowell. All of these men were scheduled speakers for 1996 Promise Keepers rallies. Hendricks is also a PK board member. Zacharias spoke at NRB'94, and at the Billy Graham 3/95 "Global Mission" satellite evangelistic outreach in Puerto Rico.

MacARTHUR, FALWELL AT BAILEY SMITH CONFERENCES--Former SBC president Bailey Smith is presenting Real Evangelism Bible Conferences in 1997, some of which are in Southern Baptist churches (12/9 CT). Listed speakers include: John MacArthur, Jerry Falwell, E. V. Hill, Adrian Rogers, and Paige Patterson. Janet Paschal, and The Cathedrals quartet are listed for music.

PREVO ON LU BOARD-- Anchorage Baptist Temple (Alaska) pastor Dr. Jerry Prevo was added to Dr. Jerry Falwell's Liberty University's Board of Trustees in Oct. (12/96 NLJ). He has had SB evangelist Bailey Smith as a speaker, and gave strong cooperation to the 1984 Billy Graham Crusade (12/86 *Maranatha*). Prevo has also had Tim LaHaye and James Robison in his BBF pulpit.

FUNDAMENTALIST FLESH VS. NEW EVANGELICAL FLESH--Some in the ranks of biblical Fundamentalism are dissatisfied with certain elements within Fundamentalism. Consequently, they are embracing portions of New Evangelical thought and, therefore, methodology. [This] grieves me.... Fundamentalism in the 1970s and 1980s could be largely characterized by the word pragmatism. Philosophy and methodology were often adopted because "it worked" for So-and-so. Perhaps the success syndrome became an underlying motivation. Dictator mind-sets smelled of arrogance. Even some on the "right wing" functioned on a largely pragmatic level. Hence, the "leftward" reaction. The foundation of methodology is philosophy, and the basis of philosophy should never be pragmatism. To depend on pragmatic means is to depend on the flesh. To

depend on the flesh is to be unprofitable, counterproductive, and sinful in God's sight (Jn. 6:63, 2Cor. 3:6, Ro.14:23). But the answer to the problem is not to exchange one form of pragmatism for another. New Evangelicals thrive on surveys, meeting felt-needs, entertaining, marketing what appeals to the consumer--all of which reveal a pragmatic basis: the flesh. New Evangelical flesh may appear more appealing than Fundamentalist flesh because of its soft-line approach to issues and its glamorous presentation. However, it is still the flesh. God is not impressed.... [Evang. John R. Van Gelderen, adapted]

DR. RICHARD CLEARWATERS, militant fundamentalist leader from Minn., entered into the presence of his Savior, Sept. 30, at age 96. He pastored 5 congregations, including 42 years as pastor of Fourth Baptist Church, Minneapolis (1940-82). He founded a theological seminary, a Christian day school, a Bible institute, & helped establish other ministries. [Fund. Digest]

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NEW HOMOPHOBIA: SCHOOLS FEAR LAWSUITS- Schools are the latest focal point in homosexuals' war to legitimize their lifestyle (11/16 *World*). *Education Week* admits: "Public schools are (becoming) a battleground for gay-rights issues." Many are in turmoil over teachers "coming out." Lesbian activist Donna Redwing says: "We're here, we're queer, we're in the classroom."

PK & MORMONS-- While claiming to preach a non-doctrinal gospel at its rallies, Promise Keepers has found acceptance among some Mormon leaders. The Mormon Church has no official position on PK, but some leaders have been involved with and praised the movement (6/95 *Psycho-Heresy Awareness Ltr.*). We had not seen anything recently on Mormons and PK, until the 10/96 issue of PK's *New Man* magazine. It had an article by Craig Branch warning against Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, and New Age cults--but not a word against the Catholicism cult!

MUSLIM & NAE HEAD ADDRESS NCC- The liberal National Council of Churches extended its search for common ground among U.S. religions bodies with two symbolic firsts at its meeting in Chicago last month. Scheduled speakers included Don Argue, president of the National Association of Evangelicals and Warith Deen Mohammed, leader of Al-Islam, the largest orthodox African-American Muslim organization in the U.S. (11/18 *Chr.News*). NCC head Rev. Joan Brown Campbell said of Cardinal Bernardin(11/16 HT): "He was our longtime friend, counselor and partner on the journey of Christian Unity." Argue and Campbell have made reconciliation and the search for common ground among fractured religious communities main themes of their tenures. Such unholy alliances are unscriptural (Eph. 5:11).

DR. LAURA-- Over 15 million people worldwide tune in to Dr. Laura Schlessinger, and over 75,000 call in weekly. Debbie Dewart in a summary critique (11-12/96 *Psycho-H. Awareness Ltr*) says Dr. Laura has a strong belief in evolution; her radio advice is an imposition of her own personal moral code, not God's standards, which is why her tone is often harsh and arrogant.

ROME AND THE BIBLE- A new book by that name, by *O Timothy* Editor David Cloud, traces the history of the Catholic Church and its persecution of the Bible and of Bible believers. It covers the RC Inquisition, and history of the English, Spanish, French, German, and Italian Bibles, and more. It has 200 big 8.5x11 pages, 60 illustrations. Introductory price is \$18.95 (postpaid). It and other items are available from: Way of Life Literature, 1219 Harns Rd., Oak Harbor, WA 98277.

PAT BOONE MIXES METAL MUSIC WITH PRAYER-- Pat Boone says he is being guided by certain Scriptures in releasing a new album of heavy metal rock music. Several metal musicians support Boone in this project. Ronnie James Dio, whose album art is "known for its horrific beastlike images, sat with Boone during the recording of Dio's tribute to Christ...." (11/96 *Charisma*). A Jeff Godwin book identifies Dio as a "Satan Rocker," and pictures him flashing the devil's salute sign. Boone is an elder in Jack Hayford's church, has led Holy Land tours (7/15 CC), and is Co-chairman (with Shirley Dobson & Vonette Bright) of the National Day of Prayer.

POPE OPPOSES PROSELYTIZING JEWS-- Yechiel Eckstein, President of the Internat'l Fellowship of Christians and Jews, in a new book where 16 writers dialogue and respond to Pope John Paul II's recent book, says: "The Jews, for John Paul, represent the Christians' 'elder brothers in the faith.'" He adds: "For the first time in history, a pontiff is essentially saying that rather than proselytizing Jews, the Church is to witness to them through dialogue...." In the same new book, Yale Prof. Stephen Carter says: "I have the impression that the Pope's view is that respect for Jews, whom he calls our elders of the faith, means refraining from any effort to convert them." Carter goes on to say that Islam is a worship of the same God as our God of Christianity, but it definitely is not!

STATE STATUTES AGAINST ABORTION-- Ten states now have informed consent laws, 17 with parental notice requirements, and 21 require the consent of at least one parent. (11/23 *World*). Mississippi, which requires two-parent consent for minors as well as a 24-hour waiting period and informed consent, is showing positive results. Its abortion rate went from 8,184 in 1991 to 7,555 in 1992 to 6,002 in 1993. By 1995, the number of abortions had dropped to 3,563.

CWA SAYS 'NO FUNDS FROM COORS'--Concerned Women for America's chief financial officer Lee K. LaHaye says CWA has never received funds from Coors Brewing Co., and has not been silent on alcohol-related issues. Our 9/15 CC article, based largely on 10/9/95 AP and 8/17/92 *C. Today* articles, reported that many pro-family groups such as CWA had accepted "Coors money" [We did not say "Coors Brewing Co. money."] Mr. LaHaye said CWA's donors list includes the name Coors, but that, "to the best of my knowledge," CWA has never received donations from CBC family members nor from the Adolph Coors Foundation.

CC ABBREVIATIONS-- Send SASE for free list.

MacARTHUR & IFCA-- The Independent Fundamental Churches of America promotes John MacArthur in its *Voice* magazine, and held its 1990 convention at his church. He has signed the IFCA doctrinal statement that says Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God even though he believes Christ's Sonship began at His incarnation (see 11/15/95 CC). MacArthur speaks on Southern Baptist and other new-evangelical platforms.

SBC'S DAVID RING SPEAKS AT GARBC'S WESTERN--The 11/96 *Baptist Bulletin* had this note in the Western Baptist College section: "The testimony of David Ring finished the week with a challenge to use whatever God has given us to impact the lives of others." Ring, a Southern Baptist, in recent years has frequently appeared on platforms with Jerry Falwell and Tim Lee, and the 10/94 *Charisma* listed Ring as a speaker at a charismatic youth retreat (see 10/15/94 CC). GARBC-approved Western has become increasingly cozy with the Conservative Baptist Association (see 3/1/95 CC), in keeping with the overall GARBC's swift drift toward new evangelicalism.

CATHOLIC-CHARISMATIC ECUMENISM-- Charismatic Episcopal Church theologian Rev. Mark Pearson says there are signs that Christians across the Protestant-Roman Catholic divide are starting to listen to each other (12/96 *Charisma*). He asks: "Who would have believed years ago that there would ever be a Roman Catholic charismatic, much less millions of them? Who would have thought that in the "convergence movement" Pentecostal pastors would embrace liturgical worship and a higher view of the sacraments?" He says the assumption of Mary (the RC belief that she was bodily assumed into heaven, perhaps without dying) could have happened, and that Mary could have been a virgin perpetually.

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FALWELL DOUBLESPEAK-- Dr. Jerry Falwell continues to cause much confusion on the issue of whether his church is Southern Baptist. It now makes monthly contributions to the state convention, and half of this goes to the SBC; it is in "friendly cooperation" with the SBC; its pastor fraternizes with SBC leaders; and the chairman of its college board is a SB. Falwell and his church meet all the SBC's requirements for "membership," and all that is left is for him at any time to simply declare that he is a Southern Baptist. He claims to be independent and says SB churches have always been independent [this is not so]. *Sword of the Lord* editor Dr. Shelton Smith has a good analysis of this whole "flap" in the 11/15 *Sword* and says the Falwell press release has every appearance of doublespeak. Falwell may not be ready to call himself a Southern Baptist just yet, but sadly, he long ago forfeited the right to call himself a separatist, Biblical Fundamentalist.

AUGSBURGER PRAISES POPE-- Myron Augsburger, is President Emeritus of Eastern Mennonite University and of the Coalition of Christian Colleges and Universities, and is an Advisory Editor of *Chr. Today*. As one of 16 writers who responded to the Pope's Crossing the Threshold of Hope book, in a new book, A Reader's Companion to Crossing the Threshold of Hope, he said: "Pope John Paul II...has become a relevant and global prophet. As we face the new paradigms of our global community, his message of hope comes to us all...." He said, "It is the message of Christ that the Pope brings..." He said many Protestants and Catholics in North America believe in an ecumenism of spirit, believing that God's grace is large enough to extend to the church universally through voluntarism and freedom. He added: "There is unity of spirit in our confession of one Lord...." The ecumenical Augsburger was a listed speaker for the Conservative Baptist Association (NAE) at its 1990 Anaheim meeting. (See 5/15/90 CC).

CAMPOLO ON CERTAINTY AND CATHOLICISM- Anthony Campolo, one of 16 writers who respond to Pope John Paul II's *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, in a new book, says: "When young people say they are looking for certainty, they do not mean they are simply looking for proof that the doctrinal propositions set forth by the church are true....They want that certainty that comes from a mystical, experiential encounter with the living Lord....that comes only when they can *feel* God permeating their lives." They want to have the assurance of salvation that comes when they sense that Christ is personally addressing them...." He said "I agree with the Pope's implication that the young cannot be allowed to seek Christ apart from the church." He said "the most important pastor of any church body in the world today [is] the Pope."

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McDOWELL IS NEW PRESIDENT OF DENVER-- Dr. Edward Hayes is retiring effective June 30 as president of Denver Theological Seminary(CBA). His successor will be Dr. Clyde McDowell, pastor of Mission Hills Church, Littleton, Colo.

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NEA FUNDING RESUMES--The National Endowment for the Arts will be funded at the same rate as last year, \$99.5 million, thanks to the Congress and president (11/2 *World*). A few safeguards against certain controversial art were implemented, but last year's explicit ban against funding offensive material was quietly dropped.

BOBGAN'S 'COMPETENT TO MINISTER' BOOK- Psychological counseling with its underlying psychologies is still one of the most subtle and dangerous deceptions in the church today. Any person who can be used by the Holy Spirit to lead another to salvation or along the way of sanctification is competent to be used by God to give wise counsel without needing specialized counseling training. God and His Word provide all that is necessary for life and godliness. Counseling centers charge for counseling ("fee for service")--no payment means no counseling. Recycling or modifying bankrupt systems of ungodly and unscientific theories and therapies will not make them biblical. In view of how many Christians have placed their faith in psychology, we ask, "What did the church do for almost 2000 years without the psychological counseling movement?" [The above is from Martin & Deidre Bobgan's new 252-page book, Competent To Minister: The Biblical Care of Souls. Order from: PsychoHeresy Awareness Ministries, 4137 Primavera Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93110, \$11.99 postpaid. Request free newsletter.]

GREEDY VOTERS DANGER TO DEMOCRACY- A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover they can vote themselves largess from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidate promising the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that the democracy collapses over loose fiscal policy...always followed by a dictatorship. [Alexis de Tocqueville, 5/27 N.Amer.]

CREATIONISM IS BASED ON SOUND SCIENCE-- Macro-evolution is the issue, and for this there is no proof whatever, or even any good evidence that can't be better explained in terms of the creation model. No true evolution has ever been observed during human history, there are no true transitional structures in the billions of fossil remains from the past, and vertically upward macro-evolution seems flatly impossible in terms of the universal...second law of thermodynamics. Furthermore, these very phenomena are actual "predictions" from the creation model. It seems that creationism is the system that is based on sound science while evolutionism relies solely on faith.[11/96 *Acts & Facts*]

PLANNED PARENTHOOD: 'PRO-CHOICE' MEANS ABORTION--Planned Parenthood operates abortion clinics

which bring death to well over 100,000 babies each year. It is the largest single provider of abortion services in the U.S. (11/4 *C.News*) Their ads say they are "pro-choice" but the reality is that of all pregnant women who go to Planned Parenthood, 90 percent get an abortion.

POPE EMBRACES EVOLUTION- Pope John Paul II now has indicated from Rome that there may be some basis for evolution. He calls it "compatible with faith, and says "we may descend from monkeys." (11/4 *Chr.News*). This leaves the door open wide for anti-Christian morality. Cal Thomas says the pope has caught up with the times and has accepted a philosophy that is at the core of communism. If the Bible is wrong on creation, can we trust it on other doctrines?

QUEER HAPPENINGS ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES-- Propaganda on the "gay" and lesbian lifestyle is being forced on college students on some campuses. Students are forced to watch homosexual pornography in class, and housed in a dormitory where rooms are set aside for homosexuals to gather (11/11 *New Amer*). A 9/96 Campus Crusade alert letter said: "In the classroom, students are taught and graded by professors who tell them that lesbians make the best parents, that marriage is rape, and dating is prostitution. Professors call this area, 'Queer Studies'." With now over 46 programs in "gay" and lesbian studies, activists claim they will have them in every major university by the decade's end.

SAME-SEX 'MARRIAGES' ON ABC-TV--ABC-TV's "Turning Point" for Nov. 7 featured homosexual hugs, kisses on the mouth, "weddings", and favorable interviews for this hour-long show. We called our local ABC affiliate's manager and told him we were deeply offended by the generally favorable presentation of the perverted lifestyle [sin] of homosexuality. He immediately agreed with us and promised to lodge a protest with ABC in N.Y. To the degree that homosexuality is accepted as "normal" in and by our society, Christians will become rejected as "abnormal".

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER- Another ecumenical day of prayer is set for May 1,1997. Shirley (Mrs. James) Dobson is chairman; Pat Boone and Vonette (Mrs. Bill) Bright are co-chairmen; Charles Colson and E. V. Hill are Advisory committee members; Rabbi Joshua Haberman, Dr. D. James Kennedy, and "Father" Robert Sirico are liaisons. Speakers and prayer leaders at the 1996 NDP included: Hill, Colson, Boone, Rabbi Daniel Lapin, William Cardinal Keeler, and Gary Bauer.

IS FALWELL A SOUTHERN BAPTIST?-- Southern Baptist papers say he is, but he sort of says he's not. He was apparently unaware that contributions to Virginia SBC conservatives would make his church eligible to send delegates to the SBC. In a press release, he now says he has no interest in these and other SBC "privileges." The SBC has no official "membership" available to any church, but contributing churches are considered to be in "friendly cooperation" with the SBC. Falwell plans to keep contributing. Virginia SBC conservatives say that 50 percent of contributions to them goes to the Southern Baptist Convention. The Indiana SBC paper, in an article headlined "Falwell Joins Ranks With SBC," says: "Jerry Falwell has confirmed that a monthly financial contribution to [Virginia state convention conservatives], has, in essence, made him a Southern Baptist." The Calif. Southern Baptist paper quotes Falwell as saying "we fully intend to take our permanent stand with the national and Virginia Bible-believing conservatives..." The Falwell release said Thomas Road Baptist Church will continue to be independent and autonomous, and: "If contributing to Bible-believing churches and their Great Commission initiatives means TRBC is in voluntary cooperation with the BBF, the SBC or any other entity, then we proudly accept that status."

SBC UPDATE- Houston pastor Dan Vestal succeeds Cecil Sherman as coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the moderate/liberal SBC-breakaway faction. *** SBC Home Mission Board president Larry Lewis is resigning and will work with Mission America's "Celebrate Jesus 2000" evangelism effort headed by Paul Cedar. *** Senior associate pastor Dwight "Ike" Reighard has resigned from Charles Stanley's First Baptist Church, Atlanta, claiming he was promised a vote to promote him as copastor.

ECUMENICAL SPIRIT OF GRAHAM, VAN IMPE, FALWELL--*O Timothy* Editor David Cloud says: "The last-

days ecumenical spirit is like a broad river running swiftly toward Rome....Consider Billy Graham, who once preached the Word of God boldly, and stood against Romanism and Communism and Modernism and other isms which are leading men to eternal Hell, but today he is an ecumenical pacifist who seeks the Pope's counsel and turns converts over to the Roman Catholic Church. Consider Jack Van Impe, who once preached boldly against sin and error and apostasy, but today he publishes videos praising the Pope and describing him as a hero of the faith. Consider Jerry Falwell, who once was a bold preacher of the Word of God, a separatist, a Fundamental Bible-believing Baptist, but today he yokes together with the most radical charismatics and with Romanists and with others who disobey the Word of God and who lead souls astray with their false teaching."

BILL HYBELS & WILLOW CREEK-- From the seeds of a high-school ministry, Bill Hybels birthed a mega-church and the seeker-sensitive movement. To deepen the faith of his Willow Creek Community Church's baby boomers, he brought in John Ortberg, a psychologist, church planter, writer, Fuller Seminary board member, and disciple of contemplative spirituality.(11/11 CT) Dieter Zander, using rock hymns, is bringing "baby busters" to the church. Hybels is again on the faculty of liberal Robert Schuller's Institute for Successful Church Leadership. The 10/96 directory of the Willow Creek Association lists over 1500 churches, many of which are linked with liberal denoms, and some with cults.

CEF & CHARISMATICS-- In response to a charge that Child Evangelism Fellowship has been infiltrated by charismatics, etc., a CEF leader said: "CEF's published position on the charismatic movement [in its policy publication, "CEF Inc. and the Charismatic Movement"] is one of the strongest of any national Bible believing ministry." We think it's one of the weakest! It only proscribes tongues-speaking. It says nothing about the "signs and wonders" movement, being "slain in the spirit," healing, exorcism, extra-biblical revelations ("prophecies"), or other prominent characteristics of the modern-day Charismatic Movement. The 11/11 *Christianity Today* says "speaking in tongues has gradually diminished in importance in many larger Pentecostal churches", and says leading spokespersons hardly mention it at all. If CEF is non-charismatic, just stating opposition to tongues-speaking is hardly any PROOF at all.

CHARISMATIC PHILOSOPHY- Dr. M. H. Reynolds (*Foundation*) says: "...Charismatic leaders not only refuse to warn believers about the false gospel still being preached by the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches, but they advocate full cooperation with these abominable false churches. Likewise, there is no warning at all about the apostate ecumenical movement but rather a willingness to join it. God's Word commands that walls be built to separate truth from error, but the charismatic philosophy teaches that bridges must be built between the two..."

WOMEN PASTORS IN SBC PULPITS IS 'HERESY'-- All six Southern Baptist seminaries accept, train and graduate women. The SBC admits women to its seminaries and recognizes their ordinations, but it opposes women as senior congregational pastors (10/20 HT). It has hundreds of women clergy, but less than 50 are senior pastors. Midwestern Seminary president Mark Coppenger says appointing women to lead congregations is one of the "raging heresies and confusions of the day." Billy Graham's daughter Anne Graham Lotz is regularly invited to preach at seminaries, pastor's conferences, and universities across the U.S. and over the world (*O Timothy*).

PINNOCK BRIDGES PENTECOSTAL-EVANGELICAL GAP- A reviewer of Clark Pinnock's new book, **FLAME OF LOVE: A Theology of the Holy Spirit**, says Pinnock extends the category of divine revelation beyond the bounds of the written Word (11/11 *Chr.Today*). Pinnock says: "Revelation is not a closed system of propositional truths but a divine self-disclosure that continues to open up and challenge." Pentecostal reviewer & Bethel College Prof. Roger Olson, says Pinnock fails to include tongues-speaking among gifts the church needs to recover: prophecy, healing, and exorcism. "...Pinnock denies universalism and affirms the uniqueness and finality of Jesus Christ [but] it seems at times that he desperately wishes God be an equal opportunity savior." Olson says only wishful thinking can lead Pinnock to claim that "God is a serious lover who does not allow persons to perish without any opportunity to respond to his love."

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MacARTHUR & IFCA-- The Independent Fundamental Churches of America promotes John MacArthur in its *Voice* magazine, and held its 1990 convention at his church. He has signed the IFCA doctrinal statement that says Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God even though he believes Christ's Sonship began at His incarnation (see 11/15/95 CC). MacArthur speaks on Southern Baptist and other new-evangelical platforms.

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PROMISE KEEPERS, MEMPHIS '96-- This editor attended, with Media credentials, the Saturday sessions of the recent PK Conference at the Liberty Bowl in Memphis. About 55,000 attended, including about 1,800 from Dr. Adrian Rogers' Bellevue Baptist Church(SBC). The Memphis paper said the Friday night session "with its lights and TV screens and towering stacks of speakers, looked fit for a modern-day rock concert." The music was super loud and super rock(with drums and bass, sway and swivel), even on old hymns like "Nothing But The Blood," or "There is a Fountain." PK will no doubt help some men be better husbands, fathers, and church members. Some have been helped in Graham Crusades also, but that does not excuse unbiblical methods used.. This writer came away convinced more so than ever that Promise Keepers is a massive and deceptive tool of Satan to mix truth and error. For a 2-page report and list of speakers (which included Charles Colson), send SASE.

AMERICAN BAPTISTS & WOMEN PASTORS-- Mary Mild is the new director for American Baptist Personnel Services. In an interview in the ABC's Fall 1996 *WATCHword* she bemoans the fact that only five percent of American Baptist pastors are women. She says: "It's my strong belief that every church should have two pastors--one woman and one man...." She cites progress in the area of ABC women in leadership: "In 1975, there were no women area ministers. Now there are around 20. There were no women regional executive ministers; now there are four. There were about 100 women pastors; now there are over 300....". The ABC is a member of the NCC/WCC.

CANADA HEALTH CARE WOES- Canada's largest province, Ontario, is locked in bitter dispute with doctors over health-care funding. Hospitals across Canada are closing, and the public health-care system is in crisis (10/19 *H.Times*). Doctors are emigrating across the U.S. border for higher salaries, others threaten to stop taking new patients, and Ontario is arranging for pregnant women to get medical care in the U.S. Governments usually make a mess of health care.

LIBERAL LEADS PBS- For years, Public Broadcasting has been a tool of the liberal media elite. Now, in September, self-proclaimed liberal Alan Sagner was elected its new chairman. He was a founding member of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee which reportedly supported Castro's revolution and its membership included Lee Harvey Oswald (11/96 NLJ). Clinton close friend Diane Blair is the new PB vice-chairman. Her husband is chief counsel for Tyson Foods. The outgoing chairman says PB will become more politicized.

ACCC REPORT- The American Council of Christian Churches met in its 55th annual convention Oct. 22-24 in

Lebanon, PA. Conference theme was, "A Ministry That Pleases The Lord.". Nine resolutions were passed on such subjects as: Roman Catholicism, The "Toronto Blessing," Contemporary Christian Music, "ComPROMISE KEEPERS," and Same-Sex Marriages. Good sermons were by such speakers as Rev. John Ashbrook, Dr. Arno "Bud" Weniger, Dr. Frank McClelland, and ACCC Pres. Dr. Richard Harris. Eric Kooy spoke and shared the ministry of Christian Legal Defense. Two informative panels discussed Discernment and A.D. 2000. ACCC Exec. Sec'y Dr. Ralph Colas plans to continue covering and reporting on important conferences. The ACCC serves a vital role in our day. The NCC is steeped in apostasy and liberal theology and seeks to build a one-world church. The middle-of-the-road NAE, born in compromise, repudiates Biblical separation and becomes ever the more ecumenical, and cozy with charismatics. For a copy of resolutions, or reports on Promise Keepers or other meetings, write: ACCC, PO Box 19, Wallingford, PA 19086.

CEF REVISITED-- A Child Evangelism Fellowship leader questioned certain portions of the 8/15 CC article where we quoted from a new book by Rev. Michael McCubbins, Sedition in Missions. [CEF discussion was only one page of this 133-page book.]. In response, Rev. McCubbins has revised the portion we quoted as follows: "Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) in the U.S. was infiltrated by Charismatics quite a few years ago....In 1988 the conservatives wrote a 28-page document defining the reasons for their split with CEF.. It was called the *Document of Crucial Concerns*. In this document they stated what they believed to be their differences with CEF. The conservatives took a stand on the Security of the Believer, and the leadership did not. The conservatives actively opposed the inclusion of the Charismatic workers, but the leadership did not. The conservatives held to salvation by faith, and opposed the social gospel. The conservatives were opposed to ties being created with the National Council of Churches and Billy Graham. There appears to be no requirement in CEF that its workers be members of a local church." We do not question the motives of sincere Christians who serve with CEF, and some of the above may not be true in certain regions. But our documentation spanning two decades indicates CEF is weak on separation, and has associated with New Evangelicals and liberal churches. In recent years, it has been termed "a maze of confusion," and in "decline for many years." There were inconsistencies between its stated policy and actual practice.

GRAHAM: 'OTHER PATHS TO GOD'?-- In a recent interview, Billy Graham declared that he is a Democrat, and seemed to give credence to idol-worshippers. The 10/20 *Parade* said: "Graham has been noted for his willingness to work with leaders of different religions. 'Each time a President has asked me to lead the Inaugural prayer, I have argued that I should not do it alone, that leaders of other religions should be there too,' he said... 'We are all brothers and sisters in our hearts,' he stressed.".. He said, "[A]s an American, I respect other paths to God...." But there is only ONE God, and only ONE path to Him (1Tim. 2:5, Jn. 14:6). Demanding equal time for idolatry is scriptural treason.

FALWELL NOW A SOUTHERN BAPTIST- Dr. Jerry Falwell announced last month he has become a Southern Baptist. He thus now is officially and directly yoked with unbelievers in a new way. Over the years he has swapped pulpits with SBC leaders and spoken at SB meetings. Several SB leaders are trustees of Falwell's Liberty University, and former SBC president Jerry Vines is chairman of LU's board. When he and protégé Tim Lee spoke at a 1993 SB "Building Bridges" conference in Maryland, Falwell said: "I would say we're a couple of years away...but I don't think there's any question that we're heading toward some major mergers that will probably surprise a lot of people." (12/15/93 CC). So, with the "bridge" in place, he now just crosses over it. (On other occasions he has denied he would join the SBC.). Falwell and other SBC "conservatives" are linked with: apostates in the Baptist World Alliance, liberals in SBC schools and agencies, thousands of SBC pastors who are Masons, hundreds of SBC women clergy, and with ecumenicals such as Graham and Colson. The tragedy is compounded if he influences some BBF, Southwide Baptist Fellowship, and other independent churches to follow him into the SBC. Dr. Falwell has caused untold confusion and harm within fundamentalism for two decades by claiming to be a Fundamentalist when his ecumenical practices clearly revealed he was not.

BE NICE TO EVIL-DOERS?-- "At times one hesitates to reprove or admonish evil-doers, either because one seeks a more favorable moment or fears his rebuke might make them worse, and further, discourage weak brethren....In such circumstances forbearance is not prompted by selfish considerations but by well advised charity. What is

reprehensible, however, is that while leading good lives themselves and abhorring those of wicked men, some, fearing to offend, shut their eyes to evil deeds instead of condemning them and pointing out their malice...." (Augustine, 10/28 *Christianity Today*)

CHARISMATIC MOVEMENT NOT OF GOD--The Charismatic Movement today acts as the essential catalyst to bring an ecumenical convergence of the main branches of "Christianity"--Roman Catholics, Evangelicals, Protestants, Pentecostals, Orthodox, etc. Dennis Costella (7-8/96 *Foundation*) says: "Yes, the Charismatic Movement and all associated with it is tremendous in size, wealth and influence, but by no means does that mean it is of God. How do we know? Its scorn for the primacy of sound doctrine, its emphasis on fleshly experience, its acceptance of several gospels that are by definition mutually exclusive, its rejection of biblical truth concerning the Lord's return, and its predilection for mixing truth with error--all these things and more mark this movement as being under God's curse, not His blessing...."

COLSON AT PK-MEMPHIS-- Prison Fellowship founder/chairman Charles Colson was a main speaker at the Promise Keepers conference in Memphis. His topic was: "The Unity of the Body: Brothers United in Christ." He warned of the government's encroachment on the freedom of Bible-believing Christians. He also said "Shame on us when we're divided," and said division is our sin today. He said that when we're not one, we are working against God and there's no evangelism. He said we need to reach across denominational lines, that whatever your denomination, you belong to Jesus. If Catholic, etc., we belong to each other, he said. He said some people even say Mother Teresa's not a Christian. Then for "proof" he said: "That 90-pound lady had the courage at the National Prayer Breakfast [last Spring] to say to Pres. Clinton that the greatest sin today is abortion." [paraphrased] Colson said: "I'm proud Mother Teresa is my sister in Christ." But the 10/96 *Berean Call* mentioned her Roman Catholic belief that personal suffering helps to earn one's salvation, and her view that each person must believe in whatever "God" is in their mind. Colson, a Southern Baptist, co-authored (with a RC priest) the notorious ECT document and was a recipient of the ignoble 1993 Templeton Prize.

SMEDES & NEFF PRAISE ISLAMIC 'SCHOLARS'-- Bill Moyers, an apostate preacher-turned-journalist, has assembled an untidy Bible study group for public television to discuss meanings of Genesis Bible stories. The group includes evangelicals, liberals, Muslims, Jews, and a gnostic or two. *Christianity Today* Exec. Editor David Neff 10/28 CT) said "...in the discussions...common ground is discovered and allies emerge in unexpected places. Lewis Smedes [Fuller Seminary] said he was amazed at the wonderful definition of grace made by Islamic legal scholar Azizah al-Hibri. 'The relationship with God is not a relationship with an all-powerful patriarch, but with Someone Who loves us and has mercy on us and talks to us,' she said.. 'Every single chapter in the Qur'an begins with the words God is all-merciful.'" Neff said he found himself cheering Islamic scholar Hossein Nasr as he insisted that tensions between biblical themes did not void their being the word of God.

GRAHAM'S UNSCRIPTURAL MEANS, UNSCRIPTURAL GOAL--Does the end justify the means? Dr. Billy Graham apparently thinks so. He uses the "language of the lost," rock music, to reach the lost Generation-X. He says "The so-called 'X Generation' seems lost...It's as if they speak a different language....I've found that music is an interpreter for me with them. We include their [rock] music, not always with their lyrics but their tempo in our work. It makes a big difference." (10/20 *Parade*). A mostly teenage crowd of 88,000 came to hear "Christian rockers" dc Talk and Michael W. Smith at Graham's Charlotte crusade last month (10/28 CT). Other Graham regulars-- Charlie Daniels, Johnny Cash, Joni, and the Gaither Vocal Band--also performed. So Graham uses rock music to evangelize, then uses evangelism to promote the ecumenical movement. The 7-8/96 *Foundation* quoted him as saying at Amsterdam '86, when asked how so many different groups could come together for ecumenical evangelism: "Evangelism is about the only word we can unite on...Our methods would be different, and there would be debates over even the message sometimes. But there is no debate over the fact that we need to evangelize...I think there is an ecumenicity here that cannot [be gotten] under any other umbrella."

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'PRO-CHOICE' ON ABORTION IS ILLOGICAL--It is illogical to say that the fetuses belonging to pro-choice people can be killed and the fetuses belonging to pro-life people can't be killed, as if they have different value or no value at all. "Choice" is a consumerist, libertarian word that effectively keeps morality at bay. (John Leo, 10/7 *C.Today*). In the Lincoln-Douglas debates of 1860, Douglas was pro-choice on slavery. He said the 1857 Dred Scott decision gave slave owners the "right to choose." (4/ 15/92 CC). Lincoln's answer applies to abortion today as it did to slavery then: "No one has the right to choose to do what is wrong." "Pro-choice leaves "no choice" for the baby.

MORMON LINK TO BIBLE VIDEOS-- The video series "Animated Stories from the Bible" was produced by Mormons (9/28 *World*). A researcher says the cartoons are mostly accurate retellings of Scripture, do not contain overtly Mormon teachings, and are suitable for children. But he warns that the workbooks accompanying the series contain Mormon ideas such as salvation through human effort. Be warned, be wise, beware!

TRUTH ELUDES OUR POWERFUL MEDIA-- "...[T]ruth is fallen in the street...." (Isa. 59:14). Our liberal news media are the most powerful propaganda machine ever known. We recently read that politicians in a certain nation hires professional liars for a small fee to sit in coffee shops and spread rumors about their opponents. In America these "liars" are given microphones and teleprompters and rake in millions of dollars a year. Their liberal bias and leftist agenda are evident for all with an ounce of discernment to behold. They are pro-abortion. They present homosexuality not as behaviorally deviant but as an alternate lifestyle. Mainstream journalists tend to be globalists and in recent elections have voted near 90 per cent for Democrats. Our media elite have praised political movements run by brutal, atheistic thugs. They misrepresent, mislead, and deceive. They call evil good, and good evil.

CHURCH BURNINGS & BLACK METAL ROCK-- Fans of Satanist rock groups known as Black Metal are blamed for a rash of church burnings in Norway (9/28 *World*). The leader of Norway's Black Metal scene has been imprisoned and is circulating tracts saying, "Kill the Christians. Burn their churches. Destroy their homes. Torture their children." In America, we now have the openly occult "Gothic Metal" style and the in-your-face evil of the group Marilyn Manson (a band that wears T-shirts saying, "Kill God. Kill your Mom and Dad. Kill Yourself.")

AIDS: A DISEASE OF HOMOSEXUALS AND DRUG USERS--AIDS has killed over 300,000 Americans. A *Wall Street Journal* report says our government for 10 years has deliberately lied to us about who is at risk of AIDS. According to the Centers for Disease Control, homosexuals - who are 2 percent of the population - represent 61

percent of all new AIDS cases. Gay monogamy is a myth; gay promiscuity is a well-known reality. (10/96 CVN).
When the body is used in ways nature never intended, nature takes revenge.

FROM SCANDAL TO GLORY--The Gennifer Flowers affair hardly hurt our president in 1992. When the "man from Hope" has no bedrock beliefs, and the morals of an Arkansas sow, it is no great surprise when his chief advisor instantly rebounds after resigning in disgrace over an affair with a prostitute. After the notoriety, Dick Morris got a \$2.5 million dollar book advance. A 9/30 *U.S. News* article said: "His reputation may not stay down for long. It used to be that famous offenders served some time in a state of disgrace before emerging, good as new. Now the rehab phase is skipped entirely by just ignoring the bad behavior. Sleazeballs and felons are instantly recycled as respectable characters." Ps. 12:8 says: "The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted."

GRAHAM'S USE OF ROCK GROUPS-- Dr. Billy Graham uses rock groups to draw crowds for his crusades (see 6/1 & 8/1 CCs). Dr. Gordon Sears writes (8/24 letter): "I was sent a copy of Billy Graham's paper this week. He made the statement: 'The message--the Gospel of Jesus Christ--is timeless, but the packaging for the message needs to change according to the culture'. This was in reference to the use of rock groups, etc. Isn't it strange that for years, missionaries have said that the Gospel lifts the cultures of paganism up and changes lives, but now the opposite is taking place?"

FEED THINE ENEMY?-- Seventh-day Adventists recently sent medicines and medical supplies valued at \$500,000 to North Korean health clinics (6/3 CN). And 40,000 tons of new food aid was more recently donated by a Catholic charity, the World Food Program, etc.(9/15 HT). The U.S. donated \$6.2 million to help the WFP buy food. But food has historically been a military weapon (9/30/89 CT). Much of it went to do good, but wound up doing evil. Giving aid through communist governments invites corruption, abuse, and misuse as a weapon. Totalitarian governments dispense it selectively in a way to keep their slaves in line. It also frees up other funds they can use to buy arms for terrorism.

MERCER PRESIDENT'S BOOK BOTHERS SO. BAPTISTS--Mercer University, Macon, Ga., is a Southern Baptist school. Twenty-five years ago, Catholic revolutionary Bernadette Devlin from Northern Ireland promoted communism in a chapel message at Mercer. Today, Mercer's president, R. Kirby Godsey, in a new book, says he will not be tied to creeds (9/30 *Chr.News*). His other ideas include: Everyone will eventually get to heaven. The Bible is not infallible. And "the notion that God is the all powerful, the high and mighty principal of heaven and earth should be laid aside." The backlash from these "ideas" could affect school funding. We should hope so!

RAWLINGS' CHURCH FEATURES ROCK MUSIC-- Dr. John Rawlings is co-publisher of Dr. Jerry Falwell's *National Liberty Journal* and chairman of Liberty University's Center for Ministry Training (10/96 NLJ). He is a former Baptist Bible Fellowship president, and former pastor of Landmark Baptist Temple (Cincinnati) where his son Harold now pastors. For over two decades he has shared platforms with and promoted Southern Baptists and new evangelicals. The 9/8 *Current Trends & Updates* reported that a Campus Crusade rock group, The Convertibles, was scheduled to perform "real live [secular] rock-n-roll" from the 50's at Landmark, Sept. 28th.

SEPARATION FROM MBI-- Moody Bible Institute practices the new-evangelical policy of inclusivism, infiltration, and cooperation with ecumenism rather than practicing biblical separation....In regard to associating, as Moody does, with the enemies of the Gospel, our attitude ought to reflect the words of the prophet Jehu to Jehoshaphat: *Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the LORD?* (2 Chron. 19:2). In regard to fellowshiping with true brethren who are disobeying the clear command to remain separate from apostasy and compromise (2 Cor. 6:17), we must "withdraw" ourselves, "note" the disobedient ones, and "have no company with" them (see 2 Thes. 3:6,14)...[This] is meant to make the sinner see and repent of his sin, act as a deterrent to others, and maintain the purity and distinctiveness of the one true Gospel. Fundamentalists would love to see MBI renounce its sin and return to the place of God's true blessing but until this happens, we must separate. [Jack Stephens, *OBV Visitor* (excerpt), Reprints of 6-page article, 10 for \$4, 3865 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43214.]

NON-CONTENDING NEUTRALIST 'FUNDAMENTALISTS'- A major hindrance to a warning and informing ministry today is those non-contending neutralists who, in giving a rationale [excuse] for not being scripturally militant in the battle against apostasy and compromise of truth, thus undermine those who are intensely defending "that one little point" where Satan is making the most headway and where the battle rages fiercest. In the process of justifying/excusing their non-militancy, they confuse, divide, and weaken the testimony for Christ, and discourage faithful contenders and make them appear unloving and extreme. But per 1 John 2:10, if THEY loved US, they would abide in the light and fellowship, and obey the commands of our Captain.

TBN FEATURES CULTS, CHARISMATICS-- Paul & Jan Crouch's Trinity Broadcasting Network features a hodgepodge of charismatics (Hinn, Copeland, Roberts), Catholics, and Seventh-day Adventists (It Is Written), but also has DeHaan, Van Impe, and So. Baptists (Stanley, Rogers, Young). E.V. Hill and Robert Schuller are also TBN regulars.

PETER KREEFT & MARY'S BLOOD-- Ecumenical Roman Catholic priest Peter Kreeft is quoted in the Sep-Oct C.E.C. Journal: "...But there is a fourth way Mary links us to Christ; literally, by her blood....Christ's literal blood, which redeemed us, was our blood because it was Mary's blood. Mary was one of us, biologically connected with us....Christ took our blood only because He took Mary's blood. So he shed his own blood, our human race's blood, to redeem us, to redeem the human race through the mediation of Mary." Is this not utter blasphemy?

FAITH & VALUES CHANNEL CHANGES NAME TO ODYSSEY--Garry E. Hill is the new CEO of Faith & Values Channel (formerly known as VISN). It changed its name to Odyssey, to attract "the broadest audience possible." (9/16 CT). VISN was formed in 1988 and included Protestants, Catholics, Jews, and cults. The Southern Baptist ACTS network linked with VISN in 1992 (see 9/1/92 CC). The ACTS/F&V program schedule for Jan-Feb-Mar. 1996 included Mormon, Catholic, Jewish, SBC, and U. Methodist programs. Sadly, it also listed the DeHaan "Day of Discovery." Proselytizing, fundraising, and maligning of other faiths is prohibited. Odyssey's syncretism and interfaith pluralism would seem to consider any emphasis on a "Christ Only" gospel as "proselytizing."

TIM LEE SPEAKERS- Dr. Tim Lee's Jumpstart 1997 conference is set for Dec. 30-Jan. 1 at Trinity Baptist Church, Asheville, NC. Speakers include: So. Baptist David Ring, Liberty Baptist Theol. Seminary dean Danny Lovett, and Ralph Sexton.

WHERE DALLAS SEMINARY FACULTY SPEAK-- The DTS Autumn 1996 *Kindred Spirit* lists the following Fall speaking engagements for some Dallas Theological Seminary faculty: DTS President Charles Swindoll at Philadelphia College of the Bible; Larry Moyer at an Evangelical Free Church, Youth For Christ, and IFCA conference; Ramesh Richard at Promise Keepers conference; Howard Hendricks at a Moody Men's Conference; Kerby Anderson at Christ for the Nations (charismatic); and Robert Pyne at Campus Crusade Fall Retreat. It is sadly evident that Dallas is in the mainstream new-evangelical orbit.

INDEX OF CC ARTICLE TITLES-- Some keep asking when/if a list of *Contender* article titles can be made available. Annette Lozensky (Calif.) has made giant strides in going far beyond "titles" capability, and has prepared summaries of CC articles. She has generously and graciously purchased special Info Select software, and given it to me, for searching CC data bases, etc. So now, the ball is in MY court, I am the hold up. I need a computer expert in residence. Please pray that the Lord will provide such, or else allow me to have the time needed for this. I'm writing this 11/1 issue Oct. 9 and hope to get it mailed Oct. 11 or 14, attend a Promise Keepers meeting in Memphis (with press credentials), attend the ACCC meetings in Lebanon, Pa., and visit with our daughter and family (Pa.) all later this month.

LOCAL CC CYBERSPACE ENTRY ABORTED--The local Email and Internet capability (see 9/15 CC) has not worked well. FAX info remains as stated.

NEW BOOK FROM BOBGANS, "COMPETENT TO MINISTER: The Biblical Care of Souls," just received, hope to review/excerpt in 11/15 CC, 252 pages, Price \$11.99 postpaid, 252 pages. Request free newsletter. PsychoHeresy Awareness Ministries, 4137 Primavera Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93110.

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POPE & CIA ALLIANCE?--The 10/96 *Reader's Digest* article, "John Paul II and the Hidden History of Our Time," revealed an alliance between the "Holy See and the Reagan Administration." In frequent talks between "fervent Catholic" CIA Director William Casey, the Polish pope was given photos, from U.S. spy satellites, of vital interest concerning Soviet troop maneuvers in Poland. "The pope was the beneficiary of some of America's most carefully guarded secrets..."

GUNS CAN BE GOOD-- The 9/30 *New American* says medical costs saved as a result of gun use by law-abiding citizens are 15 times greater than costs incurred by criminal uses of guns. Guns also prevent injuries to good people and protect billions of dollars of property each year.

'BIBLES' ARE BIG BUSINESS- Americans now spend an estimated \$400 million each year on Bibles. So says a 9/9 *Time* magazine "The Power of Babble" article. The *New Living Translation* hit bookstores in August. It revises and updates the unreliable "Living Bible" paraphrase. It is said to be "gender inclusive and doctrinally wrong" (see 8/15 CC). *Time* said some 450 English translations, paraphrases, or retellings of all or part of the Bible are now in print. And the desire to make money (commercial motivation) is said to be one reason for new translations.

BRITISH PARENTS CAN'T SPANK CHILD?-- The European Court of Human Rights has accepted a 12-year-old boy's challenge to a British corporal punishment law (9/21 *World*). The boy, caned by his step-father for trying to stab another child with a kitchen knife, claims his parents violated the 1950 European Human Rights Convention. Austria, Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden have outlawed physical punishment by parents.

FENHOLT'S PARENTS SUE HIM OVER ABUSE CHARGES--CCM singer Jeffrey Fenholt's parents have filed a \$12 million lawsuit against their son, saying he falsely accused them of abusing him in childhood in his 1994 autobiography. TBN, FGBMFI, and others are named as co-defendants. (10/96 *Charisma*). His brother and sisters say he made up the stories to further his career.

MEDIA SPOTLIGHT REPORTS--Al and Jean Dager have reports/videos on dozens of current topics, such as New Age, Jay Gary's Celebration 2000, Freemasonry, Roman Catholicism and other cults, Benny Hinn, and James Dobson. Write them for Order Form: P. O. Box 290, Redmond, WA 98073.

ACCC 55TH ANNUAL CONVENTION IS OCT. 22-24, LEBANON, PA. SEE 9/1 CC FOR INFO ON SPEAKERS, ETC.

SUFFERING SAINTS--Today Christians are the most persecuted religious group in the world, with the greatest number of victims. A N.J. Congressman says it's time this becomes a front-burner, non-negotiable issue in our foreign policy. The 10/96 *Light* said three factors are responsible for most of the persecution of Christians globally: resurgent communism, a religiously intolerant form of Islam, and reemerging nationalism. The rise of radical Islam has effectively criminalized the practice of Christianity.

HOLLYWOOD'S NEW BAD GUYS: CHRISTIANS- The 9/21 *World* said: "Hollywood has been facing a villain crisis. Formula plots require bad guys, but now that the Soviet Union has folded, Communist spies pose little threat [?], while depicting Middle Eastern terrorists comes across as politically incorrect ethnic stereotyping. Many in the pop culture factories are turning to a new group to embody the forces of evil: Christians." A recent movie depicts a "nightmarish future vision" of America taken over by the Christian Coalition and a Bible-toting evangelist who impose their morality on everyone.

HOLLYWOOD: PEDDLER OF PORN & PERVERSION- SBC's Fall 1996 *BEAM* said: "Frank Capra, director of some of the finest films ever made, walked away from the movie business in the '60s. He wrote in his autobiography, 'The winds of change blew through the dream factories...The hedonists...the bleeding hearts...the God-haters, the quick buck artist who substituted shock for talent, all cried, Shake 'em! Rattle 'em! God is dead. Long live Pleasure! Nudity! Yeah!.... Liberate the world from prudery. Emancipate our films from morality.'" Why do Christians give such purveyors of porn, profanity, and perversity access to living rooms of their families?

W. V. GRANT TO PRISON-- Charismatic healer W. V. Grant, former pastor of Eagles Nest Family Church in Dallas, was sentenced to 16 months in prison, fined \$30,000 and assigned 100 community service hours by a U.S. District Court judge after Grant's conviction of tax fraud. (10/96 *Charisma*. He must repay \$253,000 in back taxes. Grant used \$100,000 of church member donations as a down payment on a \$1.2 million estate.

THE POPE VISITS FRANCE-- Leftist activists had protested, but Pope John Paul's visit to France in Sept. drew 200,000 jubilant pilgrims who cheered the 76-year-old pope like a rock star. France is 80 percent Catholic, but less than 15 percent practice their religion. Tourist outnumber worshipers at cathedrals. The pope greeted Muslims in hope of religious dialogue.

EVANGELICALS JOIN WITH 'OTHER JESUS' WORSHIPERS--Dave Hunt says: "Pat Robertson's 'Christian Coalition' unites Catholics, Mormons, Moonies, Jews and other non-Christians in political/social action." Sun Myung Moon's Sept. conference in Washington attracted speakers such as Beverly LaHaye, Ralph Reed and Robert Schuller (9/9 *CN*). RC Peter Kreeft says Muslims are now our friends (5/20 *CT*). But the Jesus of Islam was just a prophet and did not die on the cross. The Moonie Jesus "failed in his mission." The New Age Jesus and the Jesus of the cults (Catholicism, Mormonism, etc.) are not the Christian Jesus. Prominent new-evangelicals who join with Evangelicals and Catholics Together, Promise Keepers, and the Christian Coalition evidently believe that groups with different Jesuses can all worship together (see 2 Cor. 11:4, Gal. 1:9).

'BREAK DOWN THE WALLS'-- That's the theme for Promise Keepers rallies for 1996. PK leaders decry denominational walls (between charismatics, Catholics, evangelicals, etc.). But the Bible erects barriers between truth and error, between God's people and His enemies. God commands separation (2 Cor. 6:14-17). Nehemiah built a wall. W. B. Riley decades ago warned of "the inclusive policy" in his "Divinely Ordered Divisions" pamphlet. Jesus came not to bring peace, but division. He severely denounced false religionists of His day (Mat. 23, etc.). He did not try to unite His followers with them. Romanism and Mormonism are false religions/cults (Eph. 5:11). Satan's counterfeit "revival" of our day is actually a union for the apostasy.

PROMISE KEEPERS: AN ABSURD UNHOLY MIXTURE--Promise Keepers founder Bill McCartney asks: "Can we look one another in the eye...Baptist, Presbyterian, Assemblies of God, Catholic, etc., and get together on common ground: 'We believe in salvation through Christ alone, and we have made Him the Lord of our lives?'" But, Baptists generally teach that a man accepts God's plan of salvation while a Presbyterian believes God selects who is to be saved ahead of time. Assemblies of God teach you can lose your salvation, Baptists teach you can't, and the Catholic Catechism says: "We believe the Church is the mother of our new birth" (9/16 *Chr. News*).

WCC APOSTASY-- The World Council of Churches tolerates theological modernism, promotes universalism, and is open to charismatics. Churches in the WCC promote the killing of unborn infants, ordain women, homosexuals, and lesbians, and allow their theologians to deny just about every doctrine of historic Christianity. (9/23 *Chr. News*). Most mainline churches (U. Methodist, Presbyterian Church-USA, Episcopal, ELCA, etc.) are members of the liberal NCC/WCC.

ETERNAL SONSHIP OF CHRIST-- Dr. John MacArthur and others teach that "Christ is and always has been the second member of the Trinity but only became a Son in His incarnation." But Scriptures teach that Christ was always the Son of God (5/1 *Bible & Life*): The Son created the world (Col. 1, Heb. 1). The Father sent the Son. The Son had a relationship with the Father from eternity past (Jn. 16:28), and is compared with Melchizedek as the Eternal Son (Heb. 7:3). George Zeller and Dr. Renald Showers have a new book, The Eternal Sonship of Christ (Foreword by Dr. John C. Whitcomb), 128 pages, \$7.00 postpaid. Order from Zeller at: 349 East St., Middletown, CT 06057. Bro. Zeller has written many tracts and booklets, e.g., "Dangers of Reformed Theology" and "Homosexuality." Request a Literature List.

GARBC PASTOR OBJECTS TO RACIAL RELATIONS RESOLUTION- Rev. Peter Van Kleeck, pastor of Wealthy Park Baptist Church (a GARBC founding church), has written the Council of Eighteen taking issue with the resolution on Racial Relations adopted at the GARBC's annual conference last June, and to "Dr. [Charles] Ware's vitriolic speech." He said, "In one resolution, the GARBC has entered into the foolishness of the Southern Baptist Convention in apologizing for something the resolution assumes all are culpable of and most have never done, and played into the inclusivistic, politically correct hands of Promise Keepers....The resolution was simply to make everyone feel better about something they had nothing to do with....There is no Biblical basis for corporate repentance because one cannot repent for someone else's sin....Was this not an unbiblical, social gospel blunder?...."

NEW TRIBES IS NEW EVANGELICAL?- Many fundamental churches support New Tribes Mission based on its somewhat strong statement on separation. But several indicators in the past two decades have concerned us. A family resigned from NTM in the '70s. One issue was that "some of the members of New Tribes are members of churches that are in the WCC. Other members receive support from such churches." (9/19/78 *Blu-Print*). Dr. George Dollar listed NTM as "moderate" (10/ 1/76 *Facts for Fund.*). A Baptist church planter (in Calif. at the time) in a 1993 letter said of New Tribes: "They certainly do not know anything about ecclesiastical separation. They are in...churches that are Neo-evangelical as well as liberal...." Dr. Don Jasmin reported on a 1993 Missions Awareness Conference at Messiah College where 20 missions participated, including NTM, IVCF, and AIM (11-12/93 *Fund.Digest*). In the Jan-Feb '96 *Fund. Digest* he says: "New Tribes Mission has indeed gone new-evangelical!"

CATHOLICS SAY MARY IS QUEEN OF HEAVEN-- Some Roman Catholics claim they don't believe Mary is the Queen of Heaven. But consider what the Roman Catholic Church officially teaches in its New Catechism (*O Timothy*): "'Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son...' The assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection... 'In giving birth you kept your virginity... You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death'...."

C. S. LEWIS 'VERY CATHOLIC'-- By the time of his death, C. S. Lewis had moved from Idealism to Pantheism

and then to Theism. In Letters to Malcolm, he indicated that shortly before his death, he was turning toward the Catholic Church. Lewis termed himself "very Catholic"-his prayers for the dead, belief in purgatory, and rejection of the literal resurrection of the body are serious deviations from Biblical Christianity. He even went to a priest for regular confession, and received the sacrament of extreme unction on 7/16/63. [This was taken from the Sep-Oct *BDM Letter*. An much-expanded version in booklet format is available for \$1 from: B.D.M., P.O. Box 679, Bedford, IN 47421.

SO. BAPTISTS SPLIT IN VIRGINIA-- Conservatives broke with moderates/liberals in Sept.--mainly over the Bible--marking the first time a state has had two groups affiliated with the SBC.

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LIFE ON MARS?- Some scientists *think* there *may* have been life on Mars over 3.6 billion years ago, resulting from a rock blasting off Mars some 16 million years ago. This fairy tale is a frantic effort to prove evolution without God, and seems the celestial equivalent to an Elvis sighting. Dr. John Morris asks: "How does anyone know what Martian rocks are made of?...Are the dates correct? Radio-isotope dating methods are notoriously unreliable. Could a cometary impact send rocks out into space, overcoming Mars' gravitational pull? Could organic chemicals have resisted vaporization for 16 million years in a total vacuum...? Are the 'fossils' really fossils? They are extremely tiny, 'about 1/1000 the diameter of a human hair...'" We will wait until scientists prove "beyond a reasonable doubt" to a society that declared O. J. Simpson innocent, that such microscopic objects denote life on Mars. Super claims require super proof!

FALWELL CONDEMNS 'SCARE TACTICS' OF NCC- Jerry Falwell, reacting to a National Council of Churches' false report about his ministry, said: "We don't need a dinosaur like the NCC, with its steadily declining church membership, romping around like a big bully, threatening evangelical churches that are flourishing. They are extreme hypocrites who don't mind liberal churches helping liberal politicians like Jesse Jackson and Bill Clinton, but immediately cry 'foul' when conservative churches speak out in defense of...issues of moral importance that might run counter to the views of their favorite candidates." (9/5 *Berea Bap.Bnr.*). He urged churches not to be intimidated by the NCC or IRS. "Churches have every legal right to address political issues, conduct voter registration on-site, and encourage members to vote..."

PRAY FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS-- SBC leader Richard Land says (*Salt*, Vol. 6, #3): "Approximately 100 million Christians have been martyred for their faith in Jesus Christ this century, thus making the 20th century the bloodiest in Christian history. More Christians have been murdered for their faith in this century than the previous 19 centuries combined. More people have died for their faith in this century than [all] those who have perished in all this century's wars....Islamic...radicals persecute, torture and kill Christians. In Cuba, Laos, N. Korea, Red China and Vietnam, remnant Communist regimes viciously persecute Christians. Some governments viciously...torture and imprison [them...or] tacitly 'allow' marauding outlaw mobs to beat and kill Christians and burn their homes and houses of worship. In Sudan, 300,000 Christians have been murdered since 1982...."

TEEN DRUG USE SOARING- The world is more awash in drug use than ever. Our government seems to have "surrendered" in the drug war. Its recent annual survey showed drug use among youths aged 12 to 17 had more

than doubled since 1992. Marijuana use rose 37 percent in one year for that age group, and cocaine use jumped 166 percent.

ARMSTRONG CULT NOW EVANGELICAL?-- We recently (3/1 CC) reported that some well-known new-evangelical leaders were saying the Herbert W. Armstrong Worldwide Church of God cult's new leaders were heading it toward orthodoxy and should be accepted as brothers. But *O Timothy* editor David Cloud warns that: "If the leaders of the WCG want to obey the Word of God, let them disband their unscriptural organization and exhort their members to get saved...and to join sound churches. By attempting to reform an unscriptural organization which has such a wretched and apostate history, the leaders of the WCG are creating tremendous confusion."

MICHAEL CARD TO PERFORM AT BBF CHURCH--The historic Temple Baptist Church (Detroit) is the "patriarchal" church of the Baptist Bible College (Springfield) and has been pastored by J. Frank Norris, G. B. Vick, Truman Dollar, and now by Rev. Bradley Powell. Jack Van Impe has in recent years been a member. It is now helping sponsor the Detroit 1996 Fall Concert series featuring several CCM performers, including Michael Card (Oct. 4). The concerts will be held in Temple's worship facility, according to Michigan pastor Carroll Turbeville. Card, "the Christian music industry's resident theologian," has produced a joint album with a leading Roman Catholic musician, John Michael Talbot. BJU's *What In The World!* paper quotes the 7/96 CCM magazine thusly: "*Brother to Brother* glows with a warm and joyous ecumenism." Card says: "Doing this project has enabled us to become real friends....And along the way, the denominational lines have become really meaningless to me, and to John, too." Other BBF churches (e.g., Jerry Falwell's) in the past two decades have sadly featured CCM groups and ecumenicals.

PRAY FOR DR. PICKERING-- Dr. Ernest Pickering, Deputation Director of Baptist World Mission, still travels and preaches but lost sight in his left eye in July while teaching in Russia. His left optic nerve was damaged due to extensive radiation in treatment of head/sinuses cancer in 1982 and 1995. Vision in his right eye is deteriorating. Dr. Pickering's new book Dispensationalism: Mining the Riches of God's Word is available for \$1 (plus postage) from him at: BWM, P.O. Box 1463, Decatur, AL 35601.

GARBC PASTOR IN ECUMENICAL SERVICE- GARBC pastor Rev. Greg Baum, First Baptist Church of Monroe, Iowa is listed as "preacher" for a community church service, Aug. 11 at City Park (8/9 Knox. Jrnl.-Express). Others participating in the service: Rev. Karen Merrill, pastor U. Methodist Church, Rev. Larry Gander, U. Presbyterian Church and Dr. Robert Frank, Re-organized Latter Day Saints. A First Baptist Church trio was to sing. While the RLDS is not Mormon, it claims Joseph Smith as its first president, and all its prophet-presidents since 1860 were his direct descendants. It endorses his Inspired Version of the Bible, the Book of Mormon, and Doctrine and Covenants. (*The Evangel*). A 1984 "revelation" allows women to be ordained to the priesthood. Why would a GARBC pastor participate in a "community church service" with heretics/apostates?

WARE SPEAKS IN GARBC AND LIBERAL DENOM PULPITS--Dr. Charles Ware is president of Baptist Bible College of Indianapolis, and serves on the board of ABWE and Manna Bible Institute in Philadelphia. He was a main speaker at the GARBC's annual conference and YouthFest in June at Lakeland, Fla. He has served as an urban and ethnic writer for Awana and Regular Baptist Press (5/4 *H. Times*). He spoke at Huntsville Baptist Institute's Commencement in May. HBI is affiliated with the National Primitive Baptist Convention and has had U. Methodist, Presbyterian, and Seventh-day Adventist teachers. Ware's Sep-Oct itinerary in *Reconciliation* lists a U. Methodist Church, a Reformed church, an ABWE Board Meeting, and NY State GARBC Conference.

SAD SIGNS GARBC NOT SEPARATIST-- Where is the discipline or denunciation of the following examples of blatant compromise: (1) Council of Eighteen chairman Bill Rudd's church (and others) participating in Promise Keepers (8/1 CC); (2) Council of Eighteen member Bill Goode in annual NANC conference with John MacArthur (9/7 *World*); (3) Non-separatist speakers at GARBC annual meetings in recent years (Wiersbe, Ware, e.g.) [This year Back To The Bible's Woodrow Kroll, Word of Life regional director Ric Garland, and Charles Ware were speakers];

(4) When Grand Rapids Seminary has "facilitators" such as T. Oden (prof. at liberal Methodist Drew University), Middleton and Walsh the latter two of whom new-evangelical Carl F. H. Henry expressed concern over their possible liberal/neo-orthodox writings (see 6/1 CC). Many other examples could be given of new-evangelicalism in some GARBC-approved schools and mission agencies. Dr. Marion Reynolds (5-6/96 *Foundation*) said of the GARBC June meeting resolutions: "[T]hey give no call to biblical separation from error. Resolutions concerning the dangers of Promise Keepers, charismatic heresies and new-evangelical delusion, Roman Catholicism, and a reaffirmation of Bible separation would certainly have been in order and would have been consistent with the kind of resolutions the GARBC made in former years. The softening of the GARBC stand on separation is noticeable and sad indeed."

HESTENES RESIGNS AT EASTERN-- Ordained Presbyterian (USA) minister Roberta Hestenes has resigned as president of Eastern College (St. Davids, PA) to become senior pastor of the 2,200-member Solana Beach (Cal.) Presbyterian Church.

PAUL LEVIN WITH THE LORD-- Evang. Paul Levin died Sept. 7 at age 81. He spoke at Bill Rice Ranch youth camps for about 35 years, and on "Bible Tract Echoes" since 1957. His successor as pres. of Bible Tracts, Inc. is Rev. Ralph Blake.

KANTZER'S DANGEROUS VIEWS ON CATHOLICISM- Kenneth Kantzer has a Ph.D. from Harvard, has taught at Wheaton and Trinity, and is a former editor of *Christianity Today*. He says: "I do not for a moment deny the Christianity of any true Roman Catholic. Many Roman Catholics are certainly evangelicals. We share the faith of the Apostles's Creed and the seven ecumenical councils of the ancient church. We need each other in our battles against secularism and materialism. Yet there are crucial differences..." (9/16 CT). Kantzer praised the Pope and referred to him as "the successor of St. Peter" in a 9/ 6/85 CT editorial. He said Catholic charismatics have become true evangelicals and called for continued dialogue with Catholics (5/1/89 CC - see 9/1 CC concerning "saved" RCs). He has pragmatically embraced women's ordination.

CATHOLIC 'SALVATION'-- Dr. Ernest Pickering writes in *Frontline* (Vol. 6, #6): "Salvation by grace to a Roman Catholic is salvation through sacramental grace--the application of God's grace through the official sacraments of the Roman Catholic church...'[S]alvation by grace' means something entirely different to the instructed RC than it does to the Bible-believer. For Catholics, God's grace must flow through appointed church channels....Baptism is looked upon as a working of 'grace' and is required for salvation....[Catholics teach that transubstantiation] transforms the wafer into the literal, physical body and blood of Christ.... This sacrifice of the Mass is a part of 'the work of our redemption.'...The Catholic church has always erred in its confusion of justification and sanctification....The image, created by some evangelical leaders, of a RC church that is loyal to the great fundamental doctrines of Scripture is simply not factual...."

JACK DEERE'S ODYSSEY WITHIN CHARISMATISM-- Dr. Jack Deere's growing interest in charismatic ministry and his close ties to John Wimber (of Vineyard "signs and wonders" movement) led to his dismissal from Dallas Seminary in 1987. He left Wimber's Vineyard pastoral staff in 1992 to pursue speaking (with James Robison, Paul Cain, et al.) and writing. Now, an 8/24 *Dallas Morn. News* article says he wants to help Christians who crave intimacy with God. He says "People are sick and tired of sermons. They're sick of religion. But they're hungry for a word from God." Note that he said they're hungry for "a word," not "the" Word! He also believes in tongues and healings. Dr. Donald Campbell, now president emeritus of Dallas Seminary and succeeded by Chuck Swindoll, said Dallas has been non-charismatic since its founding in 1924, but said: "There is a place in evangelical Christianity for charismatic theology and practice." WHERE is this "place" for charismatic heresy?

FUNDAMENTALISTS WERE TOO GENTLEMENLY- Rev. Bob Whitmore is completing research for an upcoming book on FBF history. He says: "It has been interesting to learn that some of our perceptions about our spiritual forefathers are inaccurate. For example, rather than being unnecessarily harsh, early fundamentalists were often too gentlemenly to press the fight against the liberals. And it was the liberals who engaged in name-calling,

often shouting down fundamentalists at the Northern Baptist conventions with catcalls of scorn and derision. Neither were the New Evangelicals kind, for in the Conservative Baptist movement they used the same tactics against the conservatives that the liberals had used during the struggles in the NBC."

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ROCK MUSIC EFFECTS-- A mail bomber says 1960s "rock music brought him to the point of being the messiah." (8/2 *H. Times*). AC/DC's lead guitarist says: "We're rebellious, yeah. But that's what rock 'n' roll was founded on." (8/22 HT). The 9/96 *Charisma* says the "Christian rock" band The Newsboys are "translating the gospel into the language of rock 'n' roll for an alienated youth culture." Perhaps much of "Christian" Rock is being used as a tool of Satan to draw youths into the secular rock culture, and/ or into the charismatic movement? *Charisma* had this quote (1/96): "People love music, singing and clapping. I believe that draws them toward the Pentecostal and charismatic churches."

CHRISTIAN COALITION: FEC'S SELECTIVE LAWSUIT-- Cal Thomas says of the Federal Election Commission's lawsuit against the Christian Coalition: "When the Rev. Jesse Jackson ran for president, he openly collected funds for his campaign in black...churches in what [seemed] a flagrant violation of IRS and FEC rules. No action was taken against him. Liberal clergy/churches/denoms have for years been involved in lobbying for and against legislation while enjoying special [tax] status." (8/24 *World*). He says at Foundry Methodist, where the Clintons attend, literature opposing the Republican "Contract with America" was available in the church, and Foundry's facilities have been used by gay-rights and other groups as a platform for political speech and activism.[See 1/15 CC]

JAY GARY, A NEAR NEW AGER?- Jay Gary refers to himself as "The Millennium Doctor," and is involved in planning a big celebration of "Jesus' birthday in the year 2000. He denies being a New Ager but has promoted/endorsed New Agers and their ideas, and recommends books by New Agers. He has promoted the UN, and Robert Muller's (see 6/15 CC) occultic World Core Curriculum. Yet he also has been involved in various ecumenical evangelical projects (see 3/15 & 11/1/95 CCs). Templeton Prize winner Bill Bright, who heads Campus Crusade, endorsed Gary's book The Star of 2000 and later reaffirmed his original endorsement. Dr. Cathy Burns has written a new 40-page (11 are Endnotes) paper dealing with Gary, Bright, and an assortment of globalists and New Agers. Get it from: Sharing, 212-G E. 7th St., Mt. Carmel, PA 17851, \$5 postpd.

FAX, E-MAIL, INTERNET-- We now have a FAX #, 205/830-1905 (same as phone #, so you need to phone first), and E-mail address: Contender@whoisit.com. The CC can also be found on the Internet at various Web sites in the U.S. A local one is <http://www.whoisit.com/Contender>.

A CHILD BELONGS TO ITS PARENTS, NOT THE STATE--A 1930 White House Conference on Child Health and Protection "marked the triumph of a new conception of the State's child." (7/8 *New American*.) It described each child as an individual "who belongs to the community [village?] almost as much as to the family" and a citizen of "a world predestinedly moving toward unity." The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child would formally designate the government as the primary custodian of all children.

WOMEN'S ORDINATION CONFUSION- Southern Baptist and charismatic churches have ordained women preachers/pastors, and just recently, Ruth Hofman became the first woman officially approved as a "minister of word and sacrament" in the declining-membership Christian Reformed Church (8/5 *Chr. News*). A woman pastor within the charismatic ranks has asked, "Is God in a woman to be subordinated to God in a man?" When questioned about the Bible doctrine of male church leadership, she responded, "I would never permit a few words by Paul, spoken to women of an archaic epoch to limit my obedience to my Lord in my generation." (Mrs. T. L. Osborn). *PMU Missions Banner* editor Dr. Morris McDonald comments on this (5/96 *MB*): "Note what happens when charismatic visions, emotions, and 'gifts' take precedence over God's written Word!"

COORS EXTENDS SUPPORT TO HOMOSEXUALS-- Coors Brewing Co. last year, along with Disney and others, extended health benefits to homosexual employees' partners (10/9/95 HT). Evangelicals and political conservatives cried "betrayal," since they for many years had received Coors support. A Coors leader said it had supported various homosexual efforts in the past few years. Alcohol is the nation's number one drug problem, accounting for \$100 billion in economic costs and 105,000 deaths each year (8/17/ 92 *Chr. Today*). Many pro-family organizations such as Beverly LaHaye's Concerned Women of America and the Heritage Foundation have long accepted Coors money, which hindered some from tackling alcohol-related issues. Hopefully now, for many, their silence is no longer for sale.

INCONSISTENCIES- Media routinely refer to pro-lifers as "opponents of abortion rights," or "opponents of a woman's right to choose." But they never call gun control supporters "opponents of the right to keep and bear arms." ***** Pro-abortionists say abortion is a woman's private choice and decision. But if it is a PRIVATE matter, why demand PUBLIC funding for it? ***** Why no lawsuits and crusades against the liquor industry as against tobacco companies?

STANLEY A NEAR CHARISMATIC?- The 9/96 *Charisma* reports on Dr. Charles Stanley's close brush with divorce and his Pentecostal roots. In a surprise move on March 14, Anna Stanley dismissed her divorce suit. Although they still live apart (for the last three years), they are working toward reconciliation. The article said Stanley's Atlanta church attracts many charismatics, who also watch his program on stations affiliated with Paul Crouch's TBN. Stanley is not charismatic, but says: "I have no problem with the Pentecostal movement....People ask me, 'Do you have charismatic people in your meetings?' Absolutely! Then they ask, 'Do you like that?' Absolutely! It makes for a good mixture...." He thinks it humorous that many charismatics believe he is one of them while some Baptists aren't too sure what he is. Stanley says "...I just love God. If somebody loves God, who cares what kind of title they have?"

BAKKER CALLS 'PROSPERITY GOSPEL' A LIE-- Jim Bakker used to tell followers God wanted to bless His people with fancy houses and Rolls Royces. Today he says the "prosperity message" is bunk from the devil (9/96 *Charisma*). After a humiliating fall from PTL power, defrocked by the Assemblies of God, a stint in prison, and a traumatic divorce, Bakker is writing a new book entitled I Was Wrong sharing his restoration. Denouncing the so-called health-and-wealth gospel, he says, "I taught people that God wanted above all for you to be rich....That's a lie."

YFC'S DC/LA '97 EXTRAVAGANZA- Youth For Christ expects 35,000 attendees at its Washington, DC (July 16-20) and Los Angeles (June 25-29) conference. The list of over 75 "Christian Colleges" involved in DC/LA '94 included: Oral Roberts University, Fuller, Wheaton, Trinity, Biola, Gordon, Baylor, Asbury, Moody, Liberty, and

Grace (IN). It may surprise some to know that the list of charismatic/liberal and new evangelical colleges involved also included the GARBC's Western Baptist College and Christian Heritage College (David Jeremiah, pres.).

FGBMFI SPLITS- Demos Shakarian formed the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship in 1952. He, a charismatic, was an ardent proponent of miracles, tongues, healing and visions. But after his death in 1993, and under his son Richard's leadership, the FGBMFI declined and has now split. Longtime supporters last year defected and formed the Business Men's Fellowship (BMF). BMF invited E.V. Hill, Adolf Coors IV, and Sen. John Ashcroft as speakers for its first annual convention in August. FGBMFI recently sold its 65,000-square-foot headquarters in Costa Mesa, CA to the Trinity Broadcasting Network.

PCUSA'S MIXED MESSAGE ON HOMOSEXUALITY-- The Presbyterian Church(USA) at its recent meeting sent a muddled message on homosexuality, and failed to condemn partial-birth abortion as sin (8/24 *World*). It approved a policy of forbidding the ordination of practicing homosexuals, but: (1) It continues to receive self-acknowledged, practicing homosexuals as members in good standing. (2) Its new moderator favors ordination of homosexuals. (3) 43% of the commissioners were unwilling to ban homosexual ordination. (4) It passed a resolution urging the Stated Clerk to explore the feasibility of giving civil rights to same-sex partners. *Plains Baptist Challenger* editor E. L. Bynum said the PCUSA is following the Roman Catholic plan. He said RC priests take a vow to be celibate, yet reportedly, at least 40% practice homosexuality.

NEW BOOK EXPOSES ABWE ERRORS- Sedition in Missions is a first-hand account by Missionary Michael McCubbins of the "tragic errors being made by GARBC-approved missions." It largely focuses on the compromise and unscriptural policies of the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (ABWE). McCubbins says: "ABWE has continued a long record of Neo-evangelical ties through its President, Dr. Wendell Kempton, and its hierarchy and field councils. This has not only led to the resignation of a couple of its distinguished, separatist board members... but of some of its missionaries....The primary issue in each of these cases was compromise or lack of separation on the part of ABWE. I first realized things were heading down the wrong road when Dr. Kempton began close cooperation with Dr. Jack Wyrzten [Word of Life]...." [p13] He also mentions Kempton's close associations with Drs. David Jeremiah, Warren Wiersbe, Lehman Strauss, Joe Stowell III, John MacArthur, and Jerry Falwell [p17]. This 133-page book's missions philosophy will be considered controversial by some. [By way of clarification (p100): We received a letter from Dr. Bennett in Sept. 1992 saying he had informed ABWE that he would be resigning after arriving back in the states in Jan. He enclosed his "Reasons For Leaving," a Statement on Separation, etc., with no request not to report his resignation. ABWE's treatment of Dr. Bennett seems unconscionable.] Order the book from: Bethel Bapt. Bookstore, 754 E. Rockhill Rd., Sellersville, PA 18960, \$7.95 postpaid.

MOODY ALLOWS WOMEN PREACHERS-- Defending Moody Broadcasting Network for airing a woman preaching at Moody Founder's Week activities from the pulpit of Moody Memorial Church in Chicago, MBI president Dr. Joseph Stowell's office said (7-8/96 *Keystone Baptist*): "The Moody Bible Institute does not believe that a woman should be ordained to the authority of the pastorate, but that a woman may function in the specific role of preaching. She may not have the authority of the pastorate, but she may preach the Word of God from the pulpit of a local church."

EVANGELICALS FORCED TO BE SILENT ABOUT ERROR--New evangelicals of our day are so yoked with charismatics, liberals, Catholics, Mormons, etc., that they cannot warn of the false doctrine of these groups. We see it in Promise Keepers, the Christian Coalition, ECT, Graham crusades, and in a vast array of other ecumenical endeavors. Denver Seminary's Craig Blomberg recently said: "The 'parachurch' movement has repeatedly demonstrated that conservative Christians of every denomination can put aside such differences [gender roles, Christ's return, sacraments, church polity, etc.] to work together for the advancement of God's kingdom in our world." Christianity has become so highly politicized that the true gospel takes a back seat to moral and social issues. Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition has Catholics, Mormons, Jews, Moonies, and a hodgepodge of others seeking to "Christianize" America. Evangelicals are silenced and can't warn of the false gospel of their co-workers. Spurgeon

rightly said: "Complicity with error will take from the best of men the power to enter any successful protest against it.... [C]onfederacies founded upon the principle that all may enter, whatever views they hold, are based upon disloyalty to the truth of God. If truth is optional, error is justifiable." New evangelicals are silenced, and compromised to the point that they are "dumb dogs, they cannot bark." (Isa. 56:10). When the shepherds are cozy with the wolves, the sheep are in trouble!

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CCM DRAWS CROWDS FOR ECUMENICAL EVENTS-- Many churches today are falling for the error of Contemporary Christian Music. The old hymns are supplanted by songs that over-emphasize the beat.. With words that are mostly bereft of spiritual value, CCM/rock most often results in applause for the performer and performance. Dr. Gordon Sears says this new music is "powerful and dangerous." He says: "CCM (rock) drew a crowd of 95,000 to a recent Billy Graham rally. It is this same trash that is drawing crowds of men to fill stadiums all across the country for Promise Keepers rallies. While it succeeds in causing friction and division in many local church situations on the one hand, it advances the world-wide ecumenical church, by bringing all religions together regardless of doctrine." [CCM is really "Commercial Charismatic Music."]

ABORTION SURVEY MISLEADING-- About 1.5 million American women have abortions each year. A new survey on abortion by the Alan Guttmacher Institute (long associated with Planned Parent-hood) presents a misleading picture. So says an 8/19 *USN & WR* article.. It says Guttmacher is "strongly in favor of abortion rights," and the new survey is "a good example of how statistics rarely reach us these days without spin or heavy massage." But it did find that religious women have the lowest abortion rate--one fourth the rate of non-religious women.

PK NEW POSITION ON HICK'S BOOK--Promise Keepers has issued two recent new position statements on Robert Hicks's psychobabble and blasphemous book (see 12/1/94 CC), The Masculine Journey, which it has so heavily endorsed and distributed. PK no longer distributes it, but still defends it. The July-Aug. *PsychoHeresy Awareness Letter* said PK only seems to be trying to avoid further controversy and that there is still no warning, apology, or repudiation of the book.

DC TALK MIXES SECULAR & 'SACRED'--With roots in Liberty U., praised and promoted by Jerry Falwell and Billy Graham, CCM/rock stars DC Talk recently won an award for their "Jesus Freak" being the "best rock recorded song." (7/1 CC). Secular rock bands (The Beatles, U2, etc.) are among their musical role models (6/96 *Chr.Con.*) and they sometimes include a Beatles or Doobie Brothers song in their shows. An article in the secular *BMI MusicWorld* (Summer '96) quotes DC Talk's unofficial leader as saying his songs "simply stem from human awareness....primarily come from just being socially aware." He frets that "too many critics do not perceive DC Talk and other CCM acts as being inspired by the same things moving the rest of our culture."

CBS GIVES SMUT A TRY-- That's the title of an article in the 8/5 *USN & WR*. It said: "Politicians and family-

values crusaders who need fresh TV-bashing material...can quit looking.. Steven Bochco is providing "Public Morals," a smutty half-hour sitcom debuting on CBS next season...". The show uses words that we can't repeat in a Christian paper. Sad to say, there already was no dearth of "TV-bashing" material!

WHO WAS CARL JUNG? --Most Christians likely have never heard of Carl Jung, but his influence has been vast. A current popular example is seen in Robert Hick's book, The Masculine Journey, which was given to each 1993 Promise Keepers attendee (8/96 *PsychoHeresy. Awareness Ltr.*). Jung delved deeply into the occult, practiced necromancy, and had daily contact with disembodied spirits ("archetypes"). He rejected Christianity and turned to idolatry. His goal for psychoanalysis was to be an all-encompassing religion, superior to Christianity. He has been called "an immoral slob and adulterer" who had sexual affairs with some patients (1/15/93 CC).

'THE MOST PRO-GAY PRESIDENT IN HISTORY'-- Bill Clinton recently appeared on the cover of *The Advocate*, the nation's oldest gay magazine, and became the first sitting president ever to approve an interview in a homosexual magazine (*Nat.Lib.Jrnl.*). *The Advocate* admitted Clinton has "stumbled" in his relationship with gays, but stamped him "the most pro-gay president in the history of the United States." * * * Meanwhile, Alyson Publications has produced a sequel to the infamous children's book Daddy's Roommate (BJU's *WhatInTheW.!*). Called Daddy's Wedding, it is designed for children ages 2 to 6. Illustrations include a homosexual kiss.

FARRAKHAN & GANGS- Dr. Robert Morey says Louis Farrakhan "claims to be Allah, Jesus and the Messiah all rolled into one! He is a false Christ as well as an antichrist." (8/5 *Chr. News*) Libyan terror chief Khadafy reportedly promised Farrakhan \$1 billion to help "mobilize oppressed minorities to play a significant role in American political life.". The 8/19 *New American* says Farrakhan and his Nation of Islam are helping mobilize street gangs, and says: "According to the Los Angeles Police Department, there are 1,000 gangs and more than 150,000 gang members in Los Angeles...."

ABORTION PILL MAKES BABY-KILLING EASY-- Mife-pristone, the U.S. version of the French oral abortion method RU 486, is expected to receive FDA approval later this year. Abortions will be simple...but may have painful side effects.

BEYOND PROMISES AUTHORS DIALOGUE WITH PK-- We have recent correspondence from *Christian Conscience* publishers Lynn & Sarah Leslie indicating they have spent time on the Internet with Beyond Promises authors Hagopian and Wilson (see 7/15 CC). The Leslies recommend the book as a "solid biblical critique" of Promise Keepers but note several areas of caution.. We share their concern that the book may be used to "prop up" the PK movement, inasmuch as PK has purchased several copies of the book and made it required reading for its top brass--and the authors are dialoguing with PK trying to help it make some "mid-course adjustments." There are other concerns (e.g., psychology), but the overriding concern is the bad "roots" of the PK movement. The Leslies devote several pages to this issue in the July-Aug. *Christian Conscience* (P.O. 17346, Des Moines, IA 50317).

PAT ROBERTSON COZY WITH CATHOLICS- After meeting with Pope John Paul II last year, religious broadcaster Pat Robertson called the Pope "a humble and caring servant of the Lord." (12/1 CC). He said "We all want to build bridges with the Catholic Church." The 8/12 *Chr. Today* said Robertson has helped to shape the charismatic movement as a wide, ecumenical and comfortable phenomenon. It said: "Robertson has also opened himself to Roman Catholics--so much so that he signed a controversial statement of common cause between evangelical and Catholic believers, hired a devout Roman Catholic to head his public-interest law organization (the ACLJ), and allows the Catholic Mass to be celebrated daily on the Regent [University] campus for its sizable group of Roman Catholic students."

ANY SAVED ROMAN CATHOLICS?-- Alex Dunlap says "No.", and: "When a Roman Catholic is converted, he is no longer a Roman Catholic. He no longer believes in merits, works, sacraments as aids in salvation; nor baptismal regeneration, nor papacy, nor priestcraft. If he does, he has not been converted...." (8/96 *Gospel Std.*). He says: "We

pray with [a new RC convert] in such a manner that he knows he is leaving Romanism and asking God to direct him to a Christ-centered, Bible-teaching...evangelistic, separated, Fundamental, Protestant, Christian church...."

ACCC CONVENES IN OCT.- The American Council of Christian Churches' 55th annual convention is set for Church of the Open Door, Lebanon, Pa., Oct. 22-24. Dr. Robert Mayer is host pastor. Speakers include: Drs. Arno Weniger, John Ashbrook, Frank McClelland, Richard Harris (ACCC Pres.), Howard Carlson, and Mr. Eric Kooy. The Executive Committee will meet, and two Panel Discussions are scheduled. Conference theme is "A Ministry That Pleases The Lord." The Executive Committee of the World Council of Biblical Churches, chaired by Dr. Jim Fields, will also meet. Dr. Ralph Colas is Executive Secretary of both the ACCC and the WCBC. For more info, contact the ACCC at Box 19, Wallingford, PA 19086.

PREACH AND PRACTICE SEPARATION- ACCC Executive Sec'y Dr. Ralph Colas writes (7/96): "A distinguished historian, Dr. Robert Delnay, recently noted that 'Harvard was founded to train ministers for New England but it cooled in two generations and Yale cooled in one....Andover Seminary was founded in 1807, with strong safeguards--yet in only six decades teachers were teaching outright Liberalism.'. All of these institutions were lost to Bible-believers because they failed to both preach and practice separation as it is taught in God's Word...."

CORNERSTONE COLLEGE PUB HAS ROCK STATION AD--Dr. Clay Nuttall sent this news item from his *Central Challenge*: "In Golf Invitational Magazine, a publication of Cornerstone College, Radio Station WLHT advertises its format on the whole back cover. 'Lite Rock' is boldly published as its fare in 40-minute blocks. Such an admixture might not be so puzzling after one listens to WCSG the college radio station on the Grand Rapids campus. Cornerstone is approved by the GARBC denomination."

TOLERATING LIBERALS--The 6/24 *Chr. News* reported that thousands of Presbyterians (USA) are on the brink of leaving because of ordination of homosexuals, etc., but said: "'Conservatives' in many denominations have for decades threatened to leave their church because of liberalism. They usually remain and learn to live with clergymen and professors who deny the virgin birth and resurrection....They learn to accept women [and] homosexual pastors. They still protest abortion but will commune in churches which support baby killing. They may still complain about the National Council of Churches, but will remain [in an NCC] church rather than join a Bible-believing non-NCC congregation."

WHAT HAPPENED AT PILLSBURY?- Dr. Gerald Carlson has written an informative 73-page booklet by this name, after a recent one-year stint as pres. of Pillsbury Baptist Bible College (MN). Dr. Carlson found "a perception among fundamental Baptists that Pillsbury has changed in its stand and standards.". He said: "I believe the only hope for Pillsbury is to connect strongly with churches all across the country that are solidly in the fundamental Baptist camp. To do that, [it] must clearly repudiate the idea that it desires to coexist with a softening attitude toward a broader theological and ecclesiastical base, a looser position towards worldliness and standards, and an accepting spirit toward increasing secularism in educational philosophy." The tone throughout seems fair, kind, and factual. Dr. Carlson's address is 801 Northgreen Ln., Rocky Mount, NC 27804, where he serves as Director of Development and Finance at Positive Action for Christ. The book is \$4.00 + postage.

NEW BOOK ON BILLY GRAHAM-- Brad K. Gsell has written a new booklet, The Legacy of Billy Graham: the accommodation of truth to error in the evangelical church. It chronicles Graham's ministry of compromise from the 1950s. It updates old material and adds much new. This attractive 54-page booklet may be obtained for a minimum contribution of \$3.00 from Fundamental Presby. Publications, P.O. Box 26164, Charlotte, NC 28221.

PK REPORT AVAILABLE- A quick perusal of Dr. Don Jasmin's exhaustive report (151 big pages!) of the Promise Keepers clergy conference in Atlanta reveals it to be a vital resource document for fundamentalists and others. Far more than conference coverage, Dr. Jasmin analyzes the whole PK movement and its "Seven Promises" and gives valuable reference material on PK speakers--and includes resolutions passed by fundamentalist groups warning of

PK dangers. The report will be an eye-opener for many by showing PK's ecumenical essence and clear violation of Biblical separation. Order from Dr. Jasmin at P.O. Box 2322, Elkton, MD 21922, \$12 postpaid.

NO HEALING SERVICE AT RUDD'S CHURCH-- The info in the 4/1 CC article concerning a "Physical Healing and Prayer" (2/18), all three services, was accurate, but the article's title was wrong.

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MORMONISM IS A CULT, NOT CHRISTIAN-- Mormons do not believe in the same God or Jesus as biblical Christians do. The Jesus of Mormonism is not God but only a god--a created being who had to be baptized in order to return to heaven. (5-6/96 *Evangel*). Official Mormon scripture still says all Christian churches are wrong and that the Mormon Church is the only true church.

FCA DENIES AWARD TO MORMON MEMBER-- Fellowship of Christian Athletes leaders range from Roman Catholic to liberal Protestant, and to new evangelicals and charismatics. The May-June *Evangel* commends the FCA for denying the Athlete of the Year Award to a Mormon FCA member. But, why did it allow a Mormon cult member to even be a MEMBER of a "Christian fellowship"?

RACISM: 'CONFESSION BY PROXY', 'REPARATIONAL RECONCILIATION'- Promise Keepers' *New Man* magazine says we must "Repent for [our] own and America's racist sins of the past." CCM singer Steve Green (Brazil, 1993) "repented" and asked forgiveness on behalf of America's Christians for the sins of the American church. Denominations pass resolutions right and left for sins of forefathers, etc. Those who have wronged others on account of race do need to ask forgiveness of those whom they wronged or vented hatred toward. But two wrongs don't make a right. Some have no duty to make restitution for sins of others in the past. Where in the Bible are we commanded to ask forgiveness for sins we didn't commit? It becomes absurd: "Why stop with whites...Why not have men ask forgiveness of women on behalf of all men? Or three tall men ask forgiveness from all short guys?...Where does it stop?...[Beyond Promises book - see 7/15 CC]. It is sinful to hate, but these proxy apologies do more harm than good.

UN CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD- This treaty was endorsed earlier this year by U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Madeleine Albright, as directed by Pres. Clinton. Beverly LaHaye's July letter said: "This international one-world-view treaty destroys the authority of American parents. It mandates massive government intrusion into the way parents choose to run their homes. This treaty gives the UN the authority to dictate how children should be raised and what parents can and cannot do...."

JEWS FOR JESUS HAS NEW LEADER-- Jews for Jesus founder Moishe Rosen stepped aside in May as executive director (8/96 *Charisma*). His successor is David Brickner, a graduate of Fuller and Moody. Jews for Jesus groups appear in liberal denom, charismatic, and new-evangelical pulpits.

NEA STILL FUNDS PORN-- The National Endowment for the Arts reportedly is to be phased out in a couple of years, but its budget for next year is about the same as for this year. (8/5 *New Am.*). The NEA recently funded a film glorifying black lesbianism, and an exhibit at the Phoenix Art Museum which depicts Old Glory in a toilet.

FEW CHURCH FIRES THE RESULT OF RACISM--A review of six years of data by The Associated Press found arsons are up at both black and white churches but with only random links to racism. (7/5 *H.Times*). There is no evidence that most of the 73 black church fires since 1995 can be blamed on a conspiracy or general climate of racial hatred. In fewer than 20 cases, racism is the clear motivation. Arson of any kind is despicable, especially of churches, regardless of the racial composition of their congregations.

NEW LIVING TRANSLATION-- The Living Bible has sold over 40 million copies, and was promoted by such "evangelicals" as Graham, Falwell, Swindoll, Colson, Bright, and Wyrzten. This unreliable paraphrase has now been revised by 90 ecumenical "scholars" and is called the New Living Translation (NLT). A reviewer (Terence D. McLean) in the 7/22 *Christian News* says the NLT is "gender inclusive" and "doctrinally wrong."

2000 A JUBILEE YEAR IN ROME- Pope John Paul II has declared 2000 a Jubilee Year, and Rome is scrambling for an expected invasion of visitors. Over 50,000 people joined in a candlelight procession through Rome in late June to inaugurate the Vatican's countdown to 2000 (6/29 *HT*). The Pope plans to speak by radio or television to 5 billion people of the world during the Jubilee celebration of Jesus' 2000 birthday (6/96 *Chr.Cons.*). Jay Gary, the "Millennium Doctor" is also planning "mega" events for 2000.

UNITED RELIGIONS AND FUNDAMENTALISM-- A United Religions Summit ended June 28 in San Francisco, having completed preliminaries for a charter-writing conference in 1997. The Pope, Episcopal Bishop William Swing, Robert Muller, Jay Gary, WCC-chief Konrad Raiser and various New Agers are "dreaming and scheming" for a global, interfaith "United Religions." Muller said fundamentalism, resting on inflexible belief systems tends to play an incendiary role. (7/8 *CN*). Swing said it is a challenge to peace.

CARDINAL SUENENS DIES AT 91-- Belgian Cardinal Leo Joseph Suenens died May 6. He advocated dialogue with Protestants, encouraged Roman Catholic leaders to accept charismatics, and was a key figure in implementing Vatican II reforms.

GARBC LEADER WARNS OF BILL GOTHARD-- Outgoing GARBC National Rep Dr. Mark Jackson, in his farewell column in the 7/96 *Baptist Bulletin*, listed areas where a stand is needed: "Bill Gothard--and the developing cultic attitude among some of his followers, as some church members exhibit a deeper loyalty to Gothard than to their local church." Gothard shared "what he believed was a prophetic directive" at a Bill Bright 12/94 gathering of charismatics, liberals and new evangelicals in Orlando. (See 3/15/95 *CC*). California pastor John C. Mincy says Gothard has Catholics on his local sponsoring committees and as workers at his seminars. He recently confirmed this by phone with a Gothard regional director's office.

BIBLICAL SEMINARY'S ROLE IN JOHN GUEST CRUSADE--John Guest is scheduled to conduct a HOPE '96 ecumenical evangelism 10-day series of meetings near Philadelphia in October. Over 100 churches (including charismatic, liberal, new evangelical, and at least one Catholic) are participating and planning for this event. Biblical Theological Seminary (Hatfield, PA) Pres. Dr. David Dunbar and an American Baptist Church pastor are on the Board of Directors. Biblical is also donating office rental, and its Thomas Skinner is on the HOPE '96 Executive Committee (Finance). British-native Guest has worked with Billy Graham and Luis Palau crusades. He became rector of St. Stephens Episcopal Church near Pittsburgh in 1971, and has been an NAE board member. Some HOPE '96 pre-conference events are being held in NCC-related denomination churches. The budget lists \$27,150 as a "JohnGuest Tithe"--15% of the HOPE '96 direct costs.

ERROR-DENOUNCING MINISTRY UNPOPULAR- "Jeremiah is often called the Weeping Prophet. That name is easy to understand when we realize that God sent him to minister to God's people at a time when they were thoroughly entangled in apostasy. Jeremiah was not to comfort them in apostasy but to rescue them from it. That avenue of ministry tends to make one unpopular, especially with the apostates." (James Talbert, *Frontline*). We might add that a "warning and informing" ministry is also unpopular with compromisers in our day who fraternize and fellowship with apostate enemies of God.

CRISWELL COLLEGE PRESIDENT RESIGNS-- Criswell College (Dallas) president Richard Melick has resigned after disagreeing with W. A. Criswell concerning the Rapture (7/16 Ind.Bap.). Melick is "post-trib" and Criswell is "pre-trib." Melick is a consulting editor for the New American Commentary series being produced by the [Southern] Baptist Sunday School Board, and was the author of the first volume of this series.

CHRISTIAN NEWS SAYS 'DON'T WASTE TIME WITH PK'--The 6/10 *Christian News* said of Promise Keepers: "Christians should not support an organization controlled by charismatics and pentecostals and which proclaims a message Roman Catholic and Mormon leaders have found acceptable because those who attend PK rallies are not encouraged to join a Bible-believing church. They are urged to support their pastor regardless of what he preaches, even if he rejects such doctrines as the Trinity and justification by faith alone in the merits of Christ."

CORRECTION ON 7/1 TEMPLETON ARTICLE--In quoting Dave Hunt, we failed to make it clear that Colson, Bright and Graham did NOT use the occasion of the Templeton Prize to proclaim the gospel.

FULLER SEMINARY GOING CHARISMATIC-- Fuller Theological Seminary hosted a World Council of Churches meeting last December (see 3/15 CC). Former Fuller president David Allan Hubbard died last June. The son of Pentecostal ministers, he "worked to integrate the insights and practices of charismatics into a solid evangelical perspective." (7/15 *Chr.Today*). Fuller in 1972 dropped the biblical inerrancy phrase from its Statement of Faith. The May-June *Foundation* says Fuller is now pushing charismatic teachings (healing, deliverance) and has become "a headquarters for indoctrinating students in ecumenism, psychology and charismatic heresies."

CEF LEADERSHIP CHARISMATIC?-- Child Evangelism Fellowship in the U.S. was invaded and taken over by Pentecostals several years ago. In 1988 there was a major split, with 22 CEF chapters leaving and calling themselves Child Evangelism Fellowship Conservative. Upon objections of CEF, the new group changed its name to Child Evangelism Ministries, and in 1991 to Gospel Ministries to Children...The conservatives believed in the Security of the Believer, and the CEF leadership did not. The conservatives were against the Charismatic movement, but CEF leadership was Charismatic. The conservatives believed that their workers should be members of local churches, and the leadership did not. The conservatives held to salvation by faith, while the leadership had shifted to lordship salvation. The conservatives opposed ties with the National Council of Churches and Billy Graham. [From Sedition in Missions, Michael McCubbins]

WCC FINANCIAL CRISIS, CATHOLICISM- World Council of Churches general secretary Konrad Raiser says the WCC is facing severe financial difficulties, and only drastic action can end the crisis (7/22 *Chr. News*). American Council of Christian Churches executive secretary Dr. Ralph Colas attended the recent meeting of the American branch of the WCC, and said the WCC's fund shortage results from the fact that only 156 of its 330 member denominations gave financial support to the liberal WCC. There is a feverish attempt to bring Evangelicals, Pentecostals, and Roman Catholics into the WCC's fold. Catholics do participate with the WCC on certain levels, such as the Faith and Order Commission. A WCC official said that "while the Roman Catholic Church is not yet a member of the WCC, at least half of the 110 national councils of churches around the world include Roman Catholics as full members." Get Dr. Colas's in-depth report from the ACCC at: P.O. Box 19, Wallingford, PA 19086. Send offering.

PAUL CEDAR EXITS EFCA FOR MISSION AMERICA- Mission America is an ambitious strategy for

evangelizing the entire U.S. by the year 2000. About 100 denominations and para-church ministries have joined the effort. (7/96 *Charisma*). Evangelical Free Church of America president Paul Cedar is retiring from the EFCA presidency and is heading up this ecumenical undertaking. He has been a frequent speaker at Billy Graham Schools of Evangelism, and, in 1992, succeeded Leighton Ford as chairman of an ecumenical Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization.

CALVARY BIBLE COLLEGE HAS NEW LEADER-- Calvary Bible College/Seminary (Kansas City) has called Dr. James Anderson as its President. His doctor of theology degree is from Southwestern Seminary (SBC). He has taught at several colleges/ seminaries, including BBC-Springfield and Tennessee Temple. He has made 50 trips to Israel.

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DISNEY'S 'HUNCHBACK'-- A recent SBC resolution criticized the Walt Disney Co. for participation in family-oriented cruises which promote the active use of alcohol and gambling, hosting of homosexual/lesbian theme nights at its parks, and production of questionable material through subsidiary corporations. Disney's latest film/ video release, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, has "bold depictions of torture, sensuality, and lust...clearly inappropriate for children." (7/ 13 *World*). A *Hunchback* actor says he won't take his 4-year-old to see it. Amid bad theology and sexual images and text, are overtones of the homosexual agenda. The film is "scary (as devilish figures haunt the bad guy) and sexy (with a gyrating dance)", says the 6/24 *USN&WR*. It has "plenty of dark moments, including the chief villain singing of his desire for Esmeralda, the voluptuous Gypsy" (6/19 *HT*). Disney has been perverted by its own perversion--its president says 40% of its employees might be gay.

NEW PRESBYTERIAN MODERATOR SUPPORTS HOMOSEXUALS--The 3 million-member Presbyterian Church (USA) last month elected Rev. John Buchanan as its new moderator. He said, "There is no scriptural reason that homosexual persons should not be ordained." (7/8 *Chr.News*). The PCUSA is sharply divided over this issue and may decide to ban the ordination of "practicing" homosexuals.

'POLITICALLY CORRECT' HYMNALS-- The near frenetic production of new hymnals in mainline Protestant denominations that emphasize pluralism, inclusivism, multiculturalism, and environmentalism is especially evident in the ecumenical *New Century Hymnal*, endorsed by the United Church of Christ (7/15 *C.Today*). Very few hymns are addressed to God the Father or Son. God is sometimes blasphemously depicted as bisexual or androgynous--containing both masculine and feminine traits. The Trinity is questioned when we rejoice in "our Father who lifts us when we fall, and our Mother who gives us birth."

DOBSON DEFENDS CHRISTIAN RIGHTS- Dr. James Dobson (6/96 *FocusOnTheFam. ltr*) said: "When full-term healthy babies can be delivered partially and then brutally murdered with scissors and a suction device, it is *our* [duty] to fight for their lives. When teens are given immoral advice and condoms paid for with our tax money, *we* are obligated to object. When 'physician assisted suicide' is legalized by reformist judges accountable to no one, we must seek to overturn their rulings..." Dobson's letter was partially a response to Ed Dobson's 5/20 *Chr. Today* article where he said we should keep the church out of partisan politics and political action.

FOCUS-MOODY CONFLICT, COLSON- Dr. James Dobson gave a report to Focus on the Family leaders May 23

concerning the resolution of a conflict with Moody Bible Institute which had threatened the loss of 100 stations or more. The problem involved Dobson's right to speak to moral concerns with intensity and outrage, lobbying, etc. MBI insisted that Focus not deal with public policy issues that were not directly rooted in Scripture (school choice, homosexuals in the military, etc.). In a meeting with MBI Pres. Joe Stowell, it was agreed that minor editing might be done, and that Dobson, on certain Focus programs would draw a distinction between the Bible speaking and Dobson speaking. Dobson also reported that the Focus Board said the Lord appears to have ordained two people at this time to speak to the issue of righteousness--Dobson and Chuck Colson--and urged Dobson to work with Colson in rallies, etc. Dobson talked with Colson [pro-Catholic] about possibly doing rallies next year in stadiums (or wherever) and said Colson was very excited about that.

FOCUS INVITES NEW AGE GROUP TO MEETING?-- In a May 13 letter Focus on the Family's H.B. London said: "As Vice President in charge of Ministry Outreach/Pastoral Ministries, I have the privilege of inviting you and one other person, or two designated representatives from The Liberal Catholic Church, to join us here in Colorado Springs....[for a] Christian Leaders Briefing here at Focus headquarters on Aug. 26-27....to talk about the situation [attacks on marriage/ family/values]. We would be honored to have you take part...." Per The New Encyclopedia Britannica: "The Liberal Catholic Church [a sect] combines theosophy, Roman Catholic sacraments, and freedom of beliefs and interpretation." Britannica says the LCC denies the uniqueness of Christ, and from the beginning (1916) held theosophical (Oriental-Western mystical) views.

IBFNA RESOLUTION ON EXTRAMARITAL UNIONS- Homosexuality is condemned by God, both in the Old and New Testaments (Lev. 18:22, Rom. 1:27). The divine design for marriage has been one man and one woman, for life, since the time of Adam and Eve. The NT teaches that it is the duty of man, as head of his household, to provide for his family....Governments are beginning to recognize "domestic partnerships" as equal to marriage, and/or are considering legislation that would legally sanction same-sex unions and provide these unions, as well as unmarried couples, with all the benefits previously limited to heterosexual marriages. The IBFNA opposes legalization of such unions, and condemns actions that sanction homosexual practices...[Adapted]

GARBC SENDS MIXED SIGNALS ON PROMISE KEEPERS--The General Association of Regular Baptists is sending confusing signals on Promise Keepers. On the one hand GARBC-outgoing Interim National Rep Mark Jackson in his final column in the 6/96 *Baptist Bulletin* called Promise Keepers's Chicago rally "openly ecumenical," and said: [I]t is hard to understand how so many of our Regular Baptist men are unwittingly involved." Commendable remarks, but note what the 5/10 *Muskegon (Mich.) Chronicle* said about Dr. Bill Rudd's Calvary Baptist Church and associate pastor Rev. Eric Stratton: "Stratton traveled with two bus loads of men sponsored by Calvary Baptist Church last year to attend the Promise Keepers rally in the [Pontiac, Mich.] Silverdome." He called it an "awesome experience." Calvary Baptist Church was expected to sponsor "three bus loads to the Silverdome" for the May '96 Promise Keepers rally. Rudd is the new chairman of the GARBC's Council of Eighteen!

IFCA'S GREGORY HITS PK'S 'INTEGRITY' HYPOCRISY--Dr. Richard Gregory, national executive director of the Independent Fundamental Churches of America, recently asked a Promise Keepers leader, "Is Promise Keepers going to use practicing Roman Catholic priests as speakers in upcoming meetings?" [6/96 *Voice*]. The PK leader said this was under consideration, but "Any speaker we use will have to sign our statement of core beliefs." The "core beliefs" now include *sola fide* ("by faith alone"), so Gregory raised the question of "integrity" (a main PK stress). He said a "practicing Roman Catholic priest that has broken his ordination vow by accepting *sola fide* cannot be an example of a 'promise keeper.'" He said "integrity is the issue." We sometimes warn of IFCA's "compromises," but now gladly praise this stance against the PK.

THE 'CRIME' OF SEPARATION-- "Lord Maitreya," through his New Age channeler says: "The crime of separation must be driven from this earth. I affirm this as my purpose." [6/96 *Chr.Cons.*] In the evangelical realm, Promise Keepers is helping drive the "crime of separation" from the earth by "breaking down the walls" between denominations. Billy Graham and other ecumenicals have for many years made significant contributions to this

colossal compromise. New Agers say it's ok to believe in ANY god or in ANYTHING, just don't claim that YOUR god or belief is EXCLUSIVE. But my God IS exclusive! [John 14:6, e.g.]. Ecumenical evangelicals have long been adept at ignoring the "divisive" doctrine of biblical separation (see 10/15 CC).

NEW BOOKLET WARNS OF NEW EVANGELICALISM--Pastor Carlton Helgerson was involved in the early development of the NAE, but long ago came out. He has revised/re-issued his excellent booklet, The Challenge of a New Religion: Neo-Evangelicalism. He says that more is said on the Biblical doctrine of separation in the Bible than on salvation. "God's Word clearly teaches separation from alien religions, from idolatry, and from apostasy. Furthermore, it teaches that true believers separate themselves from professing believers who are disobedient. However, this new religion, calling itself evangelical, not only ignores the doctrine but treats with scorn those who adhere to it. Neo-evangelicalism finds a most happy relationship with infidels. This is seen in its ecumenical evangelistic campaigns when it parades known liberals on its platform to emphasize sodality with unbelievers." Get this 32-page booklet: Church of the Open Bible, Winn & Wyman Sts., Burlington, MA 01803, \$2+S&H.

GRAHAM CRUSADE & ROCK CONCERT DRAWS 95,000--Sixty denominations representing 1,075 churches assisted with the June Billy Graham Crusade in the Minneapolis Metrodome, including 119 Catholic parishes and 269 Lutheran congregations. (7/15 *Chr. Today*). Directors said there was a new receptivity, more openness, and more ecumenical spirit. Music was cited as the driving force for youth. Musicians are usually billed as "special guests," but publicity for "Youth Night" advertised it as a DC Talk/Michael W. Smith concert "with Billy Graham." [Note that "the tail now wags the dog!"] A counselor said, "It's a lot easier to invite someone to a concert than to a sermon." Rock star Amy Grant provided music for the Crusade's final night.

FBF RESOLUTION ON SEPARATIST FUNDAMENTALISM--"....As Separatist Fundamentalists we believe that separation...from apostates and disobedient brothers, is essential to the preservation of God's truth. On the basis of our separatist commitment, we believe it is necessary to limit the scope of our fellowship in ministry to those men, churches, and ministries which likewise agree with and practice separation from those who deny the fundamental doctrines of the Faith and from those who deny the doctrine of separation from disobedient believers."

FBF RESOLUTION ON VAN IMPE-- The Fundamental Baptist Fellowship continues to look with amazement at Jack Van Impe's exaltation of the Pope and calls upon fundamental pastors to alert their people to the dangers of his ministry. For many years Van Impe practiced a strong stance on biblical separation, but in recent years he has moved to a non-separatist and New Evangelical position rather than a scriptural position on separation. Van Impe's radical change reinforces the scriptural teaching that in the latter times men give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils (I Tim. 4:1).

EPISCOPALIAN EMBEZZLER'S PSYCHOBABBLE DEFENSE--Former Episcopal Church treasurer Ellen Cooke admitted in court last Jan. that she embezzled over \$1.5 million while in office but said the theft was due to a mental illness, perhaps a bipolar mood disorder (3/1 CC). But last month federal judge Maryanne Trump Barry (Donald Trump's sister) ripped Cooke's defense and sentenced her to the max.(7/27 *World*). Judge Barry criticized Cooke's "refusal to accept responsibility...blaming everyone and everything, and relying on spurious psychiatric defenses."

SBC PASTORS' WIVES GIVE AWARD TO CBF LEADER--Carolyn Weatherford Crumpler--former executive director of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, and recent moderator of the moderate/liberal Cooperative Baptist Fellowship--received the Mrs. J.M. Dawson Distinguished Service Award for the Outstanding Minister's Wife at the recent SBC Ministers' Wives meeting in New Orleans (7/2 *I.Bapt.*). This was a shocker, since she only became a pastor's wife in 1989. One wife said Crumpler's short tenure as a pastor's wife was not worthy of the award, and said it was inappropriate for the leader of a competing missionary funding group to be honored for denominational service within the SBC.

CHRISTIAN CONSCIENCE is published by Lynn & Sarah Leslie. The 60-page June issue had articles on dangerous

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SBC PRESIDENTS CONDEMN CLINTON FOR 'SHAMEFUL' VETO OF PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN BILL- In an unprecedented action, eleven of the fourteen living past presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention joined together in writing a letter strongly condemning fellow Southern Baptist Pres. Clinton for vetoing the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act. Catholic bishops had issued a similar condemnation. Three "liberal" former SBC presidents (Jimmy Allen, Carl Bates, and Wayne Dehoney) refused to sign the June 5 letter. The letter said: "This grisly procedure cannot be morally justified....Your oft-repeated rationale for an exception 'for the mother's health' is a discredited catch-all loop-hole which has been demonstrated to include any reason the mother so desires." They asked Pres. Clinton to "repent" of the shameful veto.

VATICAN & UN URGE UNIVERSAL HOUSING-- Various pretexts are being used to establish the UN as the solution to all crises. Calls at the recent UN "Habitat II" Conference in Turkey for a universal right to shelter could subject any country to legal risk for failure to provide housing for its citizens (6/29 *World*). This was watered down in the final statement. Habitat II organizers said that in the year 2025, two-thirds of the world's expected population will reside in cities and many will be in poor countries. The Vatican called on governments to make housing for all people a universal right (6/8 *Dallas Morn.News*). It said: "The Holy See does indeed believe that adequate shelter and housing are a right of each and every person."

PAT BOONE: NICE OR NAUGHTY?- Crooner Pat Boone was once a harsh critic of the rock scene, but he now says, to get attention, his next recording will be a heavy-metal album, tentatively titled "Pat Boone: No More Mr. Nice Guy" (6/17 *USN&WR*). He has gone from the Church of Christ to the charismatic movement, and is now active as an elder in the Church on the Way in Van Nuys, Calif. (2/28/93 *Parade*). This is Promise Keepers and NAE speaker Jack Hayford's church! The 4/96 *Australian Beacon* refers to a 10/95 *Charisma* ad for a "Musical Catholic Pilgrimage" to the Holy Land with Pat Boone listed as host.

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE THOMAS IS CATHOLIC AGAIN--Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, a lapsed Roman Catholic for the last 25 years, has returned to the Catholic Church (6/24 *Chr.News*). He was raised a Catholic, but had been a member of the charismatic Truro Episcopal Church in Fairfax, Va. (9/11/91 *HT*). His return to Catholicism means there are now three Catholic, two Jewish, and four Protestant Court members.

HILLARY'S NEW AGE GURU JEAN HOUSTON--A new book says First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton had

imaginary talks with Eleanor Roosevelt and Gandhi. She asked Mrs. Roosevelt for guidance during sessions with psychologist Jean Houston, co-director of the Foundation for Mind Research. From Dave Hunt books, we learn that Houston got her start in life as a young girl deeply influenced by Teilhard de Chardin and has blended Darwin and Freud into a bizarre therapy. In some of her workshops she leads participants to awaken ancient pre-human memories. The 4/6/89 *Wisconsin Report* says: "Occultist Jean Houston fancies pagan myths and uses them to advance altered states of consciousness." Humanist Margaret Mead, a charlatan and LSD user, was her mentor. Pray for Mrs. Clinton. It is dangerous to dabble in the demonic spirit realm.

FALWELL WELCOMES 'PRODIGAL' BOB HARRINGTON--Remember ordained Southern Baptist evangelist Bob Harrington from the 1970s, "The Chaplain of Bourbon Street"? He "ministered" to hookers and strippers, toured the country in a huge bus donated by pornographic *Hustler* publisher Larry Flynt, staged a series of radio debates with atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair, divorced his wife and married a woman preacher....Well, the flamboyant Harrington now turns up in Dr. Jerry Falwell's 7/96 *Nat'l Liberty Journal* and in his pulpit (June 9). Falwell says: "After shunning his ministry and family for years, Bob Harrington has recovered spiritually and is launching a ministry to backslidden saints." Harrington's son-in-law Dr. Chuck Kelley is the new president of New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

HIGH SELF-ESTEEM LINKED TO VIOLENCE--It is popular to link violence, hate crimes, and terrorism to low self-esteem, but not much evidence supports this. In a recent *Psychological Review*, three researchers conclude that a much stronger link connects high self-esteem to violence. They found that violence is much more often the work of people with unrealistically high self-esteem attacking others who challenge their self-image (6/17 *USN&WR*). Under this umbrella come bullies, rapists, racists, psychopaths and members of street gangs and organized crime. The researchers say it is difficult to maintain belief in the low self-esteem view after seeing that the more violent groups are generally the ones with higher self-esteem.

UNITARIANS SUPPORT GAY MARRIAGES--The Unitarian "Church" voted last month to support legal recognition of homosexual marriages--the first major denomination to make same-sex marriages official policy for its 1,040 congregations.

PROMISE KEEPERS: 'NO DOCTRINALLY DEFINED FOCUS'--A new book, Beyond Promises, by Los Angeles attorney and "Reformed Faith" author David Hagopian and Idaho evangelical pastor Douglas Wilson says Promise Keepers is an organization that "works in concert with other organizations which are the avowed enemies of a biblically-defined grace." [p188]. They say it blurs the biblical doctrine of justification by faith alone. John Armstrong in the Foreword says: "Concerns have been expressed regarding the lack of strong doctrinal teaching, the proliferation of charismatic leadership and worship styles (emotional excitement is often equated with the presence of God), the overuse of psychotherapeutic helping models, and the increasingly ecumenical nature of both the meetings and the leadership of the movement....But none of these concerns touch the real heart of the matter. In the end Promise Keepers is simply what evangelicalism has become, a movement without a doctrinally defined focus, that can draw multitudes to exciting events but without a theology of the church that will build Christ's church in a New Testament sense." This 268-page book is available from Canon Press, P. O. Box 8741, Moscow, ID 83843; or call 800-488-2034.

CATHOLICS PROMOTE PROMISE KEEPERS--The new book by David Hagopian and Douglas Wilson (Canon Press, 1-800-488-2034), Beyond Promises, says: "Promise Keepers plays down the rift between Protestants and Catholics, treating it as unimportant." It quotes PK founder Bill McCartney: "Promise Keepers doesn't care if you are a Catholic...." It says (p230): "Given PK's position, it is not surprising that Roman Catholic leaders have supported the movement wholeheartedly. Assuaging any possible fear that PK is out to proselytize Roman Catholics, a priest in the Los Angeles area [said]: 'PK places a very strong emphasis on returning to your own church congregation or parish....'" The book says: "In the end, the official PK position calls us to transcend and overlook the barriers between Catholics and Protestants. By so doing, PK calls us to transcend and overlook the gospel."

WHAT IS PROMISE KEEPERS' GOSPEL?- *Sword of the Lord* editor Dr. Shelton Smith says: "I have not seen any announcement to indicate what their gospel is. Nothing in their documents addresses the subject. So who knows what 'gospel' they are preaching! Since they so strenuously oppose doctrine, since they abhor distinctives, what are they telling folks to do to be saved???" Since [their platform speakers] espouse a wide range of views on salvation, what will they say? I would not be part of anything that was so hazy on the great issue of salvation." [Send \$1 and request Dr. Smith's complete interview on Promise Keepers to: *Sword of the Lord*, P. O. Box 1099, Murfreesboro, TN 37133.]

IBM STATEMENT ON SEPARATION--When International Baptist Missions was voted into existence in 1980, it included a section on Biblical separation which reads: "We believe Biblical separation includes: 1. Separation of church and state (but not government separation from its Scriptural foundations); 2. Separation of the local church from any affiliation or fellowship that denies the basic fundamentals of the faith, from those that practice inclusivism, and from believers who are tolerant of unbelievers; 3. Separation from worldly practices and amusements." IBM General Director Dr. Dave Sproul says "[W]e have not deviated one iota on any portion of our doctrinal statement...."

SBC NAMES ELLIFF AS NEW PRESIDENT-- Southern Baptists at their convention in New Orleans last month elected inerrantist Oklahoma Pastor Tom Elliff as their new president--the first time in over 50 years that a non-incumbent president did not face opposition. The SBC passed a Jewish evangelism resolution and resolutions against Disney, homosexual marriages, assisted suicide, gambling, persecution, and the President's veto of Partial Birth Abortion Ban.

FBF & IBF CONFERENCES--This editor journeyed to Schaumburg, Ill. and Lancaster, Pa. last month to attend the FBF and IBFNA annual conferences. There was good preaching and some good resolutions at both. IBF Moderator Dr. L. Duane Brown graciously promoted the *Contender* ministry from the platform, yielding some new CC "subscribers." Dr. Brown is retiring as pastor of Parsippany Baptist Church (NJ) at summer's end, and plans to travel and do some writing. He is succeeded as IBF moderator by Dr. Clay Nuttall, pastor of GARBC patriarch Dr. Robert Ketcham's historic Central Baptist Church in Hobart, IN. (See 12/15/94 CC). [Paul Gustine is IBF Secretary, Ralph Weer is IBF Treasurer.] FBF '97 is set for Indianapolis, IBF '97 for Detroit.

IBF & FBF RESOLUTIONS-- The IBF passed resolutions on Extramarital Unions and Benefits, and on U.S. National Elections. FBF resolutions: Fundamentalism and its Beliefs, The Blood of Christ, Promise Keepers, Ecumenical Trends, Roman Catholic Church, Jack Van Impe, Evangelicals and Catholics Together, Bible Translations and Heresies, Charismatic Deviations, Fundamentalism and Militancy, Organizations Profiting From False Divisions, SBC and Ecumenicity, Perversions of Grace, False Church Unity, Unity in Non-Essentials, Homosexual Marriage, and Separatist Fundamentalism. Dr. James Singleton was chairman of the FBF Resolutions Committee. Get Copies of FBF resolutions from FBF Pres. Dr. Rod Bell, 717 N. Whitehurst Landing Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23464.

GARBC MEETING-- Per a report from one who attended the GARBC's annual meeting last month, in Lakeland, Fla.: John Greening was elected by a strong vote as the new National Representative. William Rudd is the new Chairman of the Council of Eighteen.[In the 4/1 CC, we said he was on the Council of Eighteen and Chairman of the Search Committee, but those were his positions the prior year.] All GARBC-approved schools and mission agencies were re-approved. Again this year there was no resolution on Promise Keepers. Twenty-six churches left the GARBC over the past year, and eight were added.

AWANA COMPROMISE- The following note is an excerpt from Dr. L. Duane Brown's final letter (June 7) as IBF Moderator: "How sad this once great organization [AWANA] has committed itself to compromise with the ecumenical National Council of Churches by chartering 36 American Baptist Churches. Our church voted to discontinue AWANA after writing for clarification."

BBF PASTOR SPEAKS AT PK MEETING-- Billy Hamm, pastor of the Mountain States Baptist Temple, Denver, spoke at a Promise Keepers seminar earlier this year. He was listed with 30 other men in a PK brochure announcing its seminars around the country. *O Timothy* Editor David Cloud says Hamm has served five terms as treasurer of the Baptist Bible Fellowship, and has taught at a BBF-connected Bible college. Dr. Jerry Falwell's 8/95 paper had a largely positive article by Hamm on "The Promise Keepers Phenomenon."

BBF RESOLUTION ON VAN IMPE-- The Fundamental Baptist Fellowship continues to look with amazement at Jack Van Impe's exaltation of the Pope and calls upon fundamental pastors to alert their people to the dangers of his ministry. For many years Van Impe practiced a strong stance on biblical separation, but in recent years he has moved to a non-separatist and New Evangelical position rather than a scriptural position on separation. Van Impe's radical change reinforces the scriptural teaching that in the latter times men give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils (I Tim. 4:1).

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BUCKLEY SAYS ABORTION IS RACIST-- William F. Buckley shocked political and community leaders recently by stating that some abortion rights activists consider abortion a means of limiting the black population. (6/2 *Huntsville Times*). He said: "A lot of people think that abortion is a tactful way to limit the number of blacks who are born in the United States."

PLANNED PARENTHOOD, ABORTION, RACISM-- Planned Parenthood operates the largest chain of abortion facilities in the U.S. It receives substantial government funds, forcing taxpayers to indirectly subsidize abortion. It has received funds from United Way and other charities. PP founder Margaret Sanger was a radical socialist, a racist, and drug/alcohol addict who advocated free sex and sterilization of blacks, Jews and Catholics (4/89 *AFA Jrnl.*). PP has engaged in genocide against minority group women (10/ 9/89 *CN*), especially black and Hispanic women.

DC TALK: LIBERTY UNIVERSITY'S ROCK BAND-- The Apr. 27 *Houston Chronicle* said: "With a goatee, glares, and shabby shirts, members of dc Talk look the part of a typical alternative rock band on the back cover of their new CD. The music, which opens with a screeching guitar and distorted vocals, also sounds like the genuine article. Only the lyrics reveal something else is going on." dc Talk's *Jesus Freak* has been on MTV. It won an award for "best rock recorded song." It "marks a stylistic shift toward rock from rap." dc Talk was formed at Jerry Falwell's Liberty University, and it was proudly praised in Falwell's 6/96 *National Liberty Journal*: "This year's top artists are Liberty University's own DC Talk, whose *Jesus Freak* CD experienced never-before-seen sales figures for gospel music." DC Talk, in April, drew the largest concert crowd in Liberty U.'s history.

CHRISTIAN COALITION LEADER PRAISES POPE-- Pat Robertson's "Christian Coalition" has many non-Christian/false-gospel members (e.g., Catholics, Jews), but its voter guides are often helpful. Ralph Reed, the Coalition's exec. dir., has built a support base of one million members. But he says (4/96 *Imprimis*): "There can be no better testimony to the faith of our nation than the reception that Pope John Paul II received when he came to the U.S. recently. Millions of Protestants and Catholics welcomed his message of spiritual renewal. Americans of every faith and no faith at all watched and listened as this remarkable man of God called on us to remember that there is more to life than ourselves. The Pope's message was far from new. It was the same message delivered by our founders...." ??

TV RATING SYSTEM A CON JOB--A rating system for TV shows is a fraud and con job (6/96 *AFA JrI*). The problem is not lack of labeling. It's content. It's gratuitous and graphic violence. It's vulgarity. It's profanity. It's explicit and gratuitous sex. You don't get rid of garbage by labeling it "garbage." You throw it out.

PLOTTING FOR NEW POPE, NEW WORLD ORDER-- Vatican expert Malachi Martin, a Roman Catholic, says: "There is an unspoken alliance today between powers inside the Vatican and leaders of major international humanist organizations who would change the Roman Catholic Church from a sacred institution to one whose primary function is to act as a stabilizing social force in the world." (6/10 *USN&WR*). He says Cardinals who will elect the next pope are about evenly divided in two rival factions, traditionalists and conciliarists. But he says the latter--liberal globalists who want to liberalize church doctrine on divorce, contraception, abortion, homosexuality, etc.--hold the positions of power.

HAGIN'S VISIONS-- Kenneth Hagin, Sr. is the founder of Rhema Bible Training Center in Tulsa and of the Positive Confession movement, a charismatic form of Christian Science (per Dave Hunt). He says Jesus appeared to him in a vision in 1950 and gave him a special anointing to minister to the sick. (4/96 *Word of Faith*). After a 1952 vision, Hagin says: "[N]ow when I minister and lay hands on people, I can tell if there is an evil spirit present either through the word of knowledge or the discerning of spirits." He relates a time when "there stood Jesus right in front of me" (after a failed healing) and said Jesus pointed His finger at him, almost touching his nose. Jesus supposedly said, "I told you, 'If you feel that fire jumping from hand to hand like heat waves, there is a demon or evil spirit in the body. Call him out in my name and he will leave.'" Charismatics, with their "demonic" extra-Biblical revelations, are deceiving and being deceived.

CCM'S MARK LOWRY CALLS SEPARATION 'LEGALISM'--Contemporary Christian musician Mark Lowry (5/96 *CCM*), concerning standards and ecclesiastical separation (which he calls "legalism"), said (BJU's *WITW*): "Legalism is as sickening today as it was 2000 years ago. It's just wrong. On my new video, that's one thing I'm trying to take a whack at....I tell people at my concerts, 'Isn't that somethin'? We've got Catholics, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Baptists, and Pentecostals all under one roof! And you know what? Somebody's wrong!' That's why eternity is gonna last so long. God's gotta straighten us out."

VAN IMPE SUCCESSFUL, DECEIVED-- The 6/3 *Christian News* says *Jack Van Impe* airs weekly in 25,000 cities in No. America and 160 other nations, but his first TV ministry went bankrupt. It says: "Now that Van Impe no longer takes the strong stand he did at one time against theological liberalism and Roman Catholicism, he has become a great success." Financially it does not pay to oppose liberalism and Catholicism--major donors/foundations avoid association with those who urge separation from apostasy, CN says. The 4/1 *Detroit News* quotes Van Impe: "My main message today is love." It says Van Impe "deeply regrets the days early in his career when he showed a lack of tolerance for other faiths." It says the Van Impes believe that Christ will return between the years 2001 and 2012. Van Impe is sadly lacking in spiritual discernment and has joined with those who praise the Pope and are racing toward Rome.

SAD SIGNS OF COMPROMISE IN FALWELL PAPER-- Dr. Jerry Falwell's 6/96 *National Liberty Journal* was replete with sad evidence of New Evangelicalism. 1) Billy Graham was praised: "...Mr. Graham remains a passionate preacher, a champion for racial healing and a proponent for ending religious oppression in countries such as Russia, No. Korea and China." (Some say he was "used" by the Russians to spread their propaganda.) Falwell's NLJ said "Graham continues to be on the cutting edge of ministry." 2) Franklin Graham brought Liberty University's baccalaureate message this year (Justice Clarence Thomas was LU's commencement speaker). 3) Falwell cited the notorious Promise Keepers as an indication that we may well be on the verge of a spiritual awakening. He said its explosive ministry among America's men cannot be explained apart from a visitation of God upon our families and our culture. 4) NLJ proudly praised a "hip-hop rock" group, Liberty University's own DC Talk, whose *Jesus Freak* CD experienced never-before-seen sales figures for gospel music. (DC Talk's appearance at Liberty in April drew the largest concert crowd in Liberty's history.

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RELIGIOUS LEFT UNITES- Thirteen hundred people met April 14-16 in Washington, DC for a Summit on Ethics and Meaning. The moving force behind this meeting was the Jewish monthly *Tikkun*, whose editor is Rabbi Michael Lerner, an advisor to Hillary Clinton (6/96 *Nat'l Lib.Jrnl.*). Speakers included Lerner, New Agers Matthew Fox and Marianne Williamson, radical *Sojourners* publisher Jim Wallis, and Harvard's Harvey Cox. Leftist participants planned strategies on how to stop the growth of the "religious right."

ECUMENICAL ANGLICANISM- Anglicanism throughout Southeast Asia generally is more evangelical, charismatic, and conservative than that of the Church of England (4/29 *Chr. Today*). Anglican head George Carey said: "Anglicanism at its very best can hold differences of thought together." He added: "Catholicism, evangelicalism, charismaticism, and liberalism all contribute."

CORNERSTONE COLLEGE & URBANA-- A News Release from Dr. Clay Nuttall's *Central Challenge* says: "Professor Jerry Babbitt of Grand Rapids Cornerstone College led an 'Urbana' chapel at the institution, April 12, 1996. An eyewitness stated that in addition to a promotional video on the upcoming Urbana 96 Conference, Babbitt encouraged students to attend. He also announced a mechanism for them to go as a group. According to Logos Communication Consortium, Urbana 90 was immersed in 'The New Age political agenda.' [See 6/15 CC]. The speakers, their subjects and content bear this out. These men turn out to be on a list of 'who's who' from the religious left. Two of them, Jim Wallis and Tony Campolo, for example, were invited to the neo-pagan Summit on Ethics and Meaning in Washington, DC, April 14-16. The liberal *Sojourners*, TIKKUN, and *Utne Reader* [were] sponsors. Urbana is sponsored by InterVarsity Christian Fellowship with a long commitment to the left. Most recently their 'Whitewashing Homosexuality,' pro-choice position and avid ecumenism, including support from liberal charismatic and so-called evangelical denominations have clearly identified their commitment to the left. Cornerstone is an approved school of the GARBC denomination."

TEMPLETON AN 'ANTI-CHRISTIAN'--John Templeton's religion prize's current value is over \$1 million. Dave Hunt, in the 5/96 *Berean Call* says: "In spite of being an evolutionist, pantheist, universalist and occultist who rejects the gospel of Jesus Christ, Templeton is highly regarded and endorsed by leading evangelicals....[It is] the worst kind of hypocrisy for Graham, Colson, or Bright to accept a huge monetary prize from a man who is thereby hoping to promote all religions, and then to use the occasion to declare that Jesus Christ is the only Savior!"

THOSE DEVIIOUS, DANGEROUS, DECEPTIVE LIBERALS!--Fundamentalism started during a time of theological confusion. "Gray lines" separated believers and orthodoxy from apostasy, heresy and various kinds of liberalism. To further confuse the situation, liberals used orthodox terms but redefined the terms (hence "neo-orthodoxy"). Therefore, it became very difficult to distinguish friend from foe. Liberals used ambiguous words invested with private meanings. That strategy was used purposely so others would misunderstand them. That way, they could conceal their liberalism, enjoy the tactical advantage of being misunderstood and gain the sympathy of the naive. [Dr. Rod Bell, *Frontline*].

'THE CAMBRIDGE DECLARATION'- Calling for churches today to return to the Reformation roots of evangelicalism, 80 theologians, pastors, and church leaders signed a declaration in Cambridge, Mass., at the conclusion of a four-day summit held by the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals. (5/27 *Chr. News*). Westminster's Robert Godfrey noted: "If we evaluate the pragmatism of the pragmatists on a pragmatic basis, we have to say that by their own standards they have failed. Why don't American medical statistics reflect the healings of the charismatics? Why don't our crime statistics reflect the holy living of evangelicals? Why, after a generation of church

growth methodology and user-friendly worship, is church attendance down significantly?"(5/18 *World*). The Cambridge Declaration condemned "the church growth movement" for allegedly stressing "that a sociological understanding of those in the pew is as important to the success of the gospel as is the biblical truth which is proclaimed."

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IS SUICIDE A RIGHT?-- A recent court decision struck down the state of Washington's ban on physician-assisted suicide, and declared there is a constitutional right for the "competent, terminally ill" to take their lives with a physician's help. It reversed a previous decision that wisely declared that the state has a valid interest "in not having physicians in the role of killers of their patients." (5/20 *C.Today*). A danger is that assisted suicide and euthanasia can widen to include many non-consenting clients as has happened in the Netherlands.

ENVIRONMENTALISM IS A RELIGION-- The recent EarthCare '96 conference in Chattanooga mixed bad theology with pseudo-science. Speaker Richard Austin (environmental activist and former Presbyterian Church-USA pastor) said: "Christ is fully God and fully Earth...He came to save the world." And saving the Earth is our job too, he added. He said: "I hear the Bible calling us to redeem from destruction the Creation." (5/18 *World*). Other speakers were: Dean Ohlman (lecturer at GARBC-Cornerstone College & Grand Rapids Bapt. Seminary) and Stan LeQuire, head of the Evangelical Environmental Network. EEN was started in 1993 as a joint effort between World Vision and Evangelicals for Social Action. Tony Campolo is involved in it, and more than 1,200 churches are now using EEN teaching materials. [Note: Dean Ohlman, in an April 12, 2001 e-mail, said the May 18, 1996 *World* article (the source for my article) was "terribly biased". He said the "biblical approach to the creation" is available at: <http://www1.gospelcom.net/rbc/ds/q1108/q1108.html>]

CAN'T PROHIBIT SPECIAL RIGHTS FOR HOMOSEXUALS?--Coloradans voted 54 percent to 46 percent in 1992 to bar governments from giving special rights to homosexuals. The Supreme Court May 20 declared the prohibition unconstitutional. But a 1986 court declared Georgia's sodomy law constitutional, so why can't preferential treatment be barred from those who practice sodomy? A 5/26 *Huntsville Times* article said there is no reliable evidence that homosexuality is genetic, and said it is a behavior afflicting less than 2 percent of the population. Even most psychiatric associations recognize it as pathological or as a sexual deviation. Per a 1993 *Psychiatric News* report, only three psychiatric associations out of 125 worldwide (including the U.S.) have declared homosexuality normal.

RUSSIA'S COMMUNIST LEGACY-- For many decades, atheism has been the official policy in Russia. Russians now drink 4 gallons of pure alcohol per capita a year, compared to 3.4 gallons per Frenchman, and about 2 gallons per American. An estimated 6 million Russians are alcoholics (4/15 *USN&WR*). A June *Reader's Digest* article says: "The Communist Party once again dominates the Russian parliament. Free-market reformers in Boris Yeltsin's

government have been purged."

ROBERT MULLER ON EARTH DAY 2013- Catholic globalist New Ager Robert Muller at the 1993 Parliament of the World's Religions, Chicago (see 6/1 & 10/15/93 CCs), gave a "State of the World on Earth Day 2013" message. He said: "Humanity is now a united world community of nations...", and said the World Spirituality Agency, a new spiritual world order, was working with the UN and other world bodies for total disarmament and demilitarization achieved by 2010. He said a World Monastic Council has been established to bring together the richness of monastic practices and experiences from around the world.

NEW AGE 'CENTERING PRAYER'-- Centering prayer is a modern method of tapping into the ancient tradition of contemplation. It was developed in the 1970s by monks in the Roman Catholic Trappist monastic order (5/25 HT). A participant sits quietly in meditation for twenty minutes, twice daily, "communing with God beyond words, thoughts or emotions." It involves a "letting go, emptying one's mind" [demon control?], and "gradually opens the unconscious to the divine therapy in which God heals childhood memories that affect one's thoughts and decisions." A founder, Rev. Thomas Keating said: "God speaks through the prophets, but he speaks better in silence." "Centering prayer" is a dangerous, occultic practice. Be warned, be wise, beware!

CHARISMATIC LIARDON 'TOURED HEAVEN'-- Roberts Liardon claims three personal encounters with God. He said when he was 8, Jesus took him on a personally escorted tour of heaven and ordained him to the ministry. He "saw the storehouse where 'spare (body) parts' await believers' faith to bring them to earth." He frolicked in the River of Life, saw animals in heaven. He said, "There is dirt in heaven." Some tongues-speaking charismatics have fertile fantasies.

ROOM IN SBC FOR CHARISMATIC TONGUES, HEALING?--Three charismatic churches in Florida have been asked to leave the Southern Baptist Convention (6/96 *Charisma*). Missionary Charles Carroll in Singapore was dismissed last December for his involvement in "Spirit slaying." SBC Foreign Mission Board head, Jerry Rankin, admitted 3 years ago that he had a charismatic experience while a missionary in Asia. A Pa. pastor in a letter in the May *Charisma* said: "The Carrolls were not dismissed because their charismatic practices irked SBC leaders. For years, the Carrolls' church practiced activities such as deliverance, tongues and healing without any problem from the SBC's Foreign Mission Board..." He said the problem was the extra-biblical practice of "being slain in the Spirit."

FALWELL & CHARISMATICS AT WASH. FOR JESUS RALLY--Reggae, gospel and rock bands entertained at the April 29-30 Washington For Jesus rally--organized by Bishop John Gimenez, pastor of the Rock Church (Va. Beach). Women preachers and tongues-speaking were featured. Liberty University Pres. Jerry Falwell promoted this "Christian Woodstock" rally in his 4/96 *Nat'l Liberty Journal*. He, Benny Hinn, and Kenneth Hagin, Jr. were featured speakers. Following the lead of Oral Roberts Univ., Falwell said Liberty U. would give \$5,000 for the expenses of the WFJ meeting. He earlier told Gimenez: "We must network together or we will lose this country." WFJ concluded with a faith-healing "Signs and Wonders" Miracle Service led by "heretic" Benny Hinn. ACCC Exec. Sec'y Ralph Colas attended WFJ as a reporter and said: "While Dr. Jerry Falwell claims to be a Fundamentalist Baptist, his willingness to compromise is very evident. To participate in a religious service with those who accept extra-biblical revelations reveals his disobedience to the Truth..." Dr. Colas' long report is available next month from: ACCC, Box 19, Wallingford, PA 19086. Send offering.

FALWELL CONFERENCE FEATURES ROBERT WEBBER- Dr. Jerry Falwell's 1996 Super Conference has Wheaton College Prof. Robert Webber as leader of the Praise and Worship Conference. (5/96 *Nat'l Liberty Journal*). The 9/30/80 *Blu-Print* called Webber "an ardent New Evangelical turned Episcopalian," and quoted him: "The authoritative basis for Christian truth does not rest on a doctrine of verbal inerrancy, but Apostolic tradition.", and: "The Church, to be apostolic, ought to have within her all the charismatic gifts that were present in the primitive church practiced within the body." The 2/3/86 *Christian News* quoted Webber from a 1986 book: "We may not all

agree that the Bible is inerrant, but we can agree that it is the authoritative apostolic witness to Jesus Christ.", and: "In the Episcopal church I find a healthy sense of unity and diversity." The apostate Episcopal Church has hundreds of women priests, is a member of the NCC/WCC, and lets its bishops and priests ordain practicing homosexuals.

NORTHSIDE TO HOST TIM LEE CONFERENCE, FALWELL--Northside Baptist Church, Charlotte, is pastored by Dr. D. Bradley Price. The May-June *Northside News* quoted Youth Pastor Bobby Price: "We are once again proud to be hosting the 3rd Annual Youth Alive '96 Conference with Dr. Tim Lee and other great men such as...Jerry Falwell, Johnny Pope...Rick Gage [a Southern Baptist]...." Dr. Falwell has demonstrated time and again his penchant for fellowshiping and pulpit-sharing with charismatics, Catholics, liberals, So. Baptists and New Evangelicals. So it grieves us to see a few Southwide Baptist Fellowship and other "fundamentalist" preachers ignore such blatant compromise. This causes confusion and division within our ranks. Spurgeon said: "That I might not stultify my testimony I have cut myself clear of those who err from the faith, and even from those who associate with them."

CAN A FUNDAMENTALIST STAY IN A DENOMINATION THAT'S GONE LIBERAL?- *Sword of the Lord* Editor Dr. Shelton Smith says this (5/17 *Sword*): "To stay in where doctrine has been corrupted compromises your position and testimony. Fundamentalists are strong on heeding the Bible as it is for what it says. If a person is a fundamentalist, by the very nature of his convictions he will separate himself from liberalism, modernism and other doctrinal error and heresy."

FALWELL SPEAKS AT MOON CONFERENCE-- Dave Hunt (5/96 *Berean Call*), said: "...Equally unthinkable was Jerry Falwell's participation as a speaker at a conference last December in Uruguay, sponsored by Sun Myung Moon's Inter Religious Federation for World Peace and Washington Times Foundation, titled, "Christian Ecumenism in the Americas: Toward One Christian Family Under God." [Per] Moon's *Unification News* (2/ 96), speakers in addition to Moon and Falwell included William Cenkner (Chair of the Dept. of Religious Studies at Catholic University of America), Dr. Nilson Fanini (Pres. of the Baptist World Alliance), and Michael Cromartie... In his speech, Falwell said, 'It is my observation and personal conviction that conferences and seminars like this one can be very beneficial for building bridges of communication.'"

IVCF, URBANA, NEW AGE-- We ran articles a few years ago (5/1/91 CC, e.g.) indicating the similarities between the agenda of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship's URBANA '90 and the New Age agenda. Rev. David L. Brown has edited a 31-page report by Rev. David C. Kanz that documents this and much more. It is available from: Logos Communication Consortium, P.O. Box 173, Oak Creek, WI 53154 (\$5 postpaid). Rev. Brown, in a cover letter, comments: "...Now, the reason I am concerned is that listed in *The Great Commission Handbook*, the book given out at URBANA '90, are Baptist Mid-Missions, Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary, The Master's College, New Tribes Mission, Dallas..., Trinity...and more....[N]ot only did Baptist Mid-Missions have a booth there, so did A.B.W.E. When you read the [Logos] report... you will see why this is alarming. [And], in December of this year is URBANA '96. Our researcher has been in contact with them and this conference will have an even more NEW AGE bent. I wonder which 'Fundamental Baptist' agencies will be at URBANA '96?" By definition, "none"!

CBF'S RETIRING CECIL SHERMAN A LIBERAL?- Cecil Sherman, leader and founder of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (the moderate/liberal group that "split" from the SBC), retires in June as CBF Coordinator. He eschews the "liberal" label, but in a 1983 interview (6/7/94 *Ind.Bapt.*), he said: "Sometimes I'm a liberal and sometimes not....I'm not nearly as chained to what is orthodox as some in our denomination [SBC] are. I guess that would make me a liberal...."

PROOF THAT HARRIS BELIEVES IN RESURRECTION?--*BDM Letter* Editor Rick Miesel asks (concerning Trinity Prof. Murray Harris's agreement with Evangelical Free Church Pres. Paul Cedar, and other groups, that he now believes in the bodily resurrection of Jesus-see 4/15 CC): "Shouldn't we have more tangible proof of Harris's doctrinal correction? [And] expect him and the EFCA to publicly correct the heresy previously taught? And what

about all those adversely affected by Harris's previous books? Does Harris plan an extensive public campaign to repent of these past false teachings?...[Will] he publicly request that his two heretical books on the subject be removed from distribution?,,[If not], it would appear that he has merely signed-on to the Reaffirmation statement in order to hold his job at a school that has now officially abandoned his position on a crucial doctrine."

GRAHAMS RECEIVE GOLD MEDAL-- Billy Graham and wife Ruth were honored last month with the Congressional Gold Medal--the highest honor Congress can bestow on a citizen (5/13 Chr.News). The first was given to George Washington, 1776.

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ABORTION BILL: GRAHAM & POPE VS. NCC & CLINTON--Pres. Clinton recently vetoed legislation to ban late-term "partial birth" abortions, where a baby is but inches and seconds from birth. The abortionist partly extracts the baby feet first then suctions out its brain to let the head pass through the birth canal. The Pope and Billy Graham criticized Clinton for vetoing the ban on this gruesome "infanticide" procedure. The National Council of Churches leader supported the veto. Leaders of several liberal churches (Presbyterian-USA, Episcopal, UCC, Methodist) praised Clinton by letter for the veto.

THE NCC 'GOSPEL'-- Over a decade ago, *Reader's Digest* and *Sixty Minutes* documented that the National and World Councils of Churches gave money to African terrorists. After this exposure, the NCC defended itself by quoting a letter from one of its supporters (see 11/14/83 *Chr. News*): "We feed the hungry, help the poor, and liberate the oppressed. If that isn't the Gospel, I don't know what is." There is no Gospel apart from the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ (I Cor. 15:1-4, Gal. 1:6-9).

RC CARDINAL WANTS BIBLE CURED OF ANTI-SEMITISM--Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, labeling parts of the New Testament "problematic," called on Christianity to confront its anti-Semitic past and consider reinterpreting parts of the Bible (3/24/95 *Chicago Sun-Times*). He cited John 8:44, where John "placed on the lips of Jesus" the belief that Jews are the children of the devil. But God does not have a special way of salvation for those Jews who reject Christ, regardless of what Bernardin or Billy Graham say.

JILL BRISCOE, WOMAN PREACHER-- Jill Briscoe is a popular author and speaker. Her husband, Stuart, pastors the 3,000-member Elmbrook Church in Brookfield, Wis. She serves on the boards of *Christianity Today* and the NAE's World Relief. The 4/8 *CT* quotes her thusly: "And for eight years I preached and taught and saw people come to Christ on the streets. The hierarchy of the mission was thrilled and affirmed that gift in me...The people who have set me free to minister to men as well as to women have been men, not women. In my own church, through my husband and the elders, women have gained huge freedoms--we have 'come a long way.' We have women pastors on staff. We have women in every echelon of leadership, apart from the council of elders." She said she "happily submitted for years" to a "hierarchical, male-oriented view of the church". She has spoken at Word of Life, Moody Bible Institute, and brought the Sunday evening message at the 3/96 NAE convention.

CCM: COMMERCIAL CHARISMATIC MUSIC- That's what CCM has now become. It is not "Christian"--it is

mostly rock, salted with watered-down "Jesus" lyrics. It came to us twenty-five years or so ago. When hippies, dopers, and dropouts from the 1960s "converted" to the "Jesus movement," they mostly gave up their drugs, long hair, etc., but held on to their rock music. Charismatics were the main performers and market for this "new" music. The May 20 *Chr. Today* said: "Now, the industry is celebrity-driven. The song is almost irrelevant. The focus is on the person." Many small "Christian" record labels have been bought out by large secular companies, and "money" is the thing. CCM has been co-opted, and now stands for "Commercial Charismatic Music."

YOGA IS DANGEROUS-- A 5/10 *Huntsville Times* article says: "Yoga is considered an ancient mind-body endeavor that also encompasses the emotional and spiritual side, paving the way for reducing stress and getting in touch with your spirituality." But the practice of yoga is pagan at best, and occultic at worst. Its teachings emanate from Eastern religions which teach that *self* is God. Yoga teachers are, in effect, Hindu or Buddhist missionaries (5-6/96 *BDM Letter*). Yoga is a means of reaching an altered state of consciousness--a doorway to the occult--demonization in the name of developing one's full potential. Be warned, be wise, beware!

TUTU WANTS HOMOSEXUAL PRIESTS-- So. African socialist Bishop Desmond Tutu, a 1984 Nobel Prize winner, recently became the highest-ranking Anglican to call for the ordination of practicing homosexuals (5/6 *Chr. News*). He wrote the foreword to a collection of "Christian" liturgies for homosexuals and warned that rejecting homosexuals is "nearly the ultimate blasphemy."

SAN FRANCISCO'S HOMOSEXUAL 'WEDDINGS'--Dr. David Innes (4/8 *S.F. Chronicle*) said: "Recently, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, in a contemptuous and brazen attempt to turn the social order upside-down, foisted upon city residents a new civil ceremony for homosexual and lesbian 'marriage.' This attempt to institutionalize 'alternative relationships' will...further the social disaster that already surrounds us...." On March 25, San Francisco became the first U.S. city to sponsor a mass "wedding" ceremony for homosexuals. Mayor Willie Brown officiated.

'TRUSTED PARTNERS' IS PK FOR BLACK MEN-- Rev. Henry Lyons is pres. of the National Baptist Convention, USA, and last year founded Trusted Partners, a black counterpart to the majority-white Promise Keepers (4/27 *Dallas Morn.News*).

'LIBERALS' TO SPEAK AT GRAND RAPIDS?--In recent years Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary, a GARBC-approved school, has moved in a new-evangelical direction. It has a full-page ad in the 5/20 *Christianity Today* (New Evangelicalism's main magazine) for a May 17-18 Ministry & Worldview conference which lists Thomas Oden, Richard Middleton, and Brian Walsh as "facilitators." Oden is Prof. of Theology and Ethics at Drew University, a liberal Methodist school, and a *CT* Contributing Editor. He is for female ordination, and very ecumenical (5/6 *C.News*). Dr. Carl Henry last year discussed a new book by Walsh and Middleton and a promotional interview. He said Walsh used neo-orthodox terms to deplore "propositional theology" [verbal inerrancy, etc.]. Henry quoted Middleton: "Even the truth of the gospel...is a human construction." (7/1/95 CC). Henry said Middleton and Walsh reject any identification of Scripture as revelation. Two GRBS professors have questioned heaven/hell's literality. Will the GARBC now sever ties with GRBS?

ODEN NO LONGER A LIBERAL?-- Becoming disillusioned (in the late 1960s) of modernity and the consequent vacuum of meaning, and of his far left neo-orthodox position, theologian Thomas C. Oden turned rightward. He is Professor of Theology and Ethics at liberal Drew University (Methodist) and affirms a role for women in the pastoral ministry, yet some think he is now an evangelical. But, he says (9/24/90 *CT*): "I am praying that I might become evangelical...If it is possible to be thought of as an 'ancient ecumenical' evangelical, I would celebrate that. I am sometimes told by evangelical friends that I am very Catholic and sacramental [he praises RC priest Richard Neuhaus--see 5/6 *CN*], only to be told by my Catholic friends that I am very evangelical and pietistic...Evangelicals are... impoverished by the lack of a deep sacramental life. Much is to be learned by a conversation between E. Orthodox, Anglicans, and Roman Catholics on the one hand, with evangelicals, charismatics, and Pentecostals on the other. This is the pertinent ecumenical agenda that...ecumenical bureaucrats have failed to grasp. One thinks of a

church like St. Aldate's in Oxford, England, where there is a wonderful blend of sacramental, liturgical, and charismatic elements...."

GREENING TO BE GARBC'S NEW NATIONAL REP?-- The 5/96 *Baptist Bulletin* had this statement from Will Davis: "On behalf of the Search Committee and the Council of Eighteen, I am delighted to announce the unanimous recommendation of Rev. John R. Greening to become the national representative for the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches...." Messengers will vote on him June 24 at the Annual Conference in Lakeland. He studied at BBC, Trinity, and Grand Rapids. He is on the Council of Eighteen, and serves on the boards of ABWE, BBC, and Western. Interim Nat'l Rep Dr. Mark Jackson said: "...I have concluded that a very large body of our churches and pastors take the historic, clear position of our GARBC and are not compromised in their relationships or doctrine...." But, sadly, the converse is more true: A very large body do NOT take the GARBC's historic position. And, even those who seek to do so are increasingly being harmed, testimony-wise, to the extent that they tolerate compromise in certain schools and mission agencies (GRBS, ABWE, etc.).

TWO RON BLUES-- A CC reader says there are two Ron Blues. Dallas Seminary confirmed it. The one who spoke with Pat Robertson(see 4/1 CC) is not the one referred to in the rest of the article.

NAE MOVING TO MAINSTREAM- The National Association of Evangelicals met in Minneapolis March 3-5. Its leaders admitted they are moving into the "mainstream of religion" in America, turning to social action and salvaging of neighborhoods and cities. The new chairman said: "It is important for NAE to be less male, less gray, and less Anglo." The new emphasis on social action and racial reconciliation positions it ever closer to the NCC liberal denomination stance. NAE speakers included: Luis Palau, MBI-Pres. Joseph Stowell, Promise Keepers founder Bill McCartney, Habitat for Humanity head Millard Fuller, BGEA's John Corts, Bishop Gilbert Patterson, and Church of Nazarene head John Allan Knight. Most of these are very ecumenical. ACCC Exec. Dir. Dr. Ralph Colas attended this meeting with press credentials and has written a long report. Get it from: ACCC, P.O. Box 19, Wallingford, PA 19086. Send offering.

GRAHAM USES ROCK MUSIC TO ATTRACT YOUNG VIEWERS--Billy Graham went worldwide April 14 with an MTV-style telecast aimed at a young audience. This largest-audience-ever telecast used music from Nirvana, whose lead singer Kurt Cobain committed suicide. It used two dramatic films featuring DC Talk and messages from liberal Andrew Young and Glen Campbell. Graham has reoriented his crusades the past two years, and now his TV ministry, to attract a younger audience.

NOT IMPORTANT WHETHER BIBLE IS WORD OF GOD?--In an interview on "Who Is Jesus?" in the Winter 1996 *Asbury Herald*, Asbury Seminary Prof. Dr. Jerry Walls said: "I don't think that you have to believe the Bible is the Word of God in order to see that Christ is the Son of God. I do think you must believe that the Bible is an essentially reliable historical document..."

BBC, ROSENTHAL, MacARTHUR- A news release from Dr. Clay Nuttall's *Central Challenge* states: "Professor Dan Hayden, Division Director and Associate Prof. of Pastoral Ministries, Baptist Bible College [GARBC-related] in Clarks Summit, Pa., will be speaking at the 'Renaissance Conference' Nov. 16-21. Headlining this 'Pre Wrath' conference is Marv Rosenthal. The errant doctrine of this movement, let alone its 'cult like' organization should be enough for any serious Biblicist to stay away, let alone speak. But it is the same problem that other 'professing separatists' have. Dr. John MacArthur, Jr. defends his own presence on the board of directors of this group's Masters Mission out of Robbinsville, NC. A written response from a MacArthur administrator stated: 'Since the timing of the rapture is not a fundamental doctrine, John has seen no problems with continuing these relationships.' On goes the downgrade of doctrine and a shading of the term 'Fundamental'."

RESOLUTION ON ECCLESIASTICAL SEPARATION- [Maranatha Bapt. Church, Elkton, MD, 3/11-14]: "We deplore the compromise with unbelief prevalent today in Churches, schools, mission boards and evangelistic

organizations. We are concerned about the silence of many so-called Fundamentalists on these trends of compromise. We denounce the Charismatic movement, so-called 'Faith Healers,' as being unscriptural and harmful to the cause of Christ. We repudiate the inconsistency of those Fundamentalists who avoid separating themselves from New Evangelical compromisers. We pledge ourselves to continued militance against liberalism, New Evangelicalism, and all forms of compromise while at the same time spreading the Gospel of Christ."[Excerpt].

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TV HAS NEGATIVE IMPACT, MORE SEX-- A new *U.S. News* poll shows two thirds of the public thinks TV shows have a negative impact on the country and huge majorities believe TV contributes to social problems like violence, divorce, teen pregnancy and the decline of family values (4/ 15 *USN&WR*). In prime time, there is more sex and sex talk than ever. 61% of Hollywood leaders think TV places too much emphasis on sex, and 92% say TV does a fair or poor job of encouraging sexual abstinence. 76% of Americans think TV contributes to the problem of teen pregnancy, while only 37% of Hollywood leaders agree.

DIVORCE CONSEQUENCES-- Divorce is bad morally, emotionally, physically, and spiritually. Divorced or separated men receive in-patient psychiatric care 21 times more frequently than do married men, and heighten their risk of cancer (5/4 *World*). As a rule today, divorced women see a decline in their standard of living of about 73 percent, while divorced men, as a rule, see a gain in theirs of about 42 percent. Daycare costs, and the long-term effects on children, are other consequences to be considered.

SELF-ESTEEM MAY BE BAD FOR YOUR KIDS- An American Association of University Women's study done a few years ago showed adolescent girls are suffering from a near-terminal meltdown of their self-esteem. White high school girls came in at the bottom, followed by white teen-age boys, then African American girls. The highest scores were posted by African American boys (4/ 14 *H.Times*). The self-esteem scores were roughly the reverse of those groups' actual achievement measurements. In international comparisons, American students have the highest perception of their abilities--and the lowest scores. Murderers, rapists, and terrorists often have qualities associated with high self-esteem--"egotism," "arrogance," "conceit," and "narcissism."

PALAU'S ECUMENICAL CHICAGO CRUSADE- Luis Palau began an 8-week crusade in Chicago on April 4, with over 1,500 churches participating. Moody Church pastor Erwin Lutzer, MBI Pres. Joseph Stowell, & Bill Hybels are supporters (4/8 *CT*). Speakers include Palau, E.V. Hill, Tony Evans, and Ron Hutchcraft. Rock musicians perform. Individual Catholic priests are involved in leadership roles. Palau is a Promise Keepers speaker.

NEW CATHOLICISM BOOKLET-- GFA Missionary David Cox has a neat 24-page booklet, "Should We Worship Mary, the Mother of Jesus?", subtitled "A Biblical Refutation of Mariology." Order from him at: Apdo 19-444, C.P. 03901 D.F. Mexico, MEXICO, \$1.00 postpaid. Also avail. in Spanish.

POPE SAYS 'CAN'T KILL IN THE NAME OF GOD'-- On a day-long visit last month to Tunisia, Pope John Paul II alluded to the war next door in Algeria by Muslim rebels who have slain scores of intellectuals, journalists, Catholic clergy and foreigners. He told Catholic bishops from tiny Catholic communities in that region: "No one can kill in the name of God." He said: "Despite difficulties and misunderstandings, join with your brothers and sisters, without distinction of origin or religion." (4/15 HT). The Pope believes that Muslims are our "brothers and sisters." He also is apparently ignorant of his own religion's bloody history of "killing in the name of God" during the Crusades, Inquisition, etc., where many hundreds of thousands were killed "in the name of God."

METHODISTS INVITE MRS. CLINTON, REJECT MRS. DOLE--Methodist and First Lady Hillary Clinton addressed the quadrennial United Methodist General Conference in Denver last month. Delegates gave her a standing ovation and turned down an appeal to let Methodist Elizabeth Dole speak. The first family's pro-homosexual pastor Rev. Philip Wogaman argued for a change in Methodist's policy opposing homosexuality, but delegates rejected this by a vote of 577 to 378. Methodist Bishop Judith Craig was the first woman ever to give the opening address. Another speaker, Randy Miller of San Francisco, identified himself as "an African-American, gay male, United Methodist Christian, and child of God." U. Methodists approved plans to seek a merger with the three largest black Methodist churches. They decided that infants and others are considered full members at baptism, instead of waiting until they are older and "born again."

ALCOHOLISM A DISEASE?--Alcohol is the only known "disease" that is: freely sold in a bottle, legally manufactured under license, sold to the public by "good citizens," and approved and promoted by elected political leaders. This "disease" fills jails, puts people on welfare, and provides a steady supply for asylums. It is the only "disease" that employs huge plants with the latest technology and highly skilled personnel to manufacture it. It occupies prime space in magazines and papers and uses radio and television to promote it. It is the only "disease" that government puts a tax on, and requires a government license to sell. Brilliant men of science and medicine cannot tell you if it is spread by virus or germ! It is surely a strange "disease." It can only be "cured" when the "patient" refuses to open the bottle, or is in a location where it is not obtainable. [Adapted from 4/96 *Foundation* art. by K.W. Beyer).

WARNING: PROMISE KEEPERS IS DANGEROUS!- Pastor Jack Stephens warns: "The Promise Keepers promise to break down denominational barriers is a smoke screen for destroying all doctrinal barriers." (3/96 *OBV Visitor*). Dr. Ralph Colas says: "As a reporter who covered [the Atlanta PK Clergy meeting] with press credentials, I would describe it as a meeting which included compromise, ecumenism, apostasy, Jesuit casuistry (the end justifies the means), and hyper-emotionalism, along with a theology based on relationships rather than Biblical truth." Dr. Ernest Pickering warns: "To encourage men to support their pastor and their church even though neither is following the Word of God is to compromise the truth." Dr. Don Jasmin says PK is the "most dangerous new movement down the ecumenical pike in the last 50 years."

PK & CATHOLICS- In recent articles we have documented increasing Catholic involvement in the burgeoning Promise Keepers movement. The 3-4/96 *Foundation* says: "Some people find it difficult to believe that Roman Catholics are actually participants in the Promise Keepers movement, but it is true. A Promise Keepers Wake Up Call brochure distributed in San Luis Obispo, Calif., urges pastors, churches and their men to attend special rallies during March, one of which is to be held at the St. Rose Catholic Church in Paso Robles. This fact was confirmed by a phone call to the PK leader in that church." The 4/29 *Chr. Today* quotes a Catholic Bishops official: "Promise Keepers re-ignites in men an awareness of the spiritual dimension in life and offers them a safe place in which to find support...for Christian values and virtues." The CT article said PK representatives will be among the speakers at a May 31-June 2 Catholic men's conference in Steubenville, Ohio. Dr. Ernest Pickering says: "To worship and cooperate with Roman Catholics and others who are in doctrinal error promotes the idea that correct doctrine is less important than fellowship."

ED DOBSON WANTS PK TO INCLUDE WOMEN CLERGY?--Some who agree with Promise Keepers's hyper-

inclusivist policy on breaking down racial and denominational barriers, are concerned that gender barriers are allowed to stand. Ed Dobson (pastor of the M.R. DeHaan Calvary Church, and former Falwell assistant) went to the recent Promise Keepers Clergy Conference in Atlanta with a racially diverse pastors' group from Grand Rapids. He said: "I was bothered by the emphasis on the 'masculine context.' I believe in accountability with other men. But Jesus did not come to promote a masculine context. He came to reconcile us to God and each other across racial, ethnic, and gender divisions." (4/5 *Chr. Today*). Dobson is now a Senior Editor of the mainline new-evangelical *Christianity Today* magazine founded by Billy Graham.

SCHULLER TO PASS BATON TO SON- Robert H. Schuller announced last month that he eventually will pass over the reins of his \$52 million-a-year Crystal Cathedral Ministries to his son, Robert A. Schuller (4/6 *Houston Chronicle*). The younger Schuller, who has been divorced and remarried, says his personal experiences help him relate to church-goers of the 1990s who may not live in nuclear families (4/15 *Chr. News*). The elder Schuller's blend of theology and pop psychology is known as "possibility thinking." His 1982 book on self-esteem redefined and denied many Bible doctrines. It said hell is the "loss of pride," and that "...a person is in hell when he has lost his self-esteem...."

BAYLOR: DANCING IS IN, JESUS IS OUT?- Southern Baptists had forbidden on-campus dancing at Baylor University since its founding in 1845. The ban was lifted in Jan., and the first official dance occurred April 18, as about 10,000 students cheered. Bands performed country, rock and roll, and rhythm and blues (4/19 HT). The next week, about half the students signed a petition protesting a 20-minute talk by Franklin Graham, Billy Graham's son (4/28 HT). His great "sin"? He said that those who did not accept Jesus Christ as their Savior were condemned to hell. Some Jewish and Christian students were offended by Graham's "attack" on their beliefs, and claimed that this went against Baylor's religious policy as a nondenominational school.

GRAHAM'S DAUGHTER A PREACHER-- Billy Graham's "preacher" daughter, Anne Graham Lotz, was canceled from speaking at the Oklahoma Baptist General Convention's annual Evangelism Conference in 1993 (1/16/93 HT). But Texas Southern Baptists featured her "stirring preaching" at its Evangelism Conference last January (4/5 *Sword*). Graham has praised his daughter's preaching abilities and seems to condone this.

MAX LUCADO DEPICTS JESUS AS "THE EVERYMAN"--Max Lucado is minister of the Oak Hills Church of Christ in San Antonio and a popular author. In his office hangs a sketch of Jesus laughing hysterically. Lucado's books depict Jesus in a relaxed, Everyman sort of way (4/13 *DallasMorn.News*). Rick Miesel says: "Lucado's touchy-feely writing style appears to be an attempt to get the reader to identify with the human side of Jesus. The result is heresy at best and blasphemy at worst." Yet *Moody Monthly* has articles by him, and Promise Keepers featured him as a speaker at its Atlanta Clergy meeting.

FUNDAMENTALISTS BY BIRTH BUT NOT BATTLE-- Many younger fundamentalists have grown up in homes of fundamentalists, attended fundamental churches and fundamental schools. They are fundamentalists by birth, but not by battle. Their convictions have never been challenged. They have not crossed swords to defend the truth. They have paid no price to wear the badge of Fundamentalist. A man's true colors must be tested by battle. These "peace time" fundamentalists face the peril of losing the spirit of militancy which has always characterized fundamentalism. [Stephen Spence, 3/96 OBF *Visitor*]

ACCC MISSION & PURPOSE-- The following Mission and Purpose Statement was adopted by the Executive Committee of the American Council of Christian Churches at its meeting in Monroeville, NJ, April 16: "The American Council of Christian Churches is a Fundamentalist multi-denominational organization whose purposes are to provide information, encouragement and assistance to Bible-believing churches, fellowships and individuals; to preserve our Christian heritage through exposure of, opposition to, and separation from doctrinal impurity and compromise in current religious trends and movements; to protect churches from religious and political restrictions, subtle or obvious, that would hinder their ministries for Christ; and to promote obedience to the inerrant Word of

God."

RECENT DEATHS- Word of Life founder Jack Wyrzten died last month at age 82. *** Former Calif. Graduate School of Theology pres. and Falwell associate Holland London died last month at age 88. *** Longtime Baptist Bible Fellowship pastor and leader Truman Dollar died March 26.

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'NO-FAULT' DIVORCE-- California was the first state to adopt the "no-fault" divorce concept, which is now the basis of divorce law in all 50 states. Under California's 1969 Family Law Act, a marriage could be dissolved if either partner cited "irreconcilable differences which have caused the irremediable breakdown of the marriage." (4/4 *C.Today*). Divorces have skyrocketed--tripled since 1960 to almost 1.2 million annually. After peaking at 1,213,000 divorces in 1981, the numbers and rates of divorce have leveled off, in large part because more unmarried couples are cohabiting. One-quarter of female and one-fifth of male clergy have been divorced, per a 1995 study by Hartford Seminary.

THE DUTCH REVERSE LAX DRUG LAWS- The Dutch now believe that their 20-year experiment with lax drug laws has gone too far, and have reversed course (4/15 *USN&WR*). *Parliament* halved the number of shops where soft drugs can be bought, and limited purchases to 5 grams. The turnaround was prompted by pressure from Germany and France, weary of the flow of drugs from the Netherlands, and also by a growing backlash in Amsterdam at the rising tide of drug-related crime.

SCHOLARS SEARCH FOR JESUS- *Time*, *Newsweek*, and *U.S. News* all featured "Jesus" on the cover of their magazines in April. But the stories hardly honored Him. Unbelieving liberal "scholars" of the Jesus Seminar deny that Jesus said 80 percent of the words attributed to Him in the Bible--was not born of a virgin, did not rise. Jesus Seminar leader Robert Funk says "Christianity as we have known it is anemic and wasting away," that it's time to "reinvent Christianity." (4/8 *Chr.News*). Liberals are opening a new debate and "rethinking" the resurrection. A Barna Research Group survey finds that 30 per cent of "born again" Christians do not believe that Jesus came back to physical life after he was crucified." But belief in the resurrection is a vital part of salvation (Rom. 10:9, etc.).

CHURCHES, RABBIS, APPROVE SAME-SEX MARRIAGE--Mainline churches such as the Episcopal Church, the United Church of Christ, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America have been allowing same-sex marriages to take place for years (4/8 *Chr.News*). Bishop Spong, Tony Campolo, and others have long promoted acceptance of the homosexual lifestyle. Last month the Central Conference of American Rabbis from the Reform branch of Judaism voted to approve same-sex marriages among their homosexual members. And San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown presided over a first of its kind mass wedding of 175 homosexual couples, in a city-hall civil ceremony.

PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTIONS: BRUTAL CHILD MURDER--The late-term partial-birth abortion procedure is a

gruesome form of child murder. It involves partially extracting a baby, legs first, then stabbing the infant at the base of the skull with medical scissors, widening the wound, and inserting a catheter to suction out the brain and collapse the skull, killing the child (4/6 *World*). Of the nation's 1.3 million abortions in 1993, about 13,300 were performed after the 21st week of gestation, according to the CDC.

DOBSON PAPER TEACHES THEISTIC EVOLUTION?-- Dr. James Dobson doesn't want to be called a "theistic evolutionist" but an article by Marlo Schalesky in Dobson's 3/96 "Teachers In Focus" seems to suggest theistic evolution. In a "Teaching evolutionary theory without scrapping Scripture" article, Schalesky said the "Bible doesn't really say one way or another" whether God "poofed" everything into existence, or used some kind of evolutionary process. Send \$12 for a 90-min. tape of two radio talk show interviews with Dr. Cathy Burns concerning Dr. Dobson's ministry (and other information), to: Sharing, 212 E. 7th St., Mt. Carmel, PA 17851.

BDM REPORTS ON MacARTHUR, DOBSON, PK-- Rick Miesel has updated reports on John MacArthur (29 pages), James Dobson (19 pages), and Promise Keepers (21 pages), for \$2 each (postpaid). Write: BDM, P.O. Box 679, Bedford, IN 47421.

HUMANISM BOOKLET-- "In 1961 the U.S. Supreme Court declared Humanism to be a RELIGION (case of *Torcaso vs. Watkins*). Now you say, 'If Humanism is a religion, such as Judaism, Christianity, etc., where are the Humanist churches, the headquarters, the Mother Church?' My answer: The public school classrooms have been misappropriated by the Humanists as their 'churches.' Their 'cathedrals' are the universities, colleges and seminaries...." Taxpayer funds promote Humanism/religion; the Bible is banned. These excerpts are from a 1986 16-page booklet available free, as supplies last, from: P. Cuddy, 1027 St. Mary's Street, Raleigh, NC 27605. Send self-addressed, 32-cent stamped envelope.

APOLOGIA is a fundamental Baptist Spanish theological magazine available from Rev. Jose Luis Torres, P.O. Box 6825, Salinas, CA 93912, \$12.

VOICE OF VIGILANCE is a new and newsy little paper, published monthly by Jim Ollis, P.O. Box 1935, Southern Pines, NC 28388, \$5 per year.

OMISSION-- The "United Religions" article, 4/1 CC, omitted Bishop William Swing's last name.

ABWE CONFERENCE FEATURES MBI PRES. JOE STOWELL--A 2/15 letter from Association of Baptists for World Evangelization missionaries David and Wendy (Madrid, Spain) stated: "...We had a wonderful privilege of spending Thanksgiving week at the II All-European Conference in Southern Portugal where 120 ABWE missionaries from Norway, England, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Hungary...as well as Home Office personnel gathered for refreshing times in the Word with Dr. Joe Stowell, III, President of Moody Bible Institute. David had been busy over the last two years in the organization of the conference..." Stowell has become very ecumenical in recent years and involved with Promise Keepers, Luis Palau's Crusade, Southern Baptist Convention events, etc. ABWE Pres. Dr. Wendell Kempton recently criticized fundamentalist "tabloids" for "abusing and bashing"; in essence, for exposing such new-evangelical compromise (4/15 CC). In his 1989 report to the ABWE Board, he said: "The strongest single evidence of whether we are doctrinally what we are supposed to be is centered in a single word....Love."

'LOVE' MISUSED TO COVER COMPROMISE-- New Evangelicals espouse an unbiblical view of "love," divorced from doctrine/truth and obedience/purity. Fuller Seminary President (1950s) E. J. Carnell said, "the mark of a true disciple is LOVE, not doctrine" (7/15/89 CC). But Jesus and John made obedience the defining mark of love (John 14:21, 1 Jn. 5:3). James 3:17 puts purity (holiness) first, then unity (love). New evangelicals embrace a false view of love which allows them to disobey, in the name of "love," separation commands and unlovingly excoriate fundamentalists who expose their compromise. Biblical love operates in the bounds of doctrine and truth. New-evangelical "love" disregards separation commands, elevates unity above truth, and produces ungodly alliances and

a diluted message. Jack Van Impe and others stressed new-evangelical love as they drifted into ever deeper compromise. Yet they very unlovingly criticized fundamentalists for exposing their compromise, calling them "unloving," "judgmental," etc. We must speak the truth in love, but we must indeed speak the truth, exhort and lovingly warn those deceived by error.

THE 'INBETWEENITES'-- This is the day of the "moderate." It always seems to happen in a presidential election year. Politicians who speak with any fervor or certainty are "extremists." What we need, say those supposedly in the know, are people who are less ideological and more pragmatic. Let's occupy a middle position and get rid of the extremists. Let's elect someone as President who can "bring us all together." In church circles the same cry is heard. Liberals in the So. Baptist Convention shun that descriptive term and are almost always known as "moderates." The word "moderate" sounds so soft, so comforting, so personable as opposed to that scary word "fundamentalist." A Christian college president was asked recently how he intended to position his school. "Right down the middle of the road," was his enthusiastic answer. Kind of a dangerous place, isn't it? A car in the middle of the road will cause lots of accidents. Within the professing Church the woods are full of moderates. Years ago, W.B. Riley, a great fundamentalist leader, remarked that the Bible said quite a bit about the Perizzites, Hivites, Jebusites, and Moabites, but, in his opinion, the most dangerous enemies of the people of God were the "INBETWEENITES...." [Dr. Ernest Pickering, Spr. '96, *BWM World Witness*]

FRANKLIN GRAHAM TO SPEAK AT LIBERTY- Dr. Jerry Falwell's 4/96 National Liberty Journal said: "William Franklin Graham III, son of renowned evangelist Billy Graham, will lead the May 10 baccalaureate service" at Liberty University. F. Graham was recently named vice president of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. The 4/96 NLJ also highly praised and promoted the ecumenical Washington For Jesus Rally, Apr. 29-30, labeling it a "Christian" event. Bishop John Gimenez, pastor of the 5,000-member charismatic Rock Church (Virginia Beach), chairs this event.

CHARLES STANLEY'S WIFE DROPS DIVORCE SUIT--Anna Stanley, wife of Atlanta pastor Charles Stanley, has withdrawn her nearly 3-year-old petition for divorce. She says: "I am pleased to announce that Charles and I are making progress toward reconciling our marriage differences. This past week I canceled my petition for divorce....Although we are not living together at this time, we are working toward that end...." (3/26 *Indiana Bapt.*). Hopefully this matter can soon be put to rest. Some think this is not a proper subject for media treatment. The 3/23 *World* said: "But when a Christian leader makes wide use of print and electronic media to win the support of the Christian public well beyond his own local church, that same Christian public has a right to know what's going on in that leader's life." But in doing this, we must be factual and avoid tawdry sensationalism.

MBI'S STOWELL SPEAKS AT PROMISE KEEPERS-- Dr. Joseph Stowell, president of Moody Bible Institute, spoke on "The Pastor and His Family" at the recent Promise Keepers clergy rally in Atlanta. Dr. Ralph Colas said: "[Stowell] told the clergymen the same thing he had shared at the PK's Detroit Rally in 1995, how when he was driving he 'saw the Holy Spirit sitting on my steering wheel.' Stowell then added, 'not really--don't tell anyone'...." Dr. Bruce Caldwell said of Stowell's participation in this PK meeting (3/11 *Chr.News*): "It was sad to me to see Moody involved with such a charismatic disaster. D.L. Moody would have rejected Promise Keepers. The music...was satanic...." Caldwell said PK is engaging in joint worship with Roman Catholics and putting unity above doctrine.

FBF & IBF MEET IN JUNE-- Mark your calendars for two annual conferences next month. The FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP meets at Bethel Baptist Church, Schaumburg, Ill., June 11-13. Speakers include FBF Pres. Dr. Rod Bell, Drs. Bob Jones, Phil Shuler, Mark Minnick, Les Ollila, J.B. Williams, E.R. Jordan, Frank Bumpus (host pastor), John & Wayne Van Gelderen, Bob Taylor, and Mike Harding. A symposium on "Symptoms of Neo-Evangelicalism" features Drs. Bell, Bud Weniger, Collins Glenn, and Jim Singleton. For more info, call 847/885-3230. *** The INDEPENDENT BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP of No. America meets at Quality Inn, Lancaster, Pa., June 18-20. Dr. L. Duane Brown is Moderator, Rev. Jerry Johnson is Host Comm. Chairman (717/633-1479). There is a symposium on Christian Colleges, a panel on current issues, and a political insight hour (with John Stormer). Bible

message topics will include Secondary Separation, a Critique of Progressive Dispensationalism, and the Anabaptists.

TAMMY FAYE'S WOES--Jim Bakker's former wife and PTL partner, Tammy Faye, divorced him and married former PTL contractor Roe Messner, who now has prostate cancer and was recently convicted of bankruptcy fraud. Bakker is now out of prison. Tammy had surgery for colon cancer in March.

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PSYCHIATRY: 'MOST DESTRUCTIVE FORCE'--Dr. Thomas Szasz, Professor of Psychiatry Emeritus at the State University of NY (Syracuse), says: "Psychiatry is probably the single most destructive force that has affected the American society within the last fifty years." (3/18 *Chr.News*). Bruce Wiseman wrote in Psychiatry The Ultimate Betrayal: "In the name of help, [psychiatry] has brutalized hundreds of thousands of individuals, hacking at their brains, searing them with electricity or numbing them with drugs. It has left in its wake shattered lives, ruined bodies and even the dead." Psychiatrists have more marital problems than any other specialty.

POLITICIANS TOUGH ON TOBACCO, SILENT ON ALCOHOL--Government investigators are taking tobacco bad boys to task, but don't hold your breath for a similar campaign against alcohol abuse. There are 14 million adult alcoholics in the U.S., 100,000 of whom die each year from this (3/25 *USN&WR*). We hesitate to give the federal government so much power in our individual lives, but if they go after tobacco companies, why not distilleries and breweries? Both smoking and drinking are harmful to our society, but we confess to feeling safer meeting a smoking driver on the highway than a drinking one.

DRUGS LINKED TO 70% OF CRIME-- An analysis of prison statistics by *The Birmingham News* found that 17 percent of Alabama's inmates are imprisoned for drug charges. By comparison, 43 percent are behind bars for crimes against people and 34 percent for property crimes.(3/19 HT). But experts say more revealing is the 70 percent of Alabama inmates who are on drugs when they commit a crime or commit the crime to get money for drugs. People on cocaine are either stealing, or dealing, or about to start. Of the 20,000 people in Alabama prisons in Nov., 3,473 were drug offenders; it was 900 10 years ago.

HAGIN A NEW AGE HERETIC?-- Kenneth E. Hagin is "father" of the word-faith movement, mentor of Kenneth Copeland, and disciple of E.W. Kenyon, whose theology was heavily influenced by science of the mind teachings (3/96 *Media Spllt*). Cult-watcher Hank Hanegraaff compares Hagin and Copeland to "wolves in sheep's clothing", and describes their movement as being as heretical as the Mormon Church(5/1/95 CC). Hagin promises health and wealth to Christians, and says: "All you have to do is visualize it, speak it into existence." He claims that Jesus has appeared to him eight times--seven times barefoot, one time in Roman sandals (3/4 *Chr. News*)--that He came into his room one day, sat down by his bedside and talked with him for about 30 minutes.

GAMBLING & THE CASINO CRAZE- More than 500 gambling casinos sprouted across America in the 1990s,

accounting for 85 percent of all gambling (4/8 *Chr.Today*). More Americans visited casinos in 1994 than attended all major-league baseball and National Football League games, accounting for \$407 billion in wagers. Americans lost more money in casinos than they spent on children's toys. One developer forecasts that casinos--not department stores--will become the new anchor of shopping malls. But some say the U.S. casino movement has peaked. They predict a backlash, as people learn the costs and hardships created by legalized betting--the increase in crime, domestic disputes and suicides.

WIMBER'S DANGEROUS DOCTRINES-- *Media Spotlight* (3/96) has a huge compilation of the history, teachings and practices of John Wimber's Vineyard movement. It briefly mentions Vineyard's role/influence in the "Toronto Blessing"/"Holy Laughter" and Promise Keepers movements. *MS* shows that many of Wimber's "signs and wonders" teachings are rooted in Eastern mysticism and mind-science inner healing techniques. It says: "Although he cites psychic healing as a false system, by using the intuitive approach to healing Wimber is dabbling in the occult realm of psychic healing." *MS* says Wimber validates certain elements of Roman Catholic mysticism, and that: "Deviation from the Word of God, and the use of extra-biblical sources of teaching, have led Wimber and Vineyard into many New Age/ occultic, shamanistic beliefs/activities." It says Wimber bases his teaching on demonization on information allegedly given him by demons. Wimber has praised the Pope and Robert Schuller. Send offering for this 32-page report to: Media Spotlight, P.O. Box 290, Redmond, WA 98073.

THE CREED OF CHRISTIAN RECONSTRUCTIONISM- Rev. Andrew Sandlin (3/96 Chalc. Report) gives the Creed of Christian Reconstructionism. He says: "A Christian Reconstructionist is a Theonomist. Theonomy means 'God's Law'....A Christian Reconstructionist is a Presuppositionalist....a Postmillennialist. He believes Christ will return to earth only after the Holy Spirit has empowered the church to advance Christ's kingdom in time and history....A Christian Reconstructionist is a Dominionist. He takes seriously the Bible's commands to the godly to take dominion in the earth. This is the goal of the gospel and the Great Commission..." R.J. Rushdoony, founder and chief theorist of the "Theonomy" movement, says the Bible requires the death penalty for 14 different kinds of offenders, including blasphemers, adulterers, homosexuals, idolaters and incorrigible children (3/18 CN).

ABWE: BASHING THE BASHERS- In a recent address to "the ABWE family," Association of Baptists for World Evangelism president Dr. Wendell Kempton took pot shots at fundamentalist "zealots," "gangs" and "swat teams" he accused of "abuse and bashing." He spoke in strong terms of "love" and "hate." He said: "I predict the creation of new nomenclature in the near future....The beautiful names of 'fundamental' and 'evangelical' have both surrendered their distinctiveness." He said "...separatists of all kinds must discard their rulers. They must measure up to GOD'S 'RULER.'" He then listed seven verses, including "Who art thou that judgest another man's servant?", and "why dost thou judge thy brother?" Misusing these verses to silence exposers of the "spiritual adultery" and/or compromise of a "fundamentalist" brother is wrong, and is much the same as misusing these verses to ignore a physical adultery or drunkenness sin of an erring brother. We are to "judge righteous judgment" (Jn. 7:24). Conspicuously missing from Kempton's list were verses (e.g., 2 Th. 3:6, 14-15) which command withdrawal from compromising new evangelicals which ABWE consorts with. He denounced "religious tabloids that are dedicated to mitigating [sic] people or organizations." To exhort leaders, and to warn Christians of groups that deceive supporters is needed more than ever today. We are to warn as Paul did, with tears, but "fundamentalist" leaders are not above scriptural reproof.

ADRIAN ROGERS & BELLEVUE BAPTIST SPEAKERS- Dr. Adrian Rogers is a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention and a very effective orator. He delivered a strong keynote message at the National Religious Broadcasters convention in Nashville last year. His popular "Love Worth Finding" is carried by the charismatic TBN and also by Tennessee Temple's WDYN. The problem is that he preaches truth but promotes errorists. He is embraced by ecumenicals and by Jerry Falwell. Rogers pastors the 24,000-member Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis. Its Women's Conference this month features Vonette Bright and Jill Briscoe as speakers. Listed speakers for its 3/96 World Missions Conference were associated with: Promise Keepers, Campus Crusade, Youth For Christ, Wycliffe Bible Translators, SIM, TEAM, Life Action, TWR, and--sad to say--a couple of fundamental mission boards. Rogers is a Focus on the Family board member.

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EVANGELICALS ACCEPT CATHOLICISM, NEW WORLD ORDER--The subtitle of Wilson Ewin's new book, Under The New World Order, is: "Evangelicals, Catholics and Israel: Conspiracy of the Ages." Dr. Bart Brewer in the Introduction says: "Many today, disguised as evangelicals....ignore the fact that Roman Catholicism is paganism in a new garb." Ewin says: "The Catholic Church is an active component of the New World Order's religious unit. As such, the counterfeit Church is a working partner of International Communism." Photos and documentation expose the treachery of New Evangelical leaders (e.g., Billy Graham) and the current sinister stratagems of the Pope and Gorbachev in the quest for global unity. Order this book from: Ewin Publications, P.O. Box 180, Norton, VT 05907, \$6.85 postpaid.

PROMISE KEEPERS 'BREAK DOWN THE WALLS'-- Last year, over 720,000 men gathered for 13 Promise Keepers stadium events. In 1996, Promise Keepers men will assemble in 22 stadiums to "Break Down The Walls." Some of the "walls" they will break down are walls of separation erected by God's Word to "put a difference between the clean and the unclean" (Lev. 10:10), those teaching a false gospel (Catholics, e.g.) and those teaching a true (evangelicals). Gal. 1:6-9 is clear that those bringing a false gospel are to be "accursed." The 1996 slate of ecumenical speakers is about the same as last year, plus a few new ones, including: Chuck Colson, Bruce Wilkinson, Haddon Robinson, and David Burnham.

PK ECUMENICAL CLERGY MEET IN ATLANTA-- ACCC Executive Sec'y Dr. Ralph Colas attended, with press credentials, the Promise Keepers Clergy Conference for Men in Feb. at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta. A long firsthand report is available from: ACCC, P.O. Box 19, Wallingford, PA, 19086 (send offering). His report states that there were "priests, bishops, and ministers from every denomination in our country" among the almost 40,000 attendees. The 4/96 *Charisma* said "several Catholic priests were in attendance." Dr. Colas said, "The big beat, contemporary music brought the ministers to their feet...." Steve Green belted out repeatedly "Let the Walls Come Down." The 40,000 clergy shouted, whistled, clapped, and cheered as they worked to a higher and higher pitch of emotion. Dr. Colas said: "While there may be some good things said at a PK conference, this meeting included compromise, ecumenism, apostasy, Jesuit casuistry (end justifies the means), and hyper-emotionalism, along with a theology based on relationships rather than Biblical truth."

MURRAY HARRIS NOW BELIEVES IN RESURRECTION?- A major controversy has raged in recent years over Trinity International University (formerly TEDS) Prof. Murray Harris's confusing/heretical views on the resurrection(see 12/1/94 CC). Dr. Norman Geisler, Dr. Robert Culver, and Duane Magnani (Witness, Inc.) had expressed serious concerns about Harris. But the 3/18 *Christian News* reports that an agreement has been reached with Evangelical Free Church President Dr. Paul Cedar and the concerned groups, and that Harris now holds to the resurrection of Jesus in a physical body with "flesh and bones," and that believers will be raised in their "physical" bodies. So, they say, "The battle is over!"

ELMER TOWNS PULPIT-SHARES WITH CHARISMATICS--Fuller Seminary and Global Harvest Ministries will host a symposium in May to study the fast-growing post-denominational church. The symposium meets at Lake Avenue Congregational Church (Pasadena). Speakers include: "Signs & Wonders" guru C. Peter Wagner, Liberty University's Elmer Towns, Ted Haggard, Larry Lea, and other charismatics. Wagner is professor of church growth at Fuller Seminary, and coordinator of the United Prayer Track of the ecumenical A.D. 2000 and Beyond Movement. Towns speaks in Southern Baptist churches. He is not a separatist fundamentalist, though some "fundamentalist" schools/churches schedule him anyway.

HOVIND TO BE AT TTU- Dr. Kent Hovind--who often speaks on charismatic, Southern Baptist, and new-evangelical platforms (see 9/15/94 CC)--will teach a modular course entitled Creationism for Christian Leaders at Temple Baptist Seminary in June. Other TBS Summer 1996 Modular speakers include Dr. Olford and Dr. Kaiser.

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V-CHIP MEANS MORE TV SMUT-- A high-ranking TV network executive says a possible effect of the new V-chip may make television smuttier and more violent. The networks may decide they no longer have to police the content of their own shows since a chip is doing it for them. They could then show the equivalent of R-rated programs, including full nudity, bare breasts, simulated sex--and all kinds of vivid gashings and graphic gore (3/7 *H.Times*). The V-chip is "supposedly" standing guard and keeping minors out.

CARL SAGAN: 'EDUCATED FOOL' FACES DEATH- World famous evolutionist and star of the "Cosmos" series Carl Sagan was named "Humanist of the Year" in 1981. He said back then he opposed the spread of Christianity. In the 3/18 *USN&WR* he says "...the Bible is demonstrably wrong in areas of science." His new book is entitled: The Demon-Haunted World: Science as a Candle in the Dark. Sagan now faces death from a rare bone-marrow disease, and his despair is sad to behold (3/10 *Parade*): He says: "Four times now have I looked Death in the face...I would love to believe that when I die I will live again, that some thinking, feeling, remembering part of me will continue. But...I know of nothing to suggest that [an afterlife] is more than wishful thinking." He said "I cannot conceive of a god who rewards and punishes his creatures...." The god of science offers no hope at death.

MINIRTH BREAKS WITH MEIER-- Popular psychiatrists Paul Meier and Frank Minirth have had a long association with Dallas Seminary, and have dispensed psychological advice through a 200-station radio show, books, and chain of 80 clinics. But this has now changed, and Minirth has struck out on his own. A 3/9 *World* article said: "Welcome to Christian psychiatry in the '90s. In the good old days, Minirth-Meier New Life might well have a waiting list of believers willing to pay up to \$1,000 a day for in-patient psychiatric care that mixed Philipppians with Freud, conviction of sin with confirmation of self-esteem." In their Prophets of PsychoHeresy book, Martin and Deidre Bobgan said Minirth and Meier are heavily dependent upon Freud and that they at times inaccurately use Scripture to support their personal psychological opinions, and end up psychologizing the Bible.

FISHNET CONFERENCE FEATURES CAMPOLO, JOHNSTON--The 22nd Annual Fishnet conference, July 10-13 (Virginia) features the following speakers/performers: Radical leftist Tony Campolo, Youth For Christ, NRB performer Gary Chapman (Amy Grant's husband), Jerry Johnston, Peter Marshall, Ben Kinchlow, Steve Camp, and CeCe Winans.

DISNEY IS PAGAN, PRO-SODOMITE- Creationist Ken Ham in his 2/96 *Answers in Genesis* says: "[For] years, I

have been saying that as people or organizations build their thinking on evolution, they'll eventually abandon Christian morality, build a humanistic worldview, and eventually move into the New Age movement." During a recent visit to Disneyland, he said "...it hit me how pagan Disney had become." He cited music, and evolutionary propoganda, and said Disney offers health insurance to live-in partners of its homosexual employees. Disney head Michael Eisner says Disney (which tries to influence children) has the "largest lesbian and gay employees organization in the entertainment industry," and that "as many as 40 percent of its 63,000 employees might be [homosexual]."

U.S. GOVERNMENT IS LARGEST DISTRIBUTOR OF PORN--Pornography is a \$10 billion a year business. The federal government is America's largest distributor of pornography. It sells sex magazines tax-free and at discount through the military exchange system. The Pentagon Book Store sells nine "soft-porn" magazines and two explicit homosexual ones (3/96 BJU's *WITW*). Many, if not most, of all sex crimes are directly related to the use of pornography. Pornography demeans women, perverts youth, and destroys families.

SAME-SEX 'MARRIAGES'-- Hawaii is moving closer to becoming the first state to sanction homosexual marriages. The 2/26 *Wash. Watch* says: "If homosexual 'marriage' becomes law in Hawaii and is imposed on all other states through the Full Faith and Credit Clause of the Constitution, businesses will be forced to subsidize homosexuality, schoolchildren will be taught that homosexuality is equivalent to marital sex, and churches will be pushed into a religious 'ghetto,' where pressure will mount for conformity to civil law. Redefining marriage would redefine the family, giving homosexuals an uncontested 'right' to adopt children...."

'UNITED RELIGIONS' LIKE 'UNITED NATIONS'--Episcopal Bishop William of Calif. is proposing a new "United Religions" and is collaborating in this effort with the World Conference on Religion and Peace, the Gorbachev Foundation, and private foundations. (3/18 *New Amer.*) It would be a global, interfaith peacemaking organization for dialogue to help root out war.

FRAIL POPE & FLEEING FLOCK-- Pope John Paul II recently visited Latin America out of concern for exploding conversions of his flock to charismaticism, etc. Every day, on average, about 8,000 baptized Catholics become Protestants(2/12 CN).

BILL BRIGHT GETS \$1 MILLION TEMPLETON PRIZE--Investment manager John M. Templeton established the Templeton Prize in 1972 to recognize individuals who advance the world's understanding of religion. Bill Bright, head of Orlando based Campus Crusade is the winner of the 1996 Prize. He will use the money to promote fasting among Christians. He fasted 40 days in 1994 then called for hundreds of liberals, charismatics and new-evangelicals to convene in Orlando (see 11/15/94 & 3/15/95 CCs) to fast and pray for revival (Participants included Charles Colson and Bill Gothard.) Bright believes America is in the midst of a spiritual revival, and says denominational barriers are breaking down. He praises Promise Keepers for this. He is very ecumenical, and has Catholics on his staff. He has gravitated more and more toward the charismatic movement in recent years. He says his office has received thousands of letters from Muslims telling of seeing Jesus in visions. Previous Templeton Prize winners include Mother Teresa, Billy Graham and Chuck Colson. Last year it went to a creedless Australian physicist.

CRISWELL ENDORSES SCHULLER AUTOBIOGRAPHY-- Dr. W.A. Criswell, Pastor emeritus of the historic First Baptist Church (Dallas) and a leading SBC conservative, penned an endorsement for apostate Robert Schuller's new autobiography: *Prayer: My Soul's Adventure With God*. (1-2/96 *Fund.Digest*). Norman Vincent Peale, Schuller's mentor, is eulogized many times throughout the book, and Schuller was nearly euphoric when Mother Teresa "blessed" him. Other endorsers are: Paul [David] Cho, TBN's Paul Crouch, Jack Hayford, and John Wimber. SBC patriarch Criswell has praised Schuller's ministry for many years.

TIM LEE'S 'CHRISTIAN CONTRACT WITH AMERICA- Dr. Tim Lee calls for A Christian Contract With America, in a 1996 book by that title, to combat moral and social evils and to bring a spiritual awakening to America.

He praises the "alliances of other great men and women" such as Moral Majority, Eagle Forum, Christian Coalition, Focus on the Family, and Concerned Women for America. He says, "I thank God for their decisions of courage and faith." Lee said the Christian Coalition's "Contract With the American Family" is "commendable. It calls for respect for religious equality and an end to religious hostility...but we need to go much further." He said "I am not calling for a *Contract* that excludes other religious beliefs..." Roman Catholics are involved in the organizations Lee praises, and some include Jews, Mormons, etc. The Bible condemns such religious syncretism/inclusivism--joining with false-gospel enemies of God to fight society evils, etc.

PIEDMONT HAS ELMER TOWNS AS BANQUET SPEAKER--Piedmont Bible College (N. Carolina) again sent mixed signals with its recent speakers at its Bible Conference, etc. One of these, Dr. Bradley Price, associates with new evangelicals--routinely has Drs. Jerry Falwell and Tim Lee as speakers, etc. Dr. Elmer Towns spoke at Piedmont's Banquet. He is a vice president and dean at Falwell's Liberty University. He is listed in the 3/96 *Charisma* as a speaker, along with "signs and wonders" C. Peter Wagner and other charismatics, at a 5/96 conference hosted by Fuller Seminary. Piedmont leaders perhaps were not aware of this, but Towns could hardly have been regarded as being a fundamentalist. Reportedly the Piedmont president has said he would not have Dr. Tim Lee back, and has taken a commendable stand against Promise Keepers.

RON BLUE TO SPEAK AT IFCA MEETING--Dr. Ron Blue from CAM International is the speaker for the 1996 Annual National Independent Fundamental Churches of America Convention at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Mich. Blue and Pat Robertson were featured speakers at CBN's 11/94 Financial Success conference (10/94 *Charisma*). Blue also spoke at a Word of Life conference last year. Its 1-2/96 *Voice* magazine has articles by those with new-evangelical groups and ads promoting new-evangelical entities. IFCA pastor Ed Dobson is a Senior Editor of *Christianity Today*. He is a member of the radical leftist Evangelicals for Social Action--Ron Sider, president (1-2/96 Fund. Digest). "Evangelical" would seem more accurate than "Fundamental" in the IFCA's name.

GARBC LEADER HAS 'HEALING SERVICE'- A promo ad ("Choices, Choices") from Calvary Baptist Church of Muskegon, MI says "there are now three different ways to worship: 8:30 First Light -A mix of old and new for those who thrive on variety, 9:45 New Light - New format, new songs and a contemporary approach to worship, and 11: 00 Son Light - A classic service with traditional components." It listed "Physical Healing and Prayer" for Feb. 18, all three services. Calvary's pastor, William J. Rudd, is on the GARBC's Council of Eighteen, and is chairman of the Search Committee for a new GARBC National Rep.

PROMISE KEEPERS AN ECUMENICAL TOOL--Over 40,000 male clergy from around the globe met in Atlanta in February at Promise Keepers's first-ever Clergy Conference. The theme for this year's PK conferences is "Break Down the Walls." Unity and reaching beyond denominational barriers is a main goal. Catholics and Mormons accept PK, so what kind of unity will PK produce? The 2/96 *Wilderness Voice* said: "Promise Keepers is a very dangerous ecumenical group that may well accomplish what the charismatics and Catholics have not been able to do and that is to unite all factions of apostate Christianity into the one-world church of the anti-Christ."

ANGLICAN BISHOP WANTS CATHOLICS IN WCC- Anglican Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali says the ecumenical movement should consider scrapping the World Council of Churches and replacing it with a new international church body to which the Roman Catholic Church could belong (3/11 *Chr. News*). WCC head Konrad Raiser wants to increase Catholic participation (10/15 CC). He says ecumenical inclusiveness is severely limited without the full participation of the RCC along with evangelical & Pentecostal churches.

SEPARATION, THE UNPOPULAR BIBLE DOCTRINE-- The doctrine of Separation weaves its way through the Bible from Genesis through Revelation and is unpopular with many professing Christians. I guess many think it is too restrictive, and if faithfully practiced would distance them from a world system that still holds an appeal to them and for which they still hold a latent desire. But, can anyone who even casually reads the Bible deny its repetitious teaching on separation? There are several areas of separation that the Bible clearly teaches God's people to observe

and obey. I. **WORLDLINESS** (1 Jn. 2:15, John 15:18,19) A. Worldly dress and appearance (1 Tim. 2:9, 10, 1 Cor. 11:14) B. Worldly behavior (1 Pet. 1:15, 2 Cor. 7:1) C. Worldly Associations (1 Cor. 15:33) D. Worldly Activities. II. **FALSE DOCTRINE** (Rom. 16:17, Eph. 5:11). III. **COMPROMISING BRETHREN** (2 Th. 3:6, 14,15, 1 Cor. 5: 11). IV. **FALSE PROPHETS** (Matt. 24:24-26). [Allen P. Dickerson, 2/96 Maranatha Baptist Watchman]

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ABORTION IS TERRORISM- The Clinton administration publicly condemned many acts of global terrorism last month. Conspicuously ignored was a U.N. report issued February 14 that said 45 million abortions are performed worldwide annually (2/24 *World*). That equals about one unborn baby killed for every three live births.

FALWELL ENDORSES NEW VISION AMERICA-- On Jan. 16, Jerry Falwell, D. James Kennedy, Tim LaHaye, Tim Lee, Peter Marshall, Paul Pressler, Ralph Reed, Adrian Rogers, David Barton, Ronnie Floyd and Paul Weyrich (RC) joined together to lend their endorsement to a new organization called *Vision America* (3/96 *Nat'l Lib.Jrnl.*). Pastor Rick Scarborough, who wrote Enough is Enough, is VA's national chairman. Over the past year over 1,000 pastors have signed on to VA's "quest to restore America to her Christian heritage." VA seems to be another ecumenical Moral-Majority-type attempt to address the raging culture war.

GARY CHAPMAN DEFINES 'FUNDAMENTALIST' AT NRB--Gary Chapman (Amy Grant's husband) hosted a "Music Celebration" at the recent NRB 96. In opening remarks, he said he was a "fundamentalist," and said that is a person who believes the Bible [no mention of obedience]. He proceeded to further define a fundamentalist in this manner: "If the mere sight of a Kentucky Fried Chicken sign makes you want to give--you are a fundamentalist. If you sing 35 verses of 'Just As I Am'--you are a fundamentalist. If you tell your congregation to bow their heads, close their eyes and no one to look around--then you are a fundamentalist" (From Dr. Colas' NRB report). The 3/96 *Charisma* called Chapman one of Nashville's busiest men. It said he hosts at Sam's Place, a nightclub showcasing country and gospel musicians, and said his music has strong ties to country, gospel and old-time rock 'n' roll--not exactly the credentials you'd expect for one defining "fundamentalism."

TOO MUCH SELF-ESTEEM- Nowadays, "lack of self-esteem" is the all-purpose diagnosis to explain bad grades, marital discord, and all kinds of social maladjustment and personal unhappiness (2/ 10 *World*). But, do we really feel bad about ourselves? Per a 1993 study, 90 percent of business managers rate their performance "superior." Most employees and high school seniors (SAT) rate themselves "above average." Psychologists want to raise the self-esteem of violent offenders (2/19 *USN&WR*). But studies in last month's *Psychological Review* found almost no evidence linking violence to low self-esteem and said HIGH self-esteem may be the culprit. The Bible warns about high self-esteem, "lovers of self."

SEX ED IS WORSE THAN MERE FAILURE-- Mounting evidence indicates that contraceptive-based programs do

worse than merely fail. The CDC announced last fall that states that stress abstinence in sex-education classes--or don't require such classes at all--have fewer teen pregnancies (2/10 *World*). States and districts that mandate contraceptive programs and distribute condoms have the highest rates. Wyoming and No. Dakota don't require sex-ed and have a teen pregnancy rate of 53.7 (& 54.2) per 1,000 girls ages 15 through 19, per 1992 figures. By contrast, the District of Columbia mandates sex-ed and availability of condoms and had a teen pregnancy rate of 208.4 per 1,000. Georgia was second with 106.9; Nevada was third with 106.

A TRUCK THAT HEALS?- Village followers of Brazilian doctor Gustavo Gomes believe that people can be healed merely by sitting in the cab of his pickup truck (3/96 *Charisma*). Gomes reportedly traveled through northern Brazil for almost half a century in a '48 Ford pickup caring for sick villagers. Since his death last summer, villagers say his spirit still lives in the truck and claim they've been healed of every malady from toothaches to tuberculosis, just by sitting in the cab of the "holy roller." Brazil is a Catholic nation, and Catholicism is notorious for mystical "signs and wonders." The Vatican takes seriously stories from Poland of healings related to a portrait of a black Virgin Mary and Baby Jesus that hangs in a monastery. Thousands of healings are claimed. Pope John Paul II himself has visited the monastery to see the miracle-working Black Madonna.

GORE/NCC NEW AGE IDEAS AT UN FORUM-- The 10/2 *New American* said United Nations events typically have New Age overtones and occultic under-currents, and the 9/95 UN/USA's National Assembly upheld that tradition. Its closing address was to have been delivered by V-P Al Gore, but he became unavailable and this role was given to National Council of Churches Gen. Sec'y Rev. Joan Brown Campbell. She began her speech by referring to the "religious icon" prominently displayed in Gore's office: A global view of the earth from space. Campbell said this familiar photo is "an icon for our time," a symbol of the desire to exist "at one with nature, with the divine, and with humankind." She condemned the privatizing of life (which inspires resistance to the "global neighborhood" concept promoted by the UN) and those preoccupied with "'My' family, 'my' property, 'my' children, etc. She said such "selfishness calls us away from building a world community" and undermines our "moral mandate to support the United Nations."

FULLER SEMINARY HOSTS WCC MEETING-- The World Council of Churches held its U.S. Conference as a guest on the campus of Fuller Theological Seminary last December. Pastor John Ashbrook quotes from a 12/19 WCC letter saying Fuller Pres. Richard Mouw attended the early session of the meeting and extended a warm welcome to the group (2/96 OBF *Visitor*). Most participants thought the WCC should work more closely with Pentecostal and evangelical groups. Several urged council staff to continue working closely with non-Christian or para-church groups. Ashbrook said the letter shows the sights of the WCC to be set carefully on the clientele of the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), and the WCC's willingness to broaden its base to include "non-Christian" groups such as Moslems and Buddhists. New evangelicals are victims of their own strategy of infiltration.

DALLAS SEMINARY & PROMISE KEEPERS- Dallas Seminary, in a 12/95 statement on the Promise Keepers ministry said: "Although Dallas has no official ties to Promise Keepers, some of our faculty and alumni have participated in their public meetings. One of our distinguished professors, Dr. Howard Hendricks, also serves on the PK board." It said groups that differ theologically can agree to stand together on crucial issues, and: "For example, Roman Catholics and Evangelical Protestants can unite in opposition to such evils as abortion on demand and pornography. Furthermore, non-charismatics and charismatics can unite in support of the basic biblical values of sexual morality, personal integrity, and family fidelity." Dallas says "we can support the objectives of Promise Keepers without compromising our theological position or biblical distinctives." But this is untenable! A main PK objective is to "reach beyond denominational barriers." PK says, in effect, that it's wrong to have doctrinal convictions. It is impossible to support such "objectives" without compromising theological positions.

CAMPUS CRUSADE'S BILL BRIGHT & CHARISMATICS--Bill Bright, a Catholic-praising ecumenical, works closely with charismatic movement leaders. His son Zac was an assistant pastor of a Foursquare church, but now pastors the Divine Savior Church (Irwindale, CA). Zac says (3/96 *Charisma*): "My father freely moves in charismatic

circles and supports my ministry wherever it takes me, in charismatic circles and beyond."

RICHARD ROBERTS'S 'FITS OF JOY'- The 3/96 *Charisma* describes Oral Roberts University President Richard Roberts's "laughing revival" experience at Karl Strader's Carpenter's Home Church in Lakeland, FL in 1993-- where Rodney Howard-Browne had just preached an eight-week revival: "Halfway through his sermon, Richard had a word of knowledge for a deaf man. When he went to lay hands on him, the man started to fall. Richard tried to catch him but instead somersaulted to the floor himself. There he lay for 20 minutes, convulsing with laughter. 'It came up into my chest, into my throat,' he says of the joy. 'And I began to laugh, and there was nothing funny. I couldn't preach anymore. As I laughed I felt all the stress, bitterness, anger, fear and worry over [ORU's] debt leave me.' He had more fits of joy back in Tulsa--like the one on the day ORU faced an overdue insurance payment of \$85,000. Instead of fretting, Richard fell out of his chair, laughing." Richard says his father (Oral Roberts) is an apostle. Oral's 900-foot Jesus, and other tall tales, have proven him to be a FALSE apostle.

DR. COLAS REPORTS ON NRB 96-- A severe ice and snow storm kept the *CC* editor, some scheduled speakers, and others from attending the National Religious Broadcasters Convention in Indianapolis, Feb. 3-6. But ACCC Exec. Sec'y Dr. Ralph G. Colas attended and has prepared a comprehensive report (available from ACCC, P.O. Box 19, Wallingford, PA 19086 - send offering). Former V-P Dan Quayle was a main speaker. He favorably quoted Mother Teresa. ORU grad Myles Munroe was the keynote speaker. Beverly LaHaye, Kay Arthur, Focus on the Family, Dino, actress Susan Howard ("Dallas"), and Larnelle Harris participated. Pres. Clinton again was not invited due to his unscriptural policies and positions. The NRB is an affiliate of the NAE. Its 90-member board is a "who's who" of New Evangelicalism. Some belong to churches in the NCC/WCC. Many are part of charismatic/pentecostal denominations.

HOW CAN CATHOLIC CHURCH DECEIVE SO MANY?- "The reason why the Roman Catholic Church is deceiving a greater number of people than ever before is because Pope John Paul II has convinced top leaders of the evangelical and charismatic movements that he espouses and preaches the gospel. Even though he uses much evangelical terminology, he still preaches the false gospel of salvation by faith plus works, plus sacraments, plus purgatory. Furthermore, in accordance with Roman Catholic dogma, he steadfastly refuses to accept the 66 books of the Bible as the only infallible, inspired Word of God, and adds the traditions, the apocrypha, and edicts of Popes and Councils." (1-2/96 *Foundation*). Leaders such as Billy Graham, Chuck Colson, Bill Bright, Pat Robertson, Robert Schuller, Paul Crouch, Jack Van Impe, James Robison, Jerry Falwell, and Oral Roberts have praised the Pope.

WAITE SETTLES LIBEL SUIT AGAINST COLSON-- The 12/11 *Chr. Today* said authors Charles Colson and Ellen Vaughn (& publisher Word, Inc.) have issued public apologies to Dean Burgon Society Pres. Donald Waite for making libelous allegations about him in their best-selling book The Body. Terms of the out-of-court settlement were not disclosed. Dr. Waite's 64-page answer to the "96 errors" in the book is available from him at: BFT, 900 Park Ave., Collingswood, NJ 08108.

UCC BECOMING UNITARIAN-- Dr. Donald Bloesch, Professor of Theology at Dubuque Seminary, says the United Church of Christ is already Universalist and is drifting into Unitarianism (2/12 *Chr. News*). He said it seems to be following in the path of the United Church of Canada "which has become a Unitarian church because it sees the three persons of the trinity as metaphors rather than distinct entities." Bloesch adds: "The theological trend in the UCC is toward a new gnosticism....Such distinctions as heaven and hell, salvation and damnation are already lost." Bloesch himself is considered an evangelical by Moody and other "evangelicals," but he denies the inerrancy of the Bible (12/1 *CC*).

COLAS REPORTS ON NRB, PROMISE KEEPERS, & NAE--American Council of Christian Churches Executive Secretary Dr. Ralph G. Colas attended, with press credentials, the NRB Convention and the Promise Keepers Clergy Conference in Atlanta last month. He plans to cover the NAE Convention in Minneapolis this month. Extensive

reports will soon be available on all of these events, from the ACCC, P.O. Box 19, Wallingford, PA 19086. If you request these, be sure to enclose an offering to help with travel expenses and publication costs for these vital reports.

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NEW AGE 'THERAPEUTIC TOUCH' GOES MAINSTREAM--About 100,000 nurses have been trained in therapeutic touch, the fastest-growing alternative nursing practice. TT is a New Age religious practice with roots in Eastern religions. (2/5 *C.Today*). Nurses manipulate "energy fields" (2/5 *USN&WR*), and help patients get in touch with "the divine within." The Department of Defense has granted \$355,000 to the University of Alabama at Birmingham to study therapeutic touch.

NO MORE NEA HOMO-EROTIC BLASPHEMOUS ART?--Don't hold your breath, but new guidelines at the National Endowment of the Arts will end direct grants to individual artists and groups. Grants will instead be given for "broad theme" projects (2/10 *World*). With a 40 percent budget cut, to 99 million, and its staff cut from 279 to 148, the NEA is trying to avoid funding the controversial art that most antagonized taxpayers.

JANE ROE SAYS SHE IS PRO-LIFE & NOT A LESBIAN--Norma McCorvey ("Jane Roe") at her "conversion" last year sent conflicting signals, saying she still favored first-trimester abortions and was maintaining her lesbian relationship with her housemate (see 10/15 CC). But she is now a pro-life activist and says she opposes abortion on any terms (1/29 *Chr. News*). She says she no longer lives in a lesbian relationship.

JEWISH POPULATION PLUMMETING--Despite a growing Jewish population in Israel, Germany, Canada, and Panama, a new World Jewish Congress report says Jews worldwide are becoming an "endangered species," that they are "a people in a crisis of spirit and identity," losing their identity through intermarriage and cultural assimilation (2/5 CN). There are about 13 million Jews world-wide. Studies show that only about one-fourth of intermarried couples raise their children as Jews (2/3 HT). Over 50 percent of U.S. Jews married in the 1980s chose a non-Jewish partner.

SBC TO AVOID DISNEY?- The Florida Baptist Convention approved a resolution asking Baptists to "prayerfully reconsider their continued purchase and support of Disney products." It said Disney's moral leadership has been eroded by its giving spouse benefits to homosexual partners, and its practice of holding homosexual theme nights at its parks (2/96 BB). The resolution, which will be presented to the national SBC in June, also noted that Disney had promoted combination cruise-and-theme-park vacations that included drinking and gambling and has distributed offensive materials through its Miramax Films subsidiary. Disney promotes perversion--its "family friendly" image is gone.

'RECOVERED MEMORY THERAPY' PSYCHIATRIC QUACKERY--A St. Paul jury in Jan. awarded. \$2.5 million to a Minn. woman and her family for "injuries suffered as a result of negligent psychotherapy to recover so-called repressed memories". A psychiatrist--using hypnosis, misinformation, coercion, threats and suggestions--was said to have implanted false memories of childhood sexual abuse (1/29 *Chr. News*). A world renowned memory expert testified that the theory of "repressed memories" is a myth that is unsupported by reliable scientific evidence. A Concordia Seminary professor has filed a lawsuit against *Christian News* for referring to his view of Recovered Memory, etc., as "voodoo psychology."

EX-2 LIVE CREW RAPPER TO PROMISE KEEPERS PULPIT--Mike DeVine left the obscene "savaging women" 2 Live Crew rap group in 1989, sick of the life-style. He's now a hip hop artist who thinks he is on the verge of breaking into the big time gospel market. The 1/26 *Rocky Mtn. News* said he is looking to Promise Keepers as a pulpit, and has met with PK founder Bill McCartney. He says McCartney is interested in him coming aboard to rap before stadiums full of men, and a PK official said: "We would certainly be interested in him since he can reach out to youth."

PROMISE KEEPERS at its beginning stressed discipleship. However, in its zeal to unify professing Christian men, PK decided that doctrine is a *stumbling block* to unity, rather than the *biblical basis* for it. That makes Christian discipleship an impossibility. (Tom McMahon)

CANADIAN THEOLOGIAN CAN'T WORSHIP 'MALE GOD'--Former Catholic nun Mary T. Malone, an associate professor at the University of St. Jerome's College, has renounced Christianity, declaring she can no longer accept the maleness of God in the Christian tradition (1/29 *CN*). She and other such "atheists" should love the new Inclusive Bible which prunes away masculine pronouns for Deity, and renders the opening of the Lord's Prayer: "Our Father-Mother in heaven..."

MEXICO: CATHOLICS VIOLENT AGAINST EVANGELICALS--Evangelical teaching has taken off in Chiapas, Mexico as in no other state. In 1970 there were 900 Presbyterians, today 400,000. Presbyterians & Pentecostals are the two largest evangelical groups and together they comprise over 60 percent of Chiapas' population, while the national average is over 80 percent Catholic(2/3 *World*). Some evangelicals who refuse to attend Catholic Church festivals have reported being arrested and harassed. Six were killed recently in an on-going pattern of violence against Protestants.

REIGHARD TO STANLEY CHURCH-- Charles Stanley's Atlanta church voted unanimously Jan. 14 to call Dwight "Ike" Reighard as senior associate pastor. Reighard will be the primary preacher at the N.E. Atlanta site and Stanley continues to preach at the old Midtown site which is for sale. He said last year he would resign if his divorce becomes final. Leaders hope to combine the two congregations after the sale (1/30 *Ind. Bapt.*). Reighard will fill the pulpit vacated by Stanley's son Andy, who resigned in the wake of divorce proceedings between his parents.

CORNERSTONE'S NEW EVANGELICAL SPEAKERS-- Cornerstone College/Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary is an approved entity of the GARBC. It has in recent years defended two professors who had problems accepting the literalness of certain aspects of heaven/hell. In the Feb. 1 CC, we listed some of the ecumenical speakers slated for its Feb. 19-23 Bible Conference. Included were: Warren Wiersbe, Joseph Stowell, Ed Dobson, and Knute Larson. Wiersbe speaks in conferences at Billy Graham's "The Cove" (in NC). Stowell is president of Moody Bible Institute, and speaks at SBC and Promise Keepers events. Dobson is a Senior Editor of *Christianity Today* whose founder and Board Chairman is Billy Graham. Larson is Senior Pastor of The Chapel, Akron, Ohio. He derided fundamentalists in a March 1994 address at the NAE. So, Cornerstone continues to cozy with mainline new-evangelical elites, and the GARBC seemingly condones all this and much more, by continuing year after year to grant approval status. You can't compromise this way and still be fundamentalists.

NAE '96 SPEAKERS-- An invitation letter from the National Association of Evangelicals for its 54th Annual Convention--"Reaching America: One Voice in Unity"--in Minneapolis March 3-5, termed this meeting: "three days of productive networking by decision makers from 350 evangelical groups." The NAE claims a service constituency of 27 million. Speakers include Promise Keepers founder Bill McCartney, MBI president Joseph Stowell, Luis Palau, Habitat for Humanity founder Millard Fuller, John Perkins, and Jill Briscoe (she is to address a public evening session). All are popular ecumenicals. Dr. Billy Graham is being specially honored by this year's convention. Assembly of God minister Dr. Don Argue became NAE president last year--the first Pentecostal to lead the NAE.

HANEGRAAFF SAYS REV. 17 NOT RELATED TO RC CHURCH--"Bible Answer Man" Hank Hanegraaff last year said Roman Catholicism does not fall within his definition of a cult (see 12/15 CC). In his 2/5 broadcast, a caller asked: "Is there any relation between [Rev. 17] and the Roman Catholic Church?" Hanegraaff said: "Absolutely none!... It's unfortunate today that there are people who are writing whole books trying to take Rev. 17 and trying to equate that to the Roman Catholic Church, which is sheerly ludicrous...".

EPISCOPAL EMBEZZLER BLAMES MENTAL ILLNESS--Former Episcopal Church treasurer Ellen Cooke admitted in federal court in late Jan. that she embezzled over \$1.5 million while in office (2/3 *World*). But she said the theft was due to a mental illness, perhaps a "bipolar mood disorder." Presiding Bishop Edmond Browning, head of the church, for years waved away questions about her lavish lifestyle and her overbearing, harsh style of management. The church has seized her and her husband's (an Episcopal priest) two homes. She faces up to three years in jail.

ARMSTRONG'S CULT SHEDS CULTIC VIEWS--For decades Herbert W. Armstrong and his Worldwide Church of God denied the Trinity and other key doctrines. *Plain Truth* magazine was replete with his heresies. But his successor, Joseph Tkach, Sr., who died last Sept., began a process of doctrinal revision toward orthodoxy. His successor son, Joseph Tkach, continued this, and now says (2/5 *Chr.News*): "Gone are our obsession with a legalistic interpretation of the Old Testament, our belief in British Israelism. We teach salvation by grace, based on faith alone, without resort to works of any kind. We are grateful for those fellow Christians--Hank Hanegraaff, Ruth Tucker, David Neffand friends at Fuller Seminary, Regent College and elsewhere--who have extended the hand of fellowship to us."

CT REVIEWER PRAISES BARTH-- The Dec. 11 *Christianity Today* had an effusive-with-praise review of a 1995 book about Karl Barth's theology. It said that "When chroniclers of twentieth-century theology look back one hundred years hence, there is little doubt that one name will overshadow all others as the giant of this century's theologians--Karl Barth." *O Timothy* editor David Cloud comments: "The reviewer admits that Barth was not orthodox, that he denied the biblical view of inspiration, yet he believes he was a great theologian.". Barth was a neo-orthodox theologian who also denied the physical resurrection of Jesus Christ, and is hardly worthy of praise by evangelicals. But promoting modernists is nothing new for *Chr. Today*. Ed Dobson is a CT "Senior Editor;" Joseph Stowell and Warren Wiersbe are "Advisory Editors."

ANGLICANS SAY HELL IS NOT A PLACE OF FIRE-- In a report by its doctrinal commission, the Anglican Church says Hell is not a flaming pit populated by demons and devils. It said people who go to Hell aren't thrown into a fiery furnace or tortured forever; they're annihilated. (2/3 *Dallas Morn.News*). *Sword* editor Dr. Shelton Smith said: "In the Bible you'll find Hell is a real place, a place of torment, suffering, anguish, punishment and literal fire. But the Church of England (Anglican) disputes that. According to their official definition, Hell is reduced to a state of non-being or nothingness. They express concern about psychological needs but not a word about eternal needs."

DOBSON DOESN'T WARN OF CATHOLICISM DANGERS- Focus on the Family is weak on Roman Catholicism. Dr. James Dobson praises Catholic leaders (Pope John Paul II, Mother Teresa). Cathy Burns (1/29 CN) says Mother Teresa is a New Ager and "does not believe in being born-again, and considers Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam and other religions to be acceptable ways to God...". David Cloud says: "The issue is that Focus on the Family never

warns its listeners of Rome's blasphemies and cursed sacramental gospel.". Ronald Cooke (12/95) says: "Rome has not changed. It may change its window dressing to attract the unwary but it is still the same Cult of Mary that it has been for centuries. It still preaches the same message of salvation through Mary, good works, Masses, Penance, and Purgatory. It still deplores and denies salvation by grace, justification by faith alone, and Christ as the ONLY Mediator between God and men."

TILTON RECONCILES WITH WIFE-- Just 16 days after filing for divorce, former TV evangelist Robert Tilton has reconciled with his second wife of 21 months (1/29 CN, 1/15 CC). They plan to continue preaching together at his church

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1995: THE YEAR SODOMY BECAME SANCTIONED ON TV--A 12/25 *Huntsville Times* article said of 1995: "Suddenly, gayness was cool. Although gay characters still weren't allowed to connect physically in prime time, homosexuality became a topic deemed safe, sanctioned, and wide open for discussion on series old and new." It said 1995 was the year *Gay Came to Stay* on prime-time TV. And it promises to get worse. A 1/17 *HT* article said that on network television today, being gay or lesbian is OK, perfectly acceptable, and that, "Hollywood producers as well as gay activists are convinced that the current flood of 'innocuous' gays will open the door to more honestly portrayed characters."

CRYOGENICS: NEW PRETEXT FOR ABORTION?- Cryogenic Solutions, Inc. (Houston) says it can freeze an aborted baby, so that later, when the mother is "better able" to care for it, the "interrupted pregnancy" can be resumed. So far, it only has the technology to freeze cells, not to thaw them and "reanimate" the baby--that's another 5 to 10 years away (1/27 *World*). It costs \$356 to have a baby's cells preserved for 10 years. A pro-life activist says: "This is a way to broaden the market for abortionists. They're hoping that thousands of women who are unsure, who go to an abortion mill with questions, can be persuaded to have an abortion. After all, according to CSI, they're not killing their baby--they're just postponing the pregnancy." Another pro-lifer says cryo-preservation is a high-tech attempt to avoid feelings of guilt.

EPISCOPAL GROUP TERMS SOME SUICIDES OK-- The Episcopal Diocese of Newark (NJ) whose leader is the radical Bishop John Shelby Spong deems suicide and assisted suicide morally acceptable for the terminally ill and those living with persistent physical pain (1/29 *HT*). A resolution for all this will be brought to the floor of the national convention in 18 months.

CHARISMATIC MISSIONARIES CONVERT TO CATHOLICISM--Reacting to a report in the 12/95 *Charisma*, a letter writer (2/96) said: "I am shocked that two Assemblies of God missionaries have converted to the Roman Catholic church! If this is a trend...then all of America's churches will fall apart and die. We can destroy our Bibles and...praise and adore the pope. The super-enticing ecumenical movement led by Chuck Colson is now working with *Charisma* and Pat Robertson to destroy Reformation principles." We disagree that ALL American churches will "fall apart and die." God has a remnant that will obey Rev. 18:4 (Eph. 5:11, 2 Cor. 6:14-17, etc.) and remain separate from the deepening apostasy.

HOSPITALS PROMOTE WITCHCRAFT, ISLAM?- Watchman Fellowship director Craig Branch (Birmingham), maintains that a therapeutic touch therapy offered by the Univ. of Alabama (UAB) through a \$355,000 DOD study grant is based on ancient witchcraft rituals and is popular in the New Age movement (1/13 *Huntsville Times*). Houston's (TX) Methodist Hospital is opening a Muslim Prayer Center, specially designed to look like the outside of a mosque (1/20 *Houston Chron.*). Wonder what John Wesley would say to this?

GLIDE CHURCH, CECIL WILLIAMS-- Glide Memorial U. Methodist Church, San Francisco's largest congregation, ministers to society's castoffs and also to its wealthiest elite (1/27 HT). Hollywood stars and the Clintons have visited and praised it. Pastor Cecil Williams's 1980 autobiography was laced with four-letter profanity and revolutionary social pleas. He has repudiated basic doctrines of Christianity and said he was "tired of hearing about Jesus." Glide has hosted a National Hookers Convention, had a "Rabbi in residence" and promoted all sorts of radical causes (5/15/85, 2/1/93 CCs). But despite its sordid history/practices, it has received huge sums of government funds for social programs. Ironically, Glide was endowed in the 1920s by a Christian widow of an oil millionaire.

OBE IS BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION--Parents have been told that Outcome-Based Education (OBE) has nothing to do with changing children's attitudes and values; that OBE (sometimes called Performance-Based Education or other name) improves learning. What parents are NOT being told is that the research base for OBE is from the field of psychology, not education; that in psychology, the term "learning" is synonymous with the term "conditioning." Parents are NOT being told that OBE is not education at all; it is but the hollow substitute of psychological conditioning or, as it is sometimes called, behavior modification. Jed Brown [1/96 *Christian Conscience* - our source for this article] said psychologists have ripped the schools from parents and teachers, and their objective is to create children who behave the same, think the same, and believe the same. Sadly, the only "outcome" of OBE will be a baser society.

RUSSIANS MURDER 2 OF EVERY 3 BABIES CONCEIVED?--Russians abort their children at the world's highest rate. Three million Russian children were murdered by their mothers in 1994. (12/95 *Am.Info.Newsl.*) Two of every three conceptions are aborted. Russian women prefer abortion to contraceptives as a means of birth-control. Abortion is always a key element of socialism.

TOM ELLIFF NEXT SBC PRESIDENT?-- Tom Elliff, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, OK, will be nominated for president of the Southern Baptist Convention at the SBC annual meeting in New Orleans in June by Fred Wolfe, pastor of Cottage Hill Baptist Church, Mobile, AL. (1/16 *Indiana Baptist*). Elliff, a former president of the SBC Pastors' Conference, said he will serve if elected. His church is a big supporter of the SBC's Cooperative Program, which for many years has paid the salaries of liberal seminary professors and other SBC leaders. His churches' 1995 \$3 million budget allocated 4 percent to CP and associational causes.

CHARISMATICS KICKED OUT OF SBC-- Two Southern Baptist missionaries who served 13 years with the Foreign Mission Board were fired Dec. 12 because of charismatic activity in the church they pastor (2/96 *Charisma*). They founded the Praise Baptist Church in Singapore and encouraged the practice of "falling" under the power of the Holy Spirit (ala Toronto). FMB president Jerry Rankin at his election in 1993 admitted to "praying in the Spirit" and to interpreting a message in tongues. He says the SBC's FMB allows charismatic practice in an individual's personal life, but views with concern questionable public practices that cause dissension.

COLSON CONTINUES TO PROMOTE CATHOLICISM- Chuck Colson, along with RC priest Richard John Neuhaus, was a prime mover behind the 1994 "Evangelicals and Catholics Together" document. In a new book, *Gideon's Torch* (a novel), he continues to press for the acceptance of Roman Catholic dogma as mainstream evangelical teaching (Dr. James Holly, 1/8 *Chr.News*). After meeting with the Pope last Oct. (along with an elite group of "evangelicals"), he depicted the Pope as a great moral leader and a friend of biblical orthodoxy. *O Timothy* editor David Cloud says Colson represents an apostate form of modern evangelicalism which is so nonchalant about the truth that it cannot resist error. He is a pro-Catholic ecumenical bridge-builder.

SWORD EDITOR ON NEW EVANGELICALISM- Commenting on a report of Franklin Graham succeeding his father, being named v-p of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, identified with the social gospel approach to ministry, etc., *Sword of the Lord* editor Dr. Shelton Smith said: "Our position has been for many years that new evangelicalism is watered down, soft-soap, diluted and weak. We have often raised objection to the ecumenical evangelism practiced by the BGEA and anyone else who espouses it. We are today more convinced than ever that our position has been right on this. This appointment will probably move the BGEA even further to the left... and make it more like what we would want less of. We believe new evangelicalism and ecumenical evangelism efforts are unscriptural and should therefore be avoided by folks with a serious heart to honor and please the Lord."

LEE, FALWELL, FEATURE SOUTHERN BAPTISTS-- Dr. Jerry Falwell's 2/96 paper has large ads for a "Singles Aflame" and "Youth Alive" conference at Charlotte in June. Southern Baptists such as former SBC president Bailey Smith are to speak at these events, erstwhile (?) fundamentalist Randy Ray speaks at "Singles Aflame," and Johnny Pope at the "Youth Alive" segment. CCM singers/groups will perform. Lee has sadly followed Falwell into new evangelicalism. At his 3/94 CORE conference, he defended having So. Baptist Adrian Rogers as a speaker (4/1/94 CC).

E.V. HILL A PK SPEAKER- Promise Keepers is led by charismatics and was started by members of John Wimber's Vineyard Fellowship. PK features pop psychology, rock music, worldly entertainers, and ecumenical speakers (1/22 *Chr. News*). Having drawn 725,000 men to 13 stadium conferences in 1995, it convenes its first Clergy conference for men this month in Atlanta. This is the largest gathering of clergy in history. Over 35,000 clergy had pre-registered prior to the end of 1995. Speakers include Jack Hayford, Joseph Stowell (MBI), Chuck Swindoll, and E.V. Hill. Hill pastors Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Los Angeles (NCC-denom member). He is a member of the Los Angeles NAACP, Urban League, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (which sponsored the 1993 Gay Rights march on Washington), according to the 5/95 *M. to C. Challenger*. He has been featured on diverse new-evangelical, liberal, and charismatic platforms such as Kenneth Hagin's Rhema Center.

VAN IMPE'S LUCRATIVE SENSATIONALISM- Dr. Frank McClelland writes in the Nov-Dec *Canadian Revivalist*: In our last two issues we have written about Jack and Rexella Van Impe's flirtation with Rome, and their mean-spirited attack on Dr. Paisley. Now comes a short TV exposure of the Van Impes on 'A Current Affair.' The program examined Van Impe's fantastic claim that a Russian invasion force is already in the U.S. poised to topple the Government. The TV crew found this 'force' in Gulfport, MS. It turned out to be a collection of old surplus E. German ambulances and water carriers that the owner was refurbishing for use as ambulances and garbage trucks in third world countries... [Other Van Impe 'gems' were rebutted.] One erstwhile Van Impe supporter said, 'First they get the money, and then the money gets to them.' Quite a lot it seems. Their operation brought in \$15 million last year, and the combined salaries of Jack & Rexella were quoted as \$350,000."

SILENT WATCHMEN, DUMB DOGS-- A watchdog that won't bark when a prowler comes is of no value as a watchdog. God called the pastors of Judah blind watchmen, "dumb dogs" that cannot bark (Is. 56:10). He didn't accuse them of false doctrine, but of being asleep at a time when they should have been warning the flock. Calvin said: "A dog barks when his master is attacked. I would be a coward if I saw God's truth attacked and yet remain silent without giving a sound." Christ's undershepherds have a duty to speak out, take sides, take a stand. Neutrality helps God's enemies, not His Cause. The May-June '95 *Foundation* said: "A silent watchman is more dangerous than no watchman because people feel a sense of security if they know a watchman is on the job 24 hours a day." Silence encourages the compromiser, not the contender for truth.

PICKERING BOOK IN RUSSIA-- In Georgi Vins 2/96 paper, we read: "...*Biblical Separation* by Dr. Ernest Pickering stresses the need for a pure faith and the urgency of coming out of unbiblical organizations or liberal churches. Remarkably, a Russian Orthodox priest wrote to us, emphatically agreeing with what he'd read and asking for more copies to share with other priests!" [Dr. Pickering is Deputation Director for Baptist World Mission

(BWM), and his newer 1994 book, The Tragedy of Compromise, published by BJU Press, is available from BWM, P.O. Box 1463, Decatur, AL 35602. Booklets on Promise Keepers, Lordship Salvation, and other timely topics are also available from BWM.]

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BACKLASH AGAINST GAMBLING?-- In 1994 Americans wagered \$482 billion on all forms of gambling, 85 percent of which took place in casinos in 27 states, most of them built in the past five years (1/15 *USN&WR*). Just two years ago, gambling was spreading so fast that experts predicted confidently that by the year 2000, 95 percent of Americans would live in a state with a casino. Instead, no state has legalized casino gambling since 1994, and a backlash may be developing. Some cities made the mistake of thinking they could replicate Las Vegas's success, but Las Vegas "succeeds" because it is a tourist destination. In Tunica, Miss., results are mixed. Welfare rates were cut by a third, but crime skyrocketed and most jobs went to workers from Memphis. Gambling is coveting, a regressive tax on the poor, and creates social ills.

'LITTLE KNOWN FACTS ABOUT FOCUS ON THE FAMILY'--That's the title of a new well-researched 32-page paper by Dr. Cathy Burns. After applauding Dr. James Dobson's stand in the areas of abortion, pornography, and homosexuality, Burns warns readers of some dangers in Dobson's ministry (promotion of Promise Keepers, New Age, etc.). Available from Dr. Burns at: Sharing, 212 E. 7th St., Mt. Carmel, PA 17851, \$4.00 postpaid.

MUSLIMS MURDER CHRISTIANS, BUT DEMAND RIGHTS--The 12/95 *Berean Call* says: "Muslims can build mosques and proselytize in the West, but no one can build a Christian church or proclaim the gospel in most Muslim countries. One cannot even have a Bible study in one's home in Saudi Arabia, where it is officially the death penalty for a Muslim to convert to another religion. It is the death penalty in Pakistan to 'blaspheme' Allah. Christians are literally being crucified in the Sudan; but the United Nations, which recently condemned the United States for 'human rights violations,' says not a word! Of 22 Arab nations, not one is a democracy. There is no freedom of religion, of speech, of press or of conscience in Muslim countries, yet Muslims riot in the West for such freedoms..."

NRB 96-- *Calvary Contender* has again been approved for press credentials to cover the 53rd annual National Religious Broadcasters convention & exhibition in Indianapolis, Feb. 3-6. This editor plans to attend as a member of the press and report back to our readers. ACCC Exec. Sec'y Dr. Ralph Colas likewise will attend and file a report. Speakers include: Senate Chaplain Lloyd Ogilvie, former Vice-President Dan Quayle, Alberto Mottes, Kay Arthur and many others--and music by Kurt Kaiser, Dino, Larnelle Harris, CeCe Winans, The Imperials, etc.

WHERE IS MADALYN MURRAY O'HAIR?-- We have read several reports in recent weeks concerning the disappearance of notorious atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair. She may be hiding from the IRS which is seeking

almost \$750,000 in back taxes from her son and daughter who vanished with her. She may be dead. Her family for years had planned to keep her death quiet "to prevent Christians from praying for her deathbed conversion and to keep her son William, now an outspoken Christian, from sharing in her estate." (12/95 *Charisma*). *Sword of the Lord* editor Dr. Shelton Smith observes: "...Wherever she is and whatever she is doing (if...alive) are unknown, and the world is undoubtedly better served if she stays quiet. But if she is dead, then her whereabouts is known because of her unbelieving testimony. It is a sad, pathetic story.... It may be nothing more than another one of her headline-grabbing stunts....Time will tell."

CHARISMATICS SWEEP BRAZIL WITH ROCK MUSIC- The 1/96 *Charisma* says half of South America's population lives in Brazil, and that evangelicals there now number 26 million. It says: "Long known as the largest Roman Catholic country in the world, Brazil now has the world's third largest evangelical community." But 88 percent of the evangelicals are Pentecostals. Sao Paulo's Church of the Rebirth says "contextualization" is the key to their massive growth. It said: "Knowing that young people love music...and believing that the songs and sounds created to worship the Lord should have the greatest positive influence possible, Rebirth's leaders became determined to create a music that would appeal to youth inside and outside the church." Their church-member musicians were not skilled, so they preached "the gospel" to their "druggie band friends" and brought them in. Today, 20 bands play at the main church, and another 80 play in their 58 satellite churches. Now, "Every week at the Church of the Rebirth, thousands of Brazilian young people move to the beat of funk, reggae, rap, rock and samba music."

DID YOU KNOW?-- 1) A U.S. court of appeals has ruled that schools can require students to attend sex programs (BJU's WITW). 2) A total of 303 Protestant and 38 Roman Catholic churches participated in Billy Graham's five-day Sacramento Crusade last October--his only 1995 U.S. crusade (WITW). 3) The U. Methodist Church is considering a radical change in its view of baptism--that baptism gives divine grace and that all baptized persons, including infants, should be considered full members of the church (WITW). 4) Rhode Island is the ninth state to extend civil rights guarantees to homosexuals.

NEW EVANGELICALISM AT CORNERSTONE, GRAND RAPIDS-- Cornerstone College and Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary (GARBC) this year again feature such ecumenical/new-evangelical speakers as Drs. Warren Wiersbe, Joseph Stowell, and Ed Dobson for their Feb. 19-23 Bible Conference (1/96 *Baptist Bulletin*). Wiersbe's new-evangelical associations are a matter of long record. Stowell is president of Moody Bible Institute and has spoken at Southern Baptist and Promise Keepers ecumenical events. Rock-music-lover Dobson (see 4/15 & 6/1/94 CCs) was Jerry Falwell's assistant and now pastors "mega/seeker" Calvary Church of Grand Rapids (the historic M.R. DeHaan church). Cornerstone also again sponsored Project Angel Tree children during the recent Christmas season. PAT is headed by CCM singer Steven Curtis Chapman (11/15/94 CC) and is a ministry of ecumenical Chuck Colson's Prison Fellowship. Colson is a leader of the Evangelicals and Catholics Together (ECT) movement.

ABWE & OLSON'S DAKTAR II BOOK- The Association of Baptists for World Evangelism is a GARBC-approved mission agency. It has long been supported by many good fundamentalist churches. But, sadly, some of its leaders and missionaries have in the last decade or two cooperated with new evangelicals and/or apostate groups (see 10/15/90 & 5/15/91 CCs). Dr. Viggo Olsen in his 1990 Moody Press Daktar II book praised or admitted cooperating with such groups/people as Wheaton College, Trinity, Moody, BIOLA, MAP, *Christianity Today*, Leslie Tarr, John Jess, Richard DeHaan, Urbana, Christoffel Blinden Mission, Bangladesh National Council of Churches leader, Roman Catholics, and the UN. Olson also said: "...[O]ne of our first principles is that we do not criticize another person's religion." In a Muslim country but can't tell Muslims they are following a false prophet (Muhammad), and that the Christ, whose deity they deny, is the only Way to heaven? David (Ps. 119:104, 128) said, "I hate every false way." We likewise should hate and criticize all false ways, but seek to point deceived followers to the true Way and Gospel.

OPEN LETTER TO GEISLER- Ex-Roman Catholic Biff Clement reviews Dr. Norman Geisler's new book, Roman

Catholics And Evangelicals--Agreements And Disagreements, and in an open letter (11-12/95 *Fund.Digest*) to Dr. Geisler says: "I find these very ecumenical and compromising goals of yours and others..., along with agreements out there not to proselyte our Catholic 'brothers'...to be the snare of Satan! Dr. Geisler, you are fighting the *wrong war*--for the *wrong cause*--using the *wrong reasons*--standing on the *wrong side*--with the *wrong weapons*--associating with the *wrong people*! Satan would have us all agreeing to disagree in part and join forces with ALL false and apostate religions, working to find 'common ground' with each one. Then we'd be making deals with them not to proselyte the very souls who need to hear the gospel. This 'One World Church' is fast approaching through so-called 'Christian efforts' by New Evangelicals as yourself, and in all drives towards religious unity by AD 2000; in those who believe in an end time revival before Christ returns, in groups as Promise Keepers, in documents as 'Evangelicals and Catholics Together', in Latter Rain Doctrine, in the 'Christian Coalition', and in 'Kingdom Now'/Dominion Theology, to name a few! So, what may seem to be a worthy cause in working together with Catholics today as a 'great social force for good in America' (but minus the gospel), is really of the world, the flesh and the devil."

WHY FUNDAMENTALISTS SHOULD DEFEND THE FAITH--We are commanded in I Timothy 6:12 to "FIGHT the good fight of faith" and in Jude 3 to "earnestly **CONTEND** for the faith." The New Testament repeatedly warns of deceivers and tells us how to identify and expose them. Paul warned Ephesian elders (Acts 20) that "after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also **OF YOUR OWN SELVES** shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them." He told us to admonish and rebuke certain disobedient **BRETHREN**. But we are sometimes unjustly accused of being harsh and unloving when we seek to warn and expose false or compromising leaders. However, when we are convinced that our position is right and that loyalty to our God requires us to take it, we can confidently not concern ourselves with such consequences. A fundamentalist not only **BELIEVES** the truth of God's Word, but is also willing to obediently **BATTLE** the forces of Satan which oppose that truth.

HOW FUNDAMENTALISTS SHOULD DEFEND THE FAITH--As we contend for the faith, we should ever strive to do so without being mean-spirited or unkind. We must "speak the truth in love." However, if we are faithfully contending, it would be unrealistic not to expect at times to be misunderstood and even ridiculed. Speaking the truth in love means loving the **VICTIMS** of deception enough to warn them of those who in the name of love are bringing about the opposite of their purported intent. Love, indeed, means loving people enough to tell them the truth and to warn them of those who in the name of love pervert the truth. Accordingly, our compassion is mainly directed to the uninformed multitudes and young Christians who need to be protected from deceivers and dangerous leaders. Our compassion then is not primarily displayed to these **LEADERS**. Jesus had compassion on the **MULTITUDES**, but publicly rebuked erring religious leaders. [These two items are from 1/1/85 CC.]

STOTT 'AGNOSTIC' ON HELL-- The ever ecumenical John Stott and many other so-called evangelical theologians have tried to make a strong case for annihilationism (see 10/15 CC). Stott now seems to soften his position on this a bit in an interview in the 1/8 *Christianity Today*. He says: "In Evangelical Essentials I described as 'tentative' my suggestion that 'eternal punishment' may mean the ultimate annihilation of the wicked rather than their eternal conscious torment. I would prefer to call myself agnostic on this issue...." The Bible clearly teaches eternal punishment, not annihilation.

SOUTH KOREA'S MEGACHURCHES- Today, South Korea is home to almost half of the world's 50 biggest megachurches. Ten of the 20 largest churches in the world are in Seoul (1/96 *Charisma*). Several of these are Presbyterian and charismatic. The world's largest church, Yoida Full Gospel Church with 750,000 members is pastored by David Yonggi Cho. Arthelene Rippy (10/94 *Charisma*) says Cho struggled over whether to put women in positions of authority in his church. Today, women make up two-thirds of the 700 pastors at Cho's huge church. About 20 churches are planted in South Korea every day.

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CLINTON CHURCH FEATURES SPONG, HOMOSEXUALS--Foundry United Methodist Church, the Washington church President and Mrs. Clinton attend, last month had a homosexuality symposium with Episcopal Bishop John Shelby Spong as keynote speaker (12/25 *Chr. News*). It featured ridicule of the Christmas Nativity story, speculation about Jesus as a "drag queen," praise for homosexual marriage, and a declaration that the Ten Commandments are "immoral" (because they "define women as property"). Spong's blasphemy and liberal theology is well-known. The symposium was organized by PFLAG (Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays), and concluded at Foundry with an ecumenical worship service involving many clergy. During the service, male couples held each other and kissed in the pews. One worship leader called herself a "lesbian Unitarian." Asked about the possibility of depicting Christ as a "drag queen," the President's pastor said, "I don't condemn it. I just don't know. I'll have to think about it some more." He pledged that Foundry Church would be "welcoming to the homosexual community." What a shame that our President attends such a church.

DC TALK ROCK GROUP RETURNS TO LIBERTY U.- Contemporary Christian music's most popular band, DC Talk, is taking the secular rock music industry by storm. Their music is a mix of soul, rap, hip-hop and rock. Jay Leno introduced them as one of the hottest music groups in the country (see 6/1 CC). They met while students at Liberty University, in the 1980s. In recent years they have taken their rock band with strobe lights and psychedelic smoke to Billy Graham crusades. Now, Dr. Jerry Falwell's 1/96 National Liberty Journal paper reports: "Hot on the heels of their Free At Last tour, the group is launching its Jesus Freak tour in the spring. Liberty students are already excited about welcoming the group back to LU for their second concert [April 5]." Falwell endorses it.

HUGH ROSS & PROGRESSIVE CREATIONISM-- Dr. Hugh Ross, president of *Reasons to Believe, Inc.*, is perhaps the most visible spokesman for Progressive Creationism. He teaches that the universe is around 17 billion years old, and that it began with a God-engineered "Big Bang." (*BDM Notebook*). But he is able to package his heretical beliefs in a way that appears biblically conservative and evangelical. Herein lies the danger. He has been featured by TBN, Focus on the Family, Wheaton, Moody, Trinity, Fuller, etc. He and/or his books have been endorsed by many new-evangelical leaders such as Bill Bright, Norman Geisler, R.C. Sproul, and James Dobson. Be warned, be wise, beware!

LIBERAL DENOMS APPROVE COCU UNITY PLAN-- The Disciples of Christ in Oct. approved the Church of Christ Uniting (COCU) plan that could formally link nine denominations. The United Church of Christ adopted

COCU in July, and the United Methodist Church and Presbyterian Church, USA will discuss the plan next year (12/11 *Chr.Today*). Some individual congregations and members are concerned that COCU could force their denomination to accept infant, non-immersion Baptism, change the role of laity in communion, or ordain active homosexuals as the UCC does. These significant ecumenical events portend the building of the one-world church of antichrist from which Bible-believers are to separate.

MINIRTH-MEIER, LUCI SWINDOLL, CHARISMATICS-- The 1/96 *Charisma* advertises Women of Faith "Joyful Journey" events, sponsored by The Minirth-Meier New Life Clinics. Featured speakers are Lucy Swindoll (Charles Swindoll's sister), Patsy Clairmont, Barbara Johnson, and Marilyn Meberg. These are scheduled for Church of the Nazarene, First Assembly of God, First Baptist (Dallas), and Temple Baptist (Detroit) churches.

GOSPEL ENTERTAINMENT REPLACING CHURCH-- Paul Crouch and his TBN shows continue to thrive and expand, with new entertainment centers being added all the time. The tragic effect of this is that for many people, this takes the place of a church. Thousands gather for these shows, which are a replica of Nashville country music, rock music and anything in between. They can enjoy a whole evening of music with the gospel entertainment stars and hear a message of health, wealth and happiness. No doubt the best part of all this is that there needs to be no dedication, no conviction, no service and no responsibility, other than digging into their purses and wallets. Crouch has no problem raising millions of dollars to expand his work of giving people an alternative to going to church. On occasion, they can even observe the Lord's Supper, an ordinance of the local church. This is just another result of what contemporary music leads to. (Gordon Sears). [How sad that the old-time great hymns are gradually fading away!]

BOOK ON EVOLUTION/CREATION-- Dr. Jobe Martin has a new book, The Evolution of a Creationist. Two of his students at Baylor College of Dentistry got him started on the "creationist" track with the "appearance of age" argument for divine creation. Martin wrote this in 1994 as "A Layman's Guide to the Conflict Between the Bible and Evolutionary Theory." Order it from him at: 2212 Chisholm Trail, Rockwall, TX 75087, \$10 (including shipping), 203 pages.

VINEYARD OUSTS 'TORONTO BLESSING' CHURCH-- The 12/10 *L.A. Times* said: "In a split certain to send tremors throughout Pentecostal Christianity, a controversial Canadian congregation known for its ecstatic worship style that became known worldwide as the 'Toronto Blessing' has been ousted by its parent denomination." Pastor John Arnott of the Airport Vineyard Fellowship in Toronto said he was told last month by the Assn. of Vineyard Fellowships that his 1,000-member congregation had gone over the edge by encouraging worshipers to be so filled with the Holy Spirit that they would bark like dogs, swoon to the floor and laugh uncontrollably during services. This is a major break by "signs and wonders" John Wimber's Vineyard Fellowships with a main "laughing revival" church. And where does that leave the NAE whose 1995 speaker David Bryant said the Holy Spirit is in charge of the Toronto movement? (4/1 CC). Hank Hanegraaff warned that ministries like Arnott's represent something "extremely dangerous that could be a road to the occult." (See 11/1 CC).

HAS THE GARBC GONE NEW EVANGELICAL?- IBFNA Moderator Dr. L. Duane Brown says: "Yes, the roots of new evangelicalism are deeply planted within this organization and the fruit of the change is becoming evident. Its flirtation with the Conservative Baptist Association, its use of Wiersbe and Strauss as conference speakers, its unwillingness to expel agencies who clearly violate its constitution and policies, its call to Dick Christen (who at least was honest in stating his pragmatic views rejecting secondary separation), and its radical change in music standards all give evidence that the seeds of new evangelicalism are there and growing. [Get Dr. Brown's 6-page analysis from: OBF, 3865 N. High St., Columbus, OH 43214, 10 copies \$3.50.]

VAN IMPE'S DOWNWARD SLIDE-- Dr. M.H. Reynolds in the Oct-Dec *Foundation* said Dr. Jack Van Impe in the early days took a stand against apostate Protestants, Roman Catholics and others who preached a false gospel. But, since 1980, he has joined Billy Graham and other compromising evangelical leaders in giving aid and comfort to the

enemies of Christ and the Gospel. Van Impe, in his 1984 book, used intemperate language and inexcusable exaggeration to ridicule fundamentalists who practiced Biblical separation. Reynolds quotes Van Impe from a 7/23/95 TV program as saying: "Till I die I will proclaim nothing but love for all my brothers and sisters in Christ, my Catholic brothers and sisters, Protestant..., Christian Reformed, Lutherans, I don't care what label you are..." Van Impe has almost totally capitulated to the one-world ecumenical movement, terming Pope John Paul II a "great man of God" and calling for acceptance of the one-world ecumenical dream headed up by the Papacy. (7-8/95 *Fund. Digest*). This is indeed a sad slide downward!

TILTON DIVORCING SECOND WIFE-- Former televangelist Robert Tilton divorced his first wife in 1993. Now after 21 months of marriage to fellow evangelist Leigh Tilton, divorce papers were filed Nov. 20 to dissolve this one (12/11 *Chr. News*). Tilton was discredited by scandal in 1991 when ABC News accused him of discarding thousands of viewer prayer requests he was supposed to pray over. Tilton promotes a "prosperity gospel" and implies that God answers prayer if Tilton himself does the praying--and if he receives donations and names of friends to put on the mailing list (10/2 CT). He will continue to live in a church-owned \$681,000 parsonage.

CATHOLIC GOSPEL IS A FALSE GOSPEL-- The Roman Catholic gospel is not the same Gospel Paul and the Apostles preached. It is a different gospel which offers only the *possibility* of salvation through the sacraments of the Catholic Church. Yet many of today's Christian leaders are attempting to convince us that we can trust the Catholic Church to preach the true Gospel and lead those it evangelizes into freedom in Christ--that the Catholic Church is just another denomination of one universal Church. They are ignoring the very pronouncements of the Catholic Church itself that it alone is the universal church; there is no other shepherd over the one flock but the pope; there is no salvation in Christ apart from the sanctions of the Catholic Church. [Media Spotlight].

POPE GAVE CHARISMATICS HIS BLESSING- More than 200,000 Roman Catholics in Italy say they have been baptized in the Holy Spirit. Their movement--viewed with suspicion by many priests--gained momentum last year when Pope John Paul II openly gave the charismatics his blessing (1/96 *Charisma*). Papal preacher Raniero Cantalamessa is an outspoken charismatic who was "baptized in the Holy Spirit" during a visit to the U.S. 20 years ago. Recent stories of weeping Madonnas and similar other-worldly occurrences have heightened interest in mystical experiences of all kinds in Italy. The number of full-time consulting magicians, an estimated 100,000, is three times the number of Catholic priests. Charismatics should fit right in.

ANDY STANLEY TO START NEW CHURCH- Andy Stanley resigned from the staff of First Church last August over concern about his father's leadership during a pending divorce. He will start a new church, Northpoint Community Church, in late 1996 and it will be affiliated with the SBC (1/96 *Bapt. Chall.*). Meanwhile, attorneys for Charles Stanley filed papers last month demanding a jury trial in the divorce case brought by his wife after last-minute mediation efforts failed (12/11 *Chr. News*). The case is set for late Jan., but may be as late as May. Stanley has mentioned childhood difficulties and how he took problems into his ministry and marriage.

ORAL ROBERTS & EVIL SPIRITS-- Dave Hunt in the 9/95 *Berean Call* writes: "To what extent are church leaders involved with evil spirits? Oral Roberts claimed a seven-hour conversation with a 900-foot Jesus (strangely not mentioned in his new autobiography) who told him to build the City of Faith Medical Center in Tulsa. This 'Jesus' made false promises in exchange for money: there would be cures for cancer and other diseases if Oral's 'prayer partners' would each contribute \$240. Simple, sincere people (who still believe him today) contributed more than \$150 million needed to complete the 20 story complex. There was no miracle, no cure for cancer or anything else Oral's 'Jesus' promised. The 777-bed medical center never had more than 148 beds occupied and went bankrupt in spite of millions of dollars given by gullible Christians in response to further false promises. Had some Wall Street promoter, through similar false promises, bilked people out of a fraction of the money Oral got he would be in prison. Oral claims he was only obeying Jesus. Yet we know for certain that the 900-foot apparition was *not* Jesus, for He doesn't lie. Did Oral hallucinate? A *seven-hour* conversation with a 900-foot hallucination? Hardly! Only two possibilities remain: either Oral lied, or he was lied to by a deceiving spirit...."

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HUGE TAXPAYER FUNDS GO TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES--The 12/4 *USN&WR* gave us a revealing peek at 50 of the biggest charities in America, listing the amount of their public and private support. For Catholic Charities USA, the private support was listed as \$336.2 million for FY94, the total income (including government grants, etc.) was \$1.9 billion. The article stated: "Critics don't like the organization's increasing reliance on government funding--about 65 percent of the money currently comes from public sources--and say the charity's religious mission may be compromised by the government's secular goals." Public funding for Catholic Relief Services was over twice the private funding. Thus taxpayer funds are likely used in a big way to promote Roman Catholicism in the U.S. and over the world. Separation of church and state? Not often when it's the big Roman Catholic church!

OUR PROUDLY PRO-HOMOSEXUAL PRESIDENT- Congressman Barney Frank blew kisses to a group of 600 homosexual journalists Oct. 19. Senior White House advisor George Stephanopoulos told them Pres. Clinton supports a bill to ban job discrimination based on sexual orientation and intends to get back a large portion of the gay and lesbian vote. (12/95 *Nat'l Liberty Jnl.*). Stephanopoulos detailed the president's record with gays, including being the first president to appoint an openly lesbian federal judge, increasing AIDS funding, creating an AIDS housing office, allowing AIDS victims to enter the U.S. to take part in the "Gay Games", and appointing an AIDS policy director. The 12/18 *USN&WR* said Clinton last week "staged the first White House conference on AIDS and HIV." It said Reagan and Bush wouldn't do it. Kristi Hamrick of the Family Research Council calls this the most pro-homosexual administration in U.S. history.

CIA & PSYCHICS-- All forms of spiritism are severely condemned and forbidden by Scripture. We were disappointed to hear of Nancy Reagan's use of an astrologer concerning her husband's scheduling. We recently learned that our CIA used psychics for 20 years at a cost of \$20 million, but has dumped the program because it "saw no value in it" (12/3 HT). A University of California professor of statistics said the government psychics were accurate about 15 percent of the time (11/29 HT). Billy Lyon sent us an article from the 9/11/94 *Dallas Morn. News* which said New Ager Shirley MacLaine predicts the next big earthquake to be in November 1995. It didn't happen! Psychics sometimes have demonic powers, as Alice Braemer has attested to from her travels with Jeane Dixon, but often amateur guessing is just as accurate/inaccurate.

TRASH TV-MUSIC-MOVIES- A move is afoot to shame corporations that sponsor daytime racy TV talk shows that focus on salacious behavior. P & G has already yanked its ads (12/18 *USN&WR*). *** *Entertainment Monitor* made a

list last month of who's naughty and nice, finding only 10 of 40 popular albums on sale for the holiday season free of profanity or lyrics dealing with drugs, violence or sex (12/11 HT). *** Hollywood likes to pat itself on the back for its capacity to inspire and to elevate the national conscience, to make a good powerful social impact. But "if we show people blowing each other's guts out, setting each other afire, or really enjoying rape, mayhem and dismemberment--hey, it's only a movie. Make believe." (12/3 HT). Sorry, but if you boast of the talent and the means to inspire and elevate, you must accept the blame if you use these tools to degrade and depress.

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC-- Forty years ago the music of the Church was distinctively different from that of the night club. Even the ungodly could identify a hymn of the Church then. Today's contemporary Christian music (CCM) makes no distinction between Christian and non-Christian... Contemporary music, its sensual sound and style which demands and encourages applause, lands a devastating blow to true worship and the spiritual life of the Church (*Focus*). Charismatics are a main cause of the increasing worldliness and perversion of music in our churches today.

WORLD VISION LEADER PRAISES UN-- Dr. Robert A. Seiple, president of World Vision, says the UN is bloated and in need of reform but that it fills a necessary role Christians should support (12/11 *Chr.Today*). He said: "Evangelicals must change their basic attitude toward the United Nations. Instead of demonizing it, we should work toward persuasive influence and constructive policy formation..." The UN is an ungodly vehicle for establishing a New World Order, a one-world government of anti-Christ. World Vision is a radical new-evangelical relief agency that has used funds donated by Christians to help Communists, Muslims, and Catholics (see 12/1/93 CC). Seiple has called for diplomatic relations and trade with Communist Vietnam. According to the 12/9/91 *USN&WR*, World Vision supplied free condoms from the U.S. government for distribution in Kenya.

CATHOLIC CHARITY HELPS RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH--One of the world's leading Catholic charities, Aid to the Church in Need, has come under fire for financially supporting the Russian Orthodox Church at a time when fresh revelations are emerging about ROC collaboration with the KGB.

ETS MEETING-- The Evangelical Theological Society held its Nov. 1995 47th Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. The Adventist Theological Society, or ATS, apparently met concurrently with ETS(12/4 *C.News*). Solid contingents from Dallas, Talbot, and the SBC were there. The largest contingent from one school were the 16 men from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School which in recent years has been under fire from the Geisler-Harris controversy over Christ's resurrection body. Plenary sessions were addressed by philosopher J.P. Moreland (Talbot), Liberty University's Gary Habermas, George Knight III, and Thomas Oden. Speakers at about 200 parallel sessions included: Norman Geisler, Millard J. Erickson, Roger Nicole, John W. Montgomery, Greg Bahnsen, and Wayne House. Speaker Thomas Oden, a longtime professor of theology at a thoroughly liberal United Methodist seminary (Drew University), believes the mainline [liberal] Protestant denominations have a promising future because of the [charismatic] renewal movements within them. The ETS meeting featured three lectures on the Toronto Blessing "revival." The 1988 and 1992 ETS meetings featured pro-homosexuality lectures by Latin American Mission author Thomas Hanks(see 3/15/89 & 7/1/93 CCs).

CONFUSION OVER TONGUES--Researcher George Barna says his recent survey indicates that speaking in tongues remains a "point of fascination, confusion and contention" and divides the body of Christ (12/4 *C. News*). It found that one-fifth of all adults deny that the gift even exists, and another fifth have no idea what to believe about it. About 8 percent of adult Americans declared speaking in tongues is evidence of demonic possession (10/28 *H.Times*). Of the 72 percent who have heard of it, 35 percent say that those who do it are usually sincere, but it is likely an unbiblical emotional outburst.

CHARISMATIC-CATHOLIC-EVANGELICAL UNITY-- John Robbins, in the Autumn 1995 *Focus*, said: "The charismatic movement is open to new evangelicals and Roman Catholics. Romanism is open to Pentecostals and new evangelicals. Not to be outdone, new evangelicalism is open to Pentecostals and Roman Catholics. This apostate trio

is moving closer and closer together in a growing bond of sympathy. There is a theological reason for this. Each emphasizes *inner experience*. The uniting factor is that the message of each movement--Romanism, new evangelicalism, and the charismatic movement--is the *centrality of religious experience*. "Experience" is important, but is a dangerous substitute for doctrine as the basis for scriptural unity.

ASBURY LEADER PRAISES ROSARY- United Methodist minister Dr. Maxie Dunnam became president of Asbury Seminary in 1994. He is a member of the Roman Catholic-Methodist Int'l Dialogue Commission (see 6/15/94, 7/15/95 CCs). In the Autumn 1995 *Asbury Herald* he says: "We all need rituals; symbols...The Roman Catholics' use of the Rosary in prayer has always intrigued me. The use of the Rosary has diminished, I understand. That may be unfortunate, if people are praying less. The Rosary was not only a reminder to pray--it was a guide to prayer [primarily addressed to Mary], and we all need that... [S]omeone has suggested that Protestants use the Cross as a kind of rosary...." An editorial page article praised Catholic nuns as being the secret of a Salvation Army officer's "conversion and healing." Dr. Thomas Oden, Professor of Theology and Ethics at ultra-liberal Drew University, recently lectured at Asbury.

GRAHAM'S DISOBEDIENCE-- *O Timothy* Editor David Cloud (Vol. 12, Iss. 11) lists and discusses some of the reasons why fundamentalists must warn against Dr. Billy Graham's disobedient ministry: He says Graham: Accepts degrees from Catholic Colleges and says the Catholic gospel is the same as his own; has turned thousands of converts over to apostate churches; thinks the Pope is a great evangelist; thinks there is special power in infant baptism; does not believe Hell is a place of literal fiery torment; invites Catholic bishops onto his platform to bless those who come forward at his invitations; praises Christ-denying modernists; and has promoted practically every perverted Bible version to appear in the last four decades.

GARBC PASTORS PARTICIPATE IN PROMISE KEEPERS--A fax from a former GARBC pastor states that the Battle Creek (Mich.) Youth for Christ is organizing a group of 80 pastors to attend the Feb. '96 Atlanta Promise Keepers conference. Pastors from United Methodist, Presbyterian (USA), Regular Baptist, Christian Reformed, etc., churches are all "flying together, staying together, praying together and trusting God to give us a vision to win Battle Creek together." (We have heard of other GARBC-pastors' involvement in PK.) Speakers at this ecumenical event include: E.V. Hill, Jack Hayford, Joseph Stowell, and Chuck Swindoll. Over 70,000 clergy from every denomination will participate.

MARK NOLL'S CONFUSING BOOK-- Wheaton College evangelical historian Mark Noll in his 1994 book, The Scandal of the Evangelical Mind, says it is a tragedy that modern evangelicals have failed as intellectuals (see 5/1 CC). He wants Christians to apply Christian thinking to the whole spectrum of modern learning (arts, politics, economics)--to all areas of human endeavor. Mark Sidwell responds: "The question confronting the Christian evaluating such an approach is whether truth will be sacrificed in order to gain secular respectability." (BJU's 11/95 *Biblical Viewpoint*). He cautions: "Intellectually respectable orthodoxy must still remain orthodox." New-evangelical theologian Carl F.H. Henry says Noll in his recent book "sells inerrancy down the river." Noll signed the 1994 "Evangelicals and Catholics Together" document.

ECUMENICAL CHUCK SMITH LOOKING FOR SUCCESSOR--Chuck Smith pastors the huge Calvary Chapel of Costa Mesa, Calif. He came into prominence over 25 years ago as a leader of the Jesus Movement. John Wimber's Vineyard movement is an offshoot of the Calvary Chapel movement. Evangelicals label Calvary Chapel as charismatic, while some charismatics view it as too conservative. Members are discouraged from speaking aloud in tongues unless an "interpreter" is present (10/ 95 *Charisma*). Smith is presently planning for retirement and looking for a successor. Greg Laurie, Calvary Chapel's most visible leader and a disciple of Smith's from the Jesus movement, is an obvious choice but Smith isn't saying. The 12/95 *Sojournal* says Smith is ecumenical. It quotes from his 1993 book: "Paul points out that some say, 'I'm of Paul,' while others say, 'I'm of Apollos.' He asked, 'Isn't that carnal?' But what's the difference between saying that or saying, 'I'm a Baptist,' 'I'm a Presbyterian,' 'I'm a Methodist,' 'I'm a Catholic'? I have found that the more spiritual a person becomes, the less denominational he is.

We should realize that we're all part of the Body of Christ and that there aren't any real divisions in the Body. We're all one...."

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TV IS RUDEST, CRUDEST EVER—Moderate Democrat Senator Joseph Lieberman (CT) has given a devastating analysis of what television is doing to America's children. He termed this fall's network offerings "the rudest, crudest, most offensive new lineup of shows in television history." (11/6 *CN*). TV critic Tom Shales said it's like "inviting a foul-mouthed drunk into your home." Once-taboo words, expressions and subjects have flooded family-time viewing hours.

SOVIET COMMUNISTS KILLED OVER 200,000 CLERICS—A Russian government commission reported last month that about 200,000 clerics were slain during the Soviet era--many shot, strangled, crucified, or drenched with water and frozen to death (11/28 *H.Times*). Over 500,000 clerics were officially repressed by either being killed or jailed. Communists destroyed 40,000 churches, and half or more of all Jewish and Muslim worship places. Communists confiscated millions of dollars worth of church valuables and land. Some of this will now be restored. Georgi Vins last summer was able to view the secret files the KGB kept on his father before his execution in 1936. In his 12/95 paper, he said in the 1930s alone, 25,000 Baptist preachers were arrested in the USSR and that 22,000 of them were shot or died in prison camps. He said spiritual awakening is continuing in Russia and Ukraine.

AIDS INFECTS ONE IN 92 YOUNG MEN—One of every 92 young men and one of every 33 young black men are believed to have the AIDS virus (11/24 *H.Times*). AIDS was the No. 1 killer of people ages 25 to 44 in 1993. The Center for Disease Control has counted 501,310 AIDS cases since 1981 and 311,381 deaths. The 3/95 *American Information Newsl.* said that of the 53 sodomite actors in a 1994 pro-homosexual film, 43 were dead of AIDS one year after the film's release.

M. SCOTT PECK, NEW AGER—*Life* magazine says "The Scott Peck gospel is an amalgam of psychiatry and Christianity drizzled with Greek myth and Buddhism." (11/18 *World ad*). Peck announced in 1983 that he had become a Christian, but his all embracing definition of Christian included no statement of faith, and "millions of Hindus, Buddhists, Muslims, Jews, atheists, and agnostics." (11/95 *Chr.Conscience*). In 1988, Peck endorsed a "Cosmic New Age Christ" book by Matthew Fox, a mystical New Age Catholic priest (recently defrocked). Yet evangelical David Mains has extensively/approvingly quoted from Peck's writings on his radio broadcast. And the GARBC-approved Grand Rapids College (now Cornerstone College) has carried an article in its paper by Bill Hybels which favorably quoted Peck.

DOBSON'S 'FOCUS' PROMOTES GROUP DYNAMICS BOOK—A 9/95 Focus on the Family Training "Fall 1995 Education Calendar" recommends a "Facilitators Resource" by J. William Pfeiffer, *The Encyclopedia of Group Activities*. This 1989 book is replete with promotion of sensitivity training, group dynamics, role playing, fantasizing, values clarification, Gestalt Therapy, crisis consensus decision-making, etc. One fantasy exploration procedure even recommended a Yoga exercise, "if the group seems to be tense."

GLOBALIST GORBY'S NEW WORLD ORDER—Mikhail Gorbachev and his Gorbachev Foundation recently sponsored a "State of the World Forum" in San Francisco. The 500 participants included New Agers, Communists, Eastern Religion advocates, and one-worlders. Attendees included: Ted Turner, Carl Sagan, former Pres. George Bush, Shirley MacLaine, Bill Gates, and Nelson Mandela. Gorbachev wants an Earth Charter and global governance with a synthesis of New Age Eastern Religion and proven collective ideas and values. He said a new set of inclusive universal values distilled from all faiths must replace the Judeo-Christian world view--that the old beliefs and political systems must be abandoned.

CBN'S GLOBAL EVANGELISM PROJECT—Pat Robertson's Christian Broadcasting Network launched a global evangelism project (WorldReach) with a week of tent "revival" services. Oral Roberts, James Robison, Robert Schuller, Benny Hinn, and Robertson took turns preaching. Robison used to be a dynamic Southern Baptist evangelist, but sadly, in recent years has praised the Pope and associates with charismatic charlatans.

MOODY FOUNDER'S WEEK FEATURES ECUMENICALS—Moody Bible Institute's 1996 Founder's Week speakers include an array of ecumenicals. First there is Dallas Seminary's Howard Hendricks—certainly no stranger to ecumenical pulpits such as Campus Crusade and Promise Keepers. Then there is left-wing/social action promoter E.V. Hill who apparently has never seen an ecumenical forum he didn't like--be it charismatic/Catholic/NCC, or Promise Keepers. Schuller-promoter and mega-church pastor Bill Hybels is to speak. Billy Graham's daughter, Joni Tada, Tony Evans, and John MacArthur are other speakers. Evans spoke at the 1993 IFCA Annual Convention and at a recent SBC meeting. MacArthur is an IFCA member, has spoken at Cedarville College, at the SBC, and on other new-evangelical platforms. We grieve to see how far and fast MBI-president Joe Stowell has taken Moody into new evangelicalism and ecumenism in recent years. He himself is a Promise Keepers speaker.

PROMISE KEEPERS ACCOMMODATES CATHOLICS, MORMONS—The Promise Keepers "Purpose Statement and Statement of Faith" is carefully worded so that it can be accepted and promoted by Roman Catholics. The 11/95 *Berean Call* says the Promise Keepers' field representative for the upper Midwest, Steve Jenkins, is a Catholic charismatic and must be able to use the PK faith statement to satisfy both priests and evangelical pastors alike. Mormon leaders who were contacted felt their differences were very minor. Media Spotlight (Al & Jean Dager, P.O. Box 290, Redmond, WA 98073) has a 24-page in-depth study on Promise Keepers (send offering).

RE-IMAGINING II—"Re-Imagining," a Nov. 1993 global theological conference in Minneapolis, was denounced by many as "blasphemous," "heretical," and "pagan." It was all this and more. Another "Re-Imagining" feminist conference took place Nov. 3-4 in Minneapolis, with "songs, prayers, worship and sacred dances that [again] invoked the spirit of Sophia, who the program explained is 'a figure who appears throughout the Bible as a female personification of the wisdom of God. To her are attributed the same works of creating and ordering the universe as elsewhere are attributed to Yahweh.'" A Catholic nun made several presentations. The 1993 event attracted some 2,000 mostly women, but the 1995 gathering was limited to 400 persons. A 1993 Presbyterian leader, Mary Ann Lundy, lost her job as a result of the backlash, but is now on the staff of the World Council of Churches.

WCC LEADER WANTS DEEPER UNITY WITH CATHOLICS—ACCC Exec. Sec'y Dr. Ralph Colas writes in the 10/95 *Review*: "In the recent World Council of Churches Central Committee meeting in Geneva, Dr. Konrad Raiser, gen. sec'y of the WCC, called for far-reaching reforms of church structures so that the Roman Catholic Church could move closer. Raiser made a strong point of emphasizing his desire for deeper cooperation with the RC Church. He said that the WCC's ecumenical program is 'severely limited without the full participation of the Roman Catholic

Church and evangelical and pentecostal churches.' Ecumenical leaders continue with their goal of building a one-world church. Such a church is seen in its climax in Rev. 17-18." Dr. Colas attended this WCC meeting and his full report is available from the American Council of Christian Churches, P.O. Box 19, Wallingford, PA 19086.

HANEGRAAFF SAYS CATHOLICISM NO CULT—Christian Research Institute president Hank Hanegraaff on various "Bible Answer Man" broadcasts warned against certain Romanist teachings, but also encouraged cooperation with Catholics in many areas. He said Roman Catholicism does not fall within his definition of a cult. He said: "We do not classify it as a cult, neither do we just categorically state that people should just get out of it as we would say with Mormonism." He added: "We can join with Roman Catholics in common cause issues that affect our culture." [5/1/95]. Regarding Pope John Paul II, he said: "I don't see the pope, particularly this pope, as the chief enemy of Jesus Christ....[He] stands with us on many common issues." [6/30/ 95]. Hanegraaff succeeded Dr. Walter Martin as head of CRI and admits to being a charismatic.

NEW EVANGELICALISM PAMPHLET—Pastor John C. Helgerson has a newly revised very helpful 8page pamphlet on New Evangelicalism. [Uses NKJV]. Available from: Church of the Open Bible, Winn & Wyman Streets, Burlington, MA 08103.

GEISLER PROPOSES WORKING WITH CATHOLICS—Dr. Norman Geisler is dean of Southern Evangelical Seminary (Charlotte, NC). As a guest on Hank Hanegraaff's "Bible Answer Man" 4/28 radio broadcast, he replied thusly to a question about Catholicism being a cult: "No, that's certainly a gross overstatement. Roman Catholics believe in the Virgin Birth...On the historic fundamentals, they believe in all of the basic fundamentals, why should we call them a cult?" [See 2/1 & 6/15 CCs]. He said Catholics are wrong on salvation. But he later added: "We have more in common with conservative Roman Catholics than we have with liberal and neoorthodox Protestants. And the greatest force for America today is conservative Catholics and evangelical Christians, and if we don't hang together we're gonna hang separately....We have...so many things we agree on as evangelicals and Catholics. Let's work together to take care of the humanists and the New Agers."

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS & INTERFAITH WORSHIP—More and more we see Southern Baptist churches becoming involved ecumenically in interfaith worship services. At Thanksgiving and Easter each year local SBC churches join with Roman Catholic, non-Christian Jewish, and liberal Protestant churches in combined services in total disobedience to Scriptural separation commands. The 10/30 *Christian News* reported that New York's notorious Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine [pagan, New Age] was scheduled to host a Children's Sabbath interfaith service that had Jews, Christians, and Muslims worshipping together. The article said: "This year, for the first time, the observance is expanding beyond traditional participants from the mainline Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish communities to include Southern Baptist congregations, with special material prepared by the Women's Missionary Union [SBC]..."

WORD OF LIFE FLORIDA—The 1995 Word of Life Florida Bible Conference schedule listed the following as speakers: Ron Blue (spoke with Pat Robertson at CBN, 11/94), Tony Gibbs (with the ecumenical Walk Thru The Bible), Dorie Van Stone (Precept Ministries), and Vernon Brewer. Summer/Fall Concerts by: Doug Oldham, Florida Boys, Don/Christine Wyrzten, and Billy Speer.

CBA SELLS BAPTIST CHURCH TO HINDUS—In 1993, Valley View Baptist Church in Northridge, CA deeded its property to the Conservative Baptist Association. This year, Southern California CBA leaders sold the church to a Hindu group. Pastor Arthur B. Houk sued, but a judge ruled in November that the CBA can make the sale but he urged it to give the church part of the money. Dr. Houk says "it was an outright sin for the CBA leaders to trick us out of our building, which we had completely paid for, and then sell it to idol-worshipping Hindus."

GET IBFNA'S *THE REVIEW*—The Independent Baptist Fellowship of North America was formed in 1990 by mostly GARBC pastors and laymen concerned over the GARBC's drift away from its historic position in areas such

as the doctrine of Biblical separation. The current Moderator is Dr. L. Duane Brown. The Editor of its official publication, *The Review*, is Dr. Richard Harris. Dr. Ralph Colas has a regularly featured column. Subscriptions are \$5/year, from: 754 East Rockhill Road, Sellersville, PA 18960.

ABBREVIATIONS—Send SASE for free list of most abbreviations used in the *Calvary Contender*.

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EVOLUTION DISCLAIMER IN ALABAMA TEXTBOOKS—The Alabama state school board last month voted 6-1 to put a note in biology textbooks telling public school students that nobody witnessed evolution, and therefore it must be taught as a theory and not as a fact (11/10 *H. Times*). The note presents a series of unanswered questions about origins and the fossil record. It allows for "microevolution" (white moth evolve into gray moth) to be described as fact, but says "macroevolution" (reptile into bird) has never been observed and must be considered a theory.

CHINA PERSECUTES CHRISTIANS—Jonathan Chao in the 11/13 *Christianity Today* said China's Communist Party would like to see religion completely dismissed, but its present policy is to tolerate it within the confines of government control. The government has set up "patriotic" organizations such as the Three-Self Patriotic Movement led by the Communist Party through pro-government clergy and state-approved pastors. Many itinerant evangelists and unlicensed house-church leaders who evangelize are arrested and tortured. Still, most Chinese Christians are in house churches. Chao said: "If evangelicals from America align with TSPM churches or accept invitations to speak at those, house-church leaders interpret such visits as endorsing the TSPM, abandoning the lordship of Christ, and forsaking the commitment to evangelism."

'GAY GENE' OR SODOMY SIN?—Cal Thomas (11/11 *World*) says the "discovery" of "new evidence" of a "gay gene" was trumpeted on the front page of *The Washington Post* as a scientific breakthrough equivalent to a cure for cancer. The story quotes another "study" by Dean Hamer, a molecular biologist, and fails to mention that his widely trumpeted 1993 "gay gene" study is under investigation for alleged fraud. And neither the *Post* story nor a long article in the 11/13 *USN & WR* mention Hamer's homosexuality, which might indicate to some that Hamer has a bias in favor of discovering a biological cause/excuse for homosexual sinful behavior.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP—Contemporary (or alternative) worship services come in all sorts of combinations of new and old traditions. A few or more of the following things happen: 1) The singing is led by 3 or more people up front with microphones in their hands. 2) Song words are projected on a screen. 3) Pastor is dressed casually. 4) Little is read from a script. 5) Music is with an ensemble of synthesizer or piano, guitars, drums, etc. (Canned music). 6) Choruses sung over and over, woven with medleys. 7) Lively applause. [Adapted from 11/6 *C. News*]

GRAHAM'S 'PRODIGAL SON' TO SUCCEED HIM—Franklin Graham last month was named first vice chairman and eventual successor to his father's \$88 million-a-year crusade organization. Billy Graham, 77 and suffering from

Parkinson's disease, will remain chairman and head preacher as long as he is able. Franklin wears jeans, boots, denim shirt and leather jacket. He was a teen rebel who drank, smoked, fought, and led police on high-speed chases. He was kicked out of LeTourneau College. He will continue as director of Samaritan's Purse and World Medical Mission.

HAGIN & WORD-FAITH, POSITIVE CONFESSION—Kenneth Hagin says in his 10/95 *Word of Faith*: "Christ has redeemed us from sickness, disease, and poverty" and we are not to suffer these. Hagin, a tongues-speaking charismatic, is known as the father of the "Word-Faith"/"Positive Confession" movement (12/95 BDM Letter). Linked to this movement is the concept of Positive Mental Attitude. PMA has become the major link between sorcery and Christianity. It is the human potential movement that incorporates the age-old Eastern mystique that all men can acquire godhood, that "we can achieve anything we conceive." (Dave Hunt). Be warned, be wise, beware!

JUDGE UPHOLDS SCOUTS' BAN ON GAYS, CITES BIBLE—A New Jersey state judge, citing the biblical story of Sodom and Gomorrah as evidence that homosexuality is immoral, upheld the Boy Scouts' ban on homosexuals (11/10 *Chatt.Times*). He said the Scouts is a private organization and has a constitutional right to decide who can belong.

PRESIDENT ENDORSES HOMOSEXUAL BILL—Pres. Bill Clinton recently became the first U.S. president to endorse a major homosexual rights bill. The legislation proposed by Sen. Kennedy and Sen. Jeffords would prohibit job discrimination on the basis of "sexual orientation." (11/7 *Ind. Baptist*). It is a perennial political gesture which is unlikely to pass in this Congress.

EVOLUTION IS A HOAX—ICR President Dr. Henry Morris has announced his retirement and will be succeeded by his son John, Jan. 1 (11/95 *Acts & Facts*). He says: "Evolution is about as false scientifically as any theory could ever be. It is not occurring at present, has never occurred in the past, and could not possibly occur in the future, unless the basic laws of science are all wrong." Randall Hedtke has a new 46-page booklet, *Inside the Evolution Curriculum*, which relates evolution to religious humanism and Dewey's "Progressive Education" (Outcome Based Education). Get it from him at: Rt. 1, Box 138, Barrett, MN 56311, \$4.70 (postpaid).

TOP EVANGELICALS MET WITH POPE—Pope John Paul II gave a speech to the United Nations in Oct. and met with prominent American evangelicals, including: NAE-chief Don Argue, Charles Colson, Pat Robertson, and Bill Bright. About 25 non-Catholics (including NCC gen. sec'y Joan Campbell and liberal denom leaders) and five Muslim leaders attended the Mass in Central Park and later that evening gathered again with the pope at Cardinal John O'Connor's residence. Twenty Jewish leaders met separately with the pope after the Jewish Sabbath concluded at sundown. The pope in effect invited evangelicals to join Jews, Muslims, Protestant and Orthodox leaders at the table of interfaith dialogue.

ROBERTSON MET WITH POPE—Religious broadcaster Pat Robertson had a seat of honor at the Mass during Pope John Paul II's Oct. visit to New York. He marched at the head of an ecumenical procession to the papal altar and was seated with Protestant, Orthodox, and evangelical leaders (10/23 *C.News*). He said his meeting with the Pontiff was "very warm" and, through a personal letter hand-delivered to the pope, pledged to work for Christian unity between evangelicals and Catholics (11/3 *Sword*). Robertson called the pope "a humble and caring servant of the Lord." He said: "I believe the time has come where we must lay aside minor differences and focus on the common ground of our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ." (10/14 *Phoenix Gazette*). In an AP phone interview, Robertson said of the pope: "He's got great humility and spirituality..." He said: "We all admire the Holy Father tremendously. We all want to build bridges with the Catholic Church." (10/95 Plains Bapt. Chall.)

SBC TIES TO CATHOLICISM—For two years in a row Romanism has reared its ugly head at Southern Baptist conventions. In 1994, SBC messengers endorsed a theological dialogue with the Catholic Church (3/15 CC). In 1995, for the first time in history, the SBC received and applauded a representative of the RC church who asked for

forgiveness, on behalf of Roman Catholics, for not always treating Southern Baptists as part of the "family." (9-10/95 Fund. Digest).

CAMPUS CRUSADE 'SIGNS & WONDERS'—In a 10/31 letter, Campus Crusade founder/pres. Bill Bright says: "The number of Muslims who are seeing a vision of Jesus is growing. We cannot ignore what the Spirit of God is doing." He said CC's Middle East director has received thousands of letters from Muslims, many telling of seeing Jesus in a dream. He said: "A fanatical Muslim woman had spent four years in prison for her political activities. While there, Jesus appeared to her in her cell. He personally explained redemption and the gospel. She is now on Campus Crusade's staff...I could tell you other stories--miraculous, incredible stories of visions. Muslims are seeing the risen Christ!"

GARBC SILENT ON PROMISE KEEPERS—The Fundamental Baptist Fellowship, the Southwide Baptist Fellowship, the American Council of Christian Churches, and many other fundamentalist groups passed strong resolutions warning against Promise Keepers. But the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches had no such resolution. Some GARBC men have attended PK rallies, and we acknowledge that some men, families and churches have been helped by this movement. But at what cost? PK is the most dangerous ecumenical threat our churches face today. So, is the GARBC is so steeped in new-evangelicalism that its leaders cannot sound a warning against PK?

SBF RESOLUTION ON PROMISE KEEPERS—Whereas, a men's movement called "Promise Keepers" is invading our nation that is ecumenical in nature and deceptive in some of its proposed promises and whereas, it approves the use of some psychological approaches and techniques that are unscriptural and promotes charismatic teachings and worldly music; therefore be it resolved that we return to the New Testament institution of the local church as the Biblical institution for encouraging mates to keep their promises to each other and the best "support group" for Biblical accountability, Matthew 18:15-17.

GRAHAM CHOSE FELLOWSHIP OVER SEPARATION—Billy Graham is listed as Founder and Board Chairman of *Christianity Today*. The 11/13 CT celebrates 50 years of Graham's evangelistic ministry. It quotes from a 1958 lengthy letter "on separation" Graham wrote to *Eternity* magazine: "During the past few weeks, I have come to some very deep convictions. It seems to me that the entire weight of Scripture lies in the direction of *fellowship* rather than *separation*." He quotes John 13:34-35 concerning "love," and says the overwhelming evidence that we have passed from death unto life is not orthodoxy, etc., but love. But Verse 15 of the next chapter says, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." Graham pits love/fellowship against obedience/separation, creating an unscriptural "either/or" tension. All four are commanded, not optional. It is like saying I will choose not to commit murder instead of not committing adultery. We don't have this option. And separation, likewise, is not an option, but a command (2 Cor. 6:14-17). If we do not obey it, we can't claim to love Christ (Jn. 14:15, 21, 23). Graham's "fellowship" with, instead of "separation" from, false-gospel Catholic and liberal leaders has been sad to behold in the past 40 years.

NO FELLOWSHIP WITH DISOBEDIENT BRETHERN—The Faith Baptist Bible College (GARBC Ankeny, IA) 1992-95 Catalog states: "We believe that progressive sanctification involves separation not only from ungodly living but also from ungodly teaching; that though we love all men and seek their salvation, there are areas in which we cannot have fellowship with unbelievers; that, in areas of ecclesiastical fellowship, it may be necessary to separate even from our brethren in Christ, if they in turn maintain fellowship with unbelievers." The 10/95 *Servant* says separation from unbelievers and rebuke of apostates is commanded; immoral believers are to be disciplined; disorderly, disobedient, and divisive believers are to be avoided.

BLOESCH'S NEOORTHODOXY—Dr. Donald Bloesch is Emeritus Prof. of Theology at the Univ. of Dubuque Theol. Seminary. In a recent book, he insists that the Bible has errors (1/1 CC). A *Trinity Review* article says: "Bloesch's errant view of Scripture leaves him without an epistemological foundation upon which to base his theology." (10/23 CN). And: "Even though Bloesch attempts to distinguish himself from neoorthodoxy, his writings

betray him. The shadow of Karl Barth looms large across the pages of his work."

SANDY COVE'S MIX OF SPEAKERS—Sandy Cove's (MD) Fall 1995 *Leader* lists a wide array of speakers for the coming year. Its 1996 Summer Bible Conference will feature: Tony Campolo, George Sweeting, Jay Kesler, Ron Blue, and John Ankerberg. John MacArthur speaks at a 10/95 Shepherds' Conference. ABWE's Wendell Kempton is the listed speaker for a Couples' Conference.

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THE HIGH COST OF GAMBLING—The gambling industry, including state-run lotteries, has grown into a 48-state, \$500 billion industry. Louisiana has between 78,000 and 125,700 "problem" gamblers. The cost to society of each of these is as high as \$50,000, when "soft" sums such as lost income, the cost of related crime, and prosecution costs are added. In Mississippi, more money is spent gambling than in making taxable retail purchases: \$29.7 billion was bet, compared to \$27.6 billion that was spent in 1994 (10/21 *World*). In the first 16 years of legalized gambling in Atlantic City, the police budget tripled. Crime caused property values to plummet. Casino gambling is a magnet for street criminals. Experts say the cost to society of gambling is between \$2 and \$5 for every dollar in taxes that the industry brings in, and that we will soon begin to see some states reversing themselves and passing bans on gambling.

DISTINCTION DEMANDED IN WORSHIP MUSIC—Lenny Seidel says "Nashville-ization" of contemporary church music is taking advantage of the buying trends of the contemporary evangelical community (10/95 *Voice*). He says "there is no precedent in church music history to justify what we are hearing today; that is, the rebellious music of a perverted society linked with biblical truth. It is not effective because the message and music do not match, and music is as much a language as printed words. It is disingenuous to suggest that the contemporary writers of pop lyrics which depict a rebellious society would use our historical church music to convey their perverted lifestyle. Consequently, a lost generation will not be influenced with imitation, but by something totally different."

P&G RUMORS PERSIST—Proctor & Gamble has answered about 200,000 calls and letters about rumors over the past 15 years linking it to satanism. The rumors claim that P&G's president spoke in support of satanism on a TV talk show, and that P&G's trademark was a satanic symbol (9/5 HT). P&G has removed its moon-and-stars trademark, but the rumor comes back every few years. Recently, P&G filed its 15th defamation lawsuit. It, like five others before it, involves a distributor for P&G rival Amway Corp. It accuses Randy Haugen, of Utah, of using Amway's voice mail system to spread the devil-worship rumor to other Amway distributors.

PK INFO—O Timothy editor David Cloud devoted over 10 big pages in the latest issue to Promise Keepers, including some correspondence with pastors sympathetic with PK. O Timothy is \$20/ yr., 1219 N. Harns Rd., Oak Harbor, WA 98277.

GOD'S NAME PROFANED ON PRIME-TIME TV—The 10/ 21 *World* says the pornographic *Showgirls* movie and the NEA's blasphemous art crudities are not the ultimate problem. It said: "The problem instead lies in the

acceptance by millions of Christians of prime-time programs full of double entendres, of PG movies loaded with the blasphemous use of God's name, and with the just-this-side-of-pornographic videos brought by the armloads into our homes...[W]e tend to tolerate an entertainer's using God's name profanely more than we will a long list of sexual or excremental four-letter words...."

THE GREAT GOD ENTERTAINMENT—The 10/95 *Voice* quotes A. W. Tozer thusly: "For centuries the Church stood solidly against every form of worldly entertainment recognizing it for what it was--a device for wasting time...But of late she...appears to have decided that if she cannot conquer the great god Entertainment she may as well join forces [and use] his power. So today we have the astonishing spectacle of millions of dollars being poured into the unholy job of providing earthly entertainment for so-called sons of heaven. Religious entertainment is...rapidly crowding out the serious things of God. Many churches today have become little more than poor theaters where fifth-rate 'producers' peddle their shoddy wares with the approval of evangelical leaders who can even quote a holy text in defense of their delinquency. And hardly a man dare raise his voice against it."

CHRISTIAN COALITION'S CATHOLIC ARM—Maureen Roselli is the new Exec. Dir. of the Catholic Alliance of the Christian Coalition. The Christian Coalition is concerned that it is still not perceived as a like-minded group by many in the Catholic community. Roselli's job will be to change that perception. The Catholic arm is but the latest effort to attract Catholics.

DERSTINE LEADERS FALSIFIED REPORTS—The 9/11 *Christianity Today* said: "For seven years, Gerald Derstine of Gospel Crusade, Inc., in Bradenton, Fla., inspired his followers with sensational accounts of miracles, mass conversions, and subsequent martyrdoms among Arab Muslims in Israel and the West Bank. His supporters responded generously, contributing \$2.8 million in 1994 alone...But in March, one of Derstine's Arab ministry leaders confessed, in the face of mounting evidence, that the reports were fabrications...In 1988, Derstine began circulating accounts...that thousands of Muslims were converting in the wake of healings, signs, and wonders...Recent visits...confirmed a pattern of misrepresentation and staging of events..."

CAMPOLO STILL DEFENDS HOMOSEXUALS—Eastern College (Amer. Baptist) sociologist Tony Campolo's wife Peggy promotes homosexual weddings, and his pastor performs them (9/26/94 *C.News*). The 10/ 23 *Chr. Today* in reviewing his new book refers to "the ambiguity that has haunted his thought over the years", and says he is reflective of the Religious Left. It adds: "Tony is a Mario Cuomo when it comes to what he calls the 'hot issues.' Conceding that homosexuality is 'contrary to what is normative in nature,' he then argues that churches have the right to receive homosexuals into full communion and even ordain them to the ministry. Whether he means repentant or proud homosexuals is not clear, either; when he refers to 'the kind of homosexual acts that the Bible forbids,' does he intend to suggest there are some homosexual acts that the Bible does not forbid? The same evasiveness characterizes his discussion of abortion."

ACCC RESOLUTION: CONTINUED COMPROMISE OF AWANA—"We are deeply saddened that Awana Clubs International--for many years appreciated, approved, and supported by Bible-believing churches...--has recently changed its position regarding its relationship to churches within the National Council of Churches (the liberal, apostate organization of the ecumenical movement, USA). It appears that in recent years Awana's policy of not chartering NCC-member churches was not being practiced, even though its own position papers clearly [stated that] 'the Awana charter is not available to: churches affiliated with denominations that are members of the NCC/WCC.' [Its] policy has now been changed to read that the Awana charters are not available to churches that are 'supportive of the NCC.'...[T]his reveals the attempt of Awana to grow at the expense of truth, while deceitfully implying that one can be affiliated with apostasy without being supportive of it...The American Council of Christian Churches...at its 54th Annual Convention [St. Louis, Oct. 24-26] urges all Bible-believing churches and pastors to express...to the Awana leadership their dissatisfaction with Awana's compromise and to request that remedial action be taken by the Awana Board to correct this problem by returning its stated policy to its original wording and insisting that its practice live up to its policy...We repudiate... the idea that...churches can be affiliated with the NCC without

partaking of its evil deeds."

HINN'S HEALINGS CHALLENGED—Personal Freedom Outreach (St. Louis) says faith healer Benny Hinn's version of mass healings at an Ontario hospital in 1976 is more fiction than fact (10/ 23 *C.Today*). Hinn describes the healings in his new book, *Welcome, Holy Spirit*. But the summer issue of PFO's quarterly journal labels Hinn's "wildly embellished account" a "tall tale." Hinn's book claims that he and other clergy anointed patients in a Catholic hospital with oil and they began to receive instant healing. He said "you could feel God's spirit all over the building. Within a few minutes the hospital looked almost like it had been hit by an earthquake. People...up and down the hallways and in the rooms." But a hospital statement says "No such events have ever occurred [here]" and said Hinn's claims are "outlandish." Chr. Research Institute president Hank Hanegraaff and Evang. James Robison took Hinn to task in the 8/16/93 CT for his teaching of the word-of-faith doctrine (positive confession, prosperity gospel, and divine right-to-be-healed), warning Hinn that if he did not change his ministry it eventually would fail due to false teachings.

ACCC RESOLUTION: ETERNAL SONSHIP AND THE IFCA—"....The Independent Fundamental Churches of America's leadership, while professing to adhere to its excellent doctrinal statement [on eternal Sonship], has allowed departure...[It] keeps Dr. John MacArthur on its membership roles, even though in his published writings and public tapes he has clearly and consistently denied the eternal Sonship of Christ, teaching instead that Christ became the Son of God at the time of the Incarnation....The IFCA leadership defied rightness and logic by concluding that the denial of eternal Sonship is not out of harmony with the IFCA doctrinal statement. This decision resulted in some IFCA men withdrawing their membership from the IFCA, based on the fact that the organization no longer officially takes its own doctrinal statement seriously. The American Council of Christian Churches, meeting at its 54th Annual Convention in St. Louis, MO, Oct. 24-26, 1995, gives its hearty commendation to those IFCA regionals, pastors and delegates who took such a stand against the IFCA's doctrinal compromise and who were valiant for the truth of Christ's eternal Sonship in these difficult days of doctrinal decline...[This] is a vital doctrine that must not be compromised." [The IFCA also promotes John MacArthur in its *Voice* magazine.]

DR. BELL SEES DANGER WITHIN FUNDAMENTALISM—FBF President Dr. Rod Bell in the latest *Frontline* says: "...I see a great danger in Fundamentalists losing 'the fire in their belly.' In many of our ranks, some seemingly express the passive attitude, 'We don't want to contend and fight for the great fundamentals of the faith.' Many Fundamentalists see that expression as a growing concern and believe that, for the most part, we are losing our militancy...[It] is frightening to see the position of neutrality taking priority. We have reached a period in battle-- which some call the Cold War period-- that was caused by a letdown in the fight against the compromise of truth. That 'comfort zone' does not have many warriors, simply because, if you are not contending, you are compromising... [E]very generation of Fundamentalists must have a 'fire built under them.' I don't know what kind of fire it will take to get some Fundamentalists to wake up before they lose it all... Many times there is the affirmation of a Fundamentalist--but the attitude of a New Evangelical...[We] maintain a position by fighting for it. If we maintain a proper relationship with our Lord, we will fight for His truth..."

E.L. BYNUM NOT A FOUNDER OF SBF—In our "Dr. Harold Sightler Passes" 11/1 article Dr. Dollar apparently mistakenly listed "E.L. Bynum" as a founder of the Southwide Baptist Fellowship. Pastor Bynum says he was not one of the founders and has never attended an SBF meeting. Pastor Bynum is editor of the *Plains Baptist Challenger* (\$5/yr.), and has other books/tracts available: P.O. Box 3100, Lubbock, TX 79452.

ACCC NEW OFFICERS—Dr. Ralph Colas remains at the helm of the American Council (and of the World Council of Biblical Churches) as Exec. Secretary, Dr. Richard Harris is the new ACCC president (replacing Dr. Allen Griffith), Rev. Mark Franklin is V-P, Rev. Ronnie Fieker is Secretary, and Bill Worrilow remains as Treasurer. Dr. Jim Fields is chairman of the WCBC. Next year's annual meeting is at Lebanon, Pa.

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GUNS PREVENT CRIME—Switzerland has about the same rate of gun ownership as the U.S., but has lower rates of crime and violence. It has about two million guns for its six million citizens, including 600,000 fully-automatic assault rifles. The Swiss murder rate is 15 percent of ours. Per government statistics, 90 percent of violent crimes in the U.S. are committed without a handgun (10/2 *New Amer.*). Of crimes committed with a handgun, 93 percent of the guns were obtained by unlawful means. There are up to 2.5 million instances a year where guns are used for self-defense and actually stop crimes --in most cases, by warning shots or threats.

JAY GARY: UNIVERSAL CHURCH BY YEAR 2000—Jay Gary's *The Star of 2000* is the first book to call for global celebrations of the 2000th anniversary of Christ's birth. He cites a 1979 proposal that churches which are still divided should settle their remaining differences as we approach the year 2000 and convene a holy council in that year--the first universal church council since A.D. 787. Gary says (p46): "What a gift to God that would be!" He quotes another ecumenical: "On the opening day of the assembly they [churches] would all unite in confession of one and the same apostolic faith on the basis of years of thorough preparation. They would declare the divisions between them to be a thing of the past and then join together in celebration of the Eucharist..." The 9/4 *New American* mentioned an "International Initiative," which seeks "the establishment of a permanent international interreligious body--a United Religions--or a permanent Assembly of Religious and Spiritual Leaders." Such a body has long been a cherished goal for Gary's New Age Hindu Catholic hero Robert Muller. Gary has been active in evangelical circles for many years, and his book is endorsed by Campus Crusade's Bill Bright, Brandt Gustavson (NRB President), and EFCA's Paul Cedar (see 3/15 CC).

WOMEN'S STUDY BIBLE—Growth in the number of female scholars has led to new Bible commentaries that focus on women's ideas and concerns, says the 10/2 *Christian News*. A new Women's Study Bible project brought together a team of 80 women, 22 of which were Southern Baptist. Dorothy Patterson whose husband, Paige Patterson, is president of Southeastern Baptist Seminary, is the general editor. Other So. Baptists involved in the effort included Beverly LaHaye and Joyce (Mrs. Adrian) Rogers (9/26 I. Bapt.). Other contributors from new-evangelical denominations include: Vonette Bright, Shirley Dobson, Elisabeth Elliot, Karen Mains, Joni, Dale Evans Rogers, Jill Briscoe, and Edith Schaeffer.

FAME TO ELVIS, DEATH TO HIS MOTHER—A 1993 book by Howard Dewitt, *Elvis: The Sun Years*, relates that as Elvis Presley started becoming popular, the strain started taking a heavy toll on Gladys Presley's health. She was

constantly hounded by the fans, and was unable to handle the pressures that resulted from his fame and fortune. As Mississippi and Tennessee preachers started using Elvis' rock music stardom to preach against the evils of the new music, her guilt increased, leading to a feeling that she had abandoned her [Church of God] religious beliefs. She began having severe headaches and became physically ill, and wished her son had taken another path. The Presleys had all the money anyone could want, but the transition to a life of luxury was actually a death sentence for Gladys Presley. Elvis led a generation of young people down a road of moral degeneracy.

DISNEY'S DANGEROUS PERVERSION—Since Michael Eisner took control of the Disney empire, the whole Disney experience has been perverted. He has said that "as many as 40% of (Disney's) 63,000 employees might be gay." (10/95 NLJ). The Walt Disney Co. will now offer health insurance to live-in partners of its gay and lesbian employees and to the partners' dependent children (10/9 HT). Some Disney films have subtle sexual messages and promote ecological spiritualism and Eastern mysticism (10/95 *Charisma*).

SODOMY IS 'AGAINST NATURE'—In Romans 1 we learn that God allows men to develop dishonorable desires. Lesbianism is described in verse 26 as being "against nature" or abnormal. Verse 27 says men leave the natural use of the women to be consumed in their lust toward other men. The 10/95 *Gospel Standard* says: "When we consider that many male homosexuals admit to having hundreds, even over a thousand, sexual contacts--many of whom are complete strangers--we realize that the word *consumed* is not an exaggeration. The word *natural* in verse 27 literally means 'inborn' in the Greek. In other words, men are born with a natural inclination toward women. Sodomites choose to leave that which is natural and instead become inflamed with lust toward males." They break God's law and must repent and go to Him for deliverance.

CHO AND HYBELS JOIN SCHULLER—Korean pastor David Yonggi Cho and Willow Creek mega-church pastor Bill Hybels are part of the faculty in Robert Schuller's 1/96 Institute for Successful Church Leadership. Schuller's self-esteem message of "possibility thinking" waters down the gospel, yet he with his Crystal Cathedral and Hour of Power is the most-watched TV preacher.

'JESUS' ACTOR HAS DOUBTS ABOUT JESUS—Campus Crusade founder Dr. Bill Bright says the Jesus Film is the result of a vision given him by God in the early days of his ministry (Jan-Feb 1993 *Foundation*). It is now the world's most translated film and has been seen by over 711 million viewers since its 1979 U.S. premiere. But the British actor who plays Jesus in this popular film says he has many doubts about the teachings of our Lord (10/2 Chr.News). Forty-one million people have indicated a decision to follow Christ after watching the Jesus film. The May-June *Foundation* cites a report of several thousand Pygmies in Zaire who professed faith in Christ but have no concept of salvation or personal sin. It warns against pseudo-evangelism methods with exaggerated statistics.

CAMPUS CRUSADE LEADERS CONFESS SINS—Some 4,000 Campus Crusade staff members met last July at Colorado State University for their biennial training. After Life Action speaker Nancy Leigh DeMoss told them that deep sorrow for one's sin is a prerequisite for serving God faithfully, long lines began to form waiting for microphone time to confess long-hidden sins (10/95 *Charisma*, *C.Today*). Campus ministry leaders continued "confessing" for about 18 hours, in two sessions. Campus Crusade founder Bill Bright said revivals in seminaries and campuses around the U.S. began the next month after his 40-day fast (to pray for revival) in July-August, 1994. He said the timing indicates a new release of God's spirit throughout the U.S. Campus Crusade partnerships ecumenically with over 450 religious groups throughout the world.

'TORONTO BLESSING' A ROAD TO THE OCCULT?—*Toronto Life* magazine has billed the Toronto Blessing as the top tourist attraction of 1994. Toronto's Airport Vineyard Church, the focal point for "holy laughter," has had to move to a new location just to handle the crowds. But Hank Hanegraaff says the ministry of Rodney Howard-Browne and the Airport Vineyard represent something "extremely dangerous that could be a road to the occult" because of its focus on subjective and chaotic religious experience (9/11 CT). He says the Toronto Blessing has resulted from the unintended psychological manipulation of gullible and desperate believers. His warnings have been

echoed by John MacArthur and others. Warren Smith says the current emphasis on holy laughter may represent a strong delusion from Satan. A British leader says Howard-Browne's meetings resemble voodoo worship.

STANLEY'S CHURCH VOTES TO KEEP HIM AS PASTOR—About 5,000 members of Georgia's largest Baptist church, First Baptist of Atlanta, voted Oct. 1 at a members-only meeting to retain Rev. Charles Stanley as pastor. Deacons recommended it 35-3, and 86 percent of members agreed. His wife is suing for divorce, and his son questions his leadership. (10/9 *Chr. News*). He is trying to reconcile with his wife, and earlier promised to step down if he becomes divorced.

NEW PICKERING BOOKLET—Baptist World Mission (PO Box 1463, Decatur, AL 35602) has published a new pamphlet by Dr. Ernest Pickering, "Should We Abandon the Name Baptist?" Write BWM for a new Order Form listing 14 titles of books and booklets by Dr. Pickering on subjects such as Promise Keepers, music, Lordship Salvation--and where he answers the flawed teachings of Drs. John MacArthur, Chuck Swindoll, and Charles Colson. Dr. Pickering and BWM Exec. Dir. Dr. Fred Moritz also have excellent books on separation.

PROMISE KEEPERS CONSIDER CATHOLICS AS ALLIES—The 9/29 *Human Events* said of Promise Keepers: "Heavily evangelical in theology, it reaches out pointedly to Roman Catholics, whom it views --rightly--as potential allies in the quest to redeem America." (10/9 *CN*). We earlier warned of the ecumenical danger of PK, and that Catholics and Mormons participated in its rallies.

MBI'S SWEETING PRAISES BILLY GRAHAM—Dr. Jerry Falwell in his 10/95 *National Liberty Journal* referred to the "long and faithful ministry of Dr.[Billy] Graham"(10/15 *CC*). Dr. Jack Van Impe and other erstwhile "fundamentalists" have in recent years heaped praise on this ecumenical evangelist (1/1/94 *CC*). Now Moody Bible Institute Chancellor Dr. George Sweeting in a full-page article in the 10/95 *Moody* praises Graham for, among other things, remaining true to the fundamentals of the gospel and for his "unswerving loyalty to the Bible as the inspired Word of God." But actually, Graham has sadly led a generation of new evangelicals down a long road of compromise and disobedience to God's Word. He has cozied with liberals and Catholic leaders, in direct disobedience to biblical commands to separate from false-gospel enemies of God.

S.B.F. MEETING—We were able to attend a portion of the Southwide Baptist Fellowship (Oct. 3) at the Highland Park Baptist Church (Tenn. Temple) in Chattanooga. The preaching was good. The music was a mix of excellent hymns and CCM. Exhibitors were a bit disappointing and included a conservative Southern Baptist seminary, Gospel Light Publications, Word of Life, and other new-evangelical types. We were most encouraged by three strong resolutions relating to Promise Keepers, Revival/Holy Laughter, and the UN Conference on Women's Rights. The SBF still has some strong churches, but has been fragmented in recent years by the Hyles problem, and the fact that some of its prominent pulpits remain open to new evangelicals such as Jerry Falwell and Tim Lee. SBF '96 is set for Trinity Baptist Church, Jacksonville, FL.

TTU TO CELEBRATE 50 YEARS—Tennessee Temple University celebrates 50 years of ministry September 22-25, 1996. Enrollment this year is 554 in the University, 92 in Seminary, and 42 in Bible school, according to TTU President Dr. Roger Stiles (10/95 *Evangelist*). We were disappointed that its 1995 WDYN Program Guide has so many new-evangelical ministries listed, including: Adrian Rogers and J. Harold Smith (So. Baptists), Chuck Swindoll, D. James Kennedy, Phyllis Schlafly (RC), James Dobson, Minirth-Meier Clinic, Elisabeth Elliot, Woodrow Kroll, Mark De Haan, and Jack Wyrzten. Sadly, most of these are very ecumenical in their fellowships.

DR. HAROLD SIGHTLER PASSES—Dr. Harold B. Sightler died Sept. 27. Dr. George W. Dollar says: "He was one of the founders of the Southwide Baptist Fellowship...along with John R. Rice, Lee Roberson, E. L. Bynum, John Waters and Yours Truly. He founded Tabernacle Baptist Church [Greenville, SC] over 40 years ago and was its pastor at death. In addition, he founded *The Bright Spot Hour* radio program, an orphan's home, and a Bible college. He preached widely in revivals and Bible conferences and was closely associated with John R. Rice and Jack Hyles in

***Sword of the Lord* conferences..." We have seen in the past couple of years or so the passing of Drs. Monroe Parker, Arno Weniger, Charles Woodbridge, Don McKnight, John McCormick, Curtis Hutson, Harold Sightler and others.**

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X-RATED 'SHOWGIRLS' A TRIAL BALLOON—*Showgirls* is the first NC-17 film from a major studio in five years (9/18 USN&WR). It features "ample nudity, some violence and rough language" (9/29 HT). It is an over-priced peep show, set in the world of nude Las Vegas dancing, with no redeeming value. Per a reviewer, "after the 100th nude scene, it becomes boring" (9/28 HT). The agenda behind *Showgirls* is to bring former back-alley entertainment to the cultural mainstream--and even to impressionable youths. If it becomes a blockbuster in spite of its "X" rating of NC-17, then movie makers will race to make trashier fare, and to market it to youth (9/22 HT). "Adult" movies could fill the theaters and soon our entire culture could become X-rated.

CARDINAL RESIGNS IN AUSTRIA: HOMOSEXUAL ABUSE—Cardinal Hans Groer stepped down in September as head of Austria's Roman Catholic Church amid charges that he sexually abused a boy 20 years ago. Four other of his former boarding school pupils also have accused Groer of molesting them. Groer's replacement and three other Austrian bishops are alleged to have homosexual tendencies (10/2 *C.Today*). Austria is about 90 percent Roman Catholic. Allegations of sexual misconduct are plunging Austria's RC church into crisis--thousands are leaving the church.

AIDS TRAINING IS IMPOSED HOMOSEXUAL PROPAGANDA—Concerned Women for America President Beverly LaHaye, in a 9/15 letter, said the government is brainwashing federal employees in so-called "AIDS training." She says this is actually "government bankrolled homosexual propaganda that has been forced onto all federal employees. Openly lesbian and homosexual instructors have taken the podium to promote the acceptance of the homosexual lifestyle and to label Christians as potential 'troublemakers'...."

NEA'S 1995 EXTREMIST RESOLUTIONS—Congress will hold hearings this month on homosexuality in the schools. Some conservatives are furious over National Education Association resolutions endorsing acceptance of diverse sexual orientations and sex education programs (10/2 USN&WR). At its July convention, the NEA passed at least 15 resolutions addressing the sexual orientation issue. It wants teaching about homosexuality always to be part of sex education, and uses "diversity" as a code word for gay-lesbian teaching (8/95 Schlafly Rpt.). Some other NEA extreme/radical resolutions attacked home-schooling, but supported: global education, the entire feminist agenda (abortion, etc.), socialized medicine (which recognized "domestic partners" as dependents), gun control, etc.

GO SLOW WITH NORMA McCORVEY'S 'CONVERSION'—She still believes in the right to an abortion in the

first trimester. She has no plans to leave her lesbian partner (10/95 *Moody*). In the 8/14 *Newsweek*, she said she would rather give up her newfound faith than abandon her lover(9/11 CT).

PROMISE KEEPERS LEADERS ARE CHARISMATICS—Top leaders of Promise Keepers are linked with John Wimber's "signs and wonders" Vineyard churches, a network of charismatic churches. PK leaders want all churches, charismatics, Pentecostals, Roman Catholics, liberal Protestants, and even Mormons to unite and disregard doctrinal differences (9/11 *C.News*). Attendees come from all kinds of churches. The 10/95 *Charisma* said: "During one session (St. Petersburg), the Baptists lifted their hands to God with everyone else when charismatic pastor Joseph Garlington urged the crowd to be more demonstrative in worship. They all shouted and clapped..."

DR. COLAS ATTENDS WCC MEETING—ACCC Exec. Sec'y Dr. Ralph Colas journeyed to Geneva, Switzerland in mid-September to attend and report on the Central Committee Meeting of the World Council of Churches. The 158-member Central Committee is the main WCC decision-making body on policy matters between each assembly. Several Roman Catholics attended as observers. WCC Gen. Sec'y Konrad Raiser lamented the fact that ecumenical inclusiveness is severely limited without the full participation of the RC Church along with evangelical and Pentecostal churches. Raiser is also deeply concerned regarding strong public speeches Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe is making against homosexuals, inasmuch as the WCC's Eighth Assembly is scheduled for there in 1998. Raiser said this could result in the WCC choosing another country. [Dr. Colas' full report is available for \$2 from: ACCC, P.O. Box 19, Wallingford, PA 19086. Or send \$5 and receive his WCC, NAE, and NRB 1995 reports.

ZIMBABWE CONDEMNS HOMOSEXUALITY, WCC DIVIDED—Marxist/socialist Robert Mugabe came to power in Zimbabwe (formerly Rhodesia) in 1980. His recent campaign against homosexuality deeply concerns World Council of Churches leaders who plan to hold their next assembly there. There are deep divisions between the WCC's 324 member churches on homosexuality. Church leaders in Zimbabwe strongly oppose homosexuality and say it is incompatible with biblical values of Christianity and with African culture. (9/25 *Christian News*). Mugabe reportedly told journalists: "We do not believe homosexuals have any rights at all. They can demonstrate, but if they come here, we will throw them in jail."

FRANKLIN GRAHAM & CHARISMATICS—The 10/95 *Charisma* magazine had a 7-page article on Franklin Graham, the son of Billy Graham, and his Samaritan's Purse ministry. He rebelled in his teen years against the Christian lifestyle. He drank, smoked, got kicked out of one college and dropped out of another for awhile. He is now mentioned as the likely successor to his father. He says of the charismatic movement: "I thank God for the warmth I see within many of the charismatic churches--their love for the Lord and love for the Scriptures..." He said: "Probably [Samaritan's Purse's] largest base of support comes from the charismatic community..."

FALWELL PRAISES FRANKLIN & BILLY GRAHAM—The 10/95 *National Liberty Journal* has an article by Franklin Graham and an editorial by NLJ publisher, Jerry Falwell, praising him. Falwell said: "Everyone calls him Franklin. He looks and sounds just like his father, Evangelist Billy Graham, and he has the same calling to world evangelism. Even more importantly, he appears to have the same spiritual anointing as his father...If Dr. Graham does declare his heart and reaches out to Franklin [to succeed him], every leader in the body of Christ should sound the trumpet in loud agreement..." Falwell referred to the "long and faithful ministry of Dr. Graham" and to Franklin as "God's new Elijah". He said: "The world in the 21st Century desperately needs another Giant." Franklin was on Falwell's TV program a year or two ago. His son Will is a junior at Liberty University.

FALWELL SPEAKERS INCLUDE GINGRICH, SO. BAPTISTS—House Speaker Newt Gingrich was scheduled to speak at Jerry Falwell's Oct. 8-11 Super Conference. Ecumenical social gospel promoter E.V. Hill, and Southern Baptists Adrian Rogers, Bailey Smith, and David Ring were also listed speakers--along with BBF leader Dr. John Rawlings (now on Falwell's staff) and Lt. Cleve McClary Falwell led a two-day seminar on "How to Double Your Attendance and Offerings in One Year."

BUCHANAN TO ADDRESS FREE PREACHERS FELLOWSHIP—The Free Preachers Fellowship was formed in 1992. Its platform stated: "WE SUPPORT the right and recognize the freedom of each pastor and church to use whatever style of music [including CCM rock?] he chooses....[W]e desire a fellowship where we are free to be ourselves and at the same time be accepted and loved by one another...." (See 8/15/92 CC). The Nov. 12-15 FPF semi-annual meeting is set for Pastor Chuck Baldwin's (an FPF founder and Liberty U. alumnus) Crossroad Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla. Featured speakers include presidential candidate Pat Buchanan (a Roman Catholic), and Drs. Jerry Falwell, Pete Rice, and Kenny McComas.

WHO CARES ABOUT DOCTRINE?—Bible doctrine continues to pose problems for ecumenicals. Some U. Methodists argue that too-strict adherence to doctrine can hinder outreach, especially to homosexuals. One UM pastor says, "Doctrine is important, but if it blocks us from being able to love others with the same unconditional love that Jesus loves us, then doctrine is in the way." (10/2 CT). *Christianity Today's* managing editor says: "As a movement, [evangelicals] are in a new place...Preserving the fundamental doctrines of the faith is no longer the anxious concern it was a generation ago; now the issue is maturing along with our success..." (10/1 CC). TBN chief Paul Crouch is quoted thusly: "I just, sometimes I wonder if the whole study of theology isn't a waste of time."

ORLANDO '95: DOCTRINAL DIFFERENCES ABANDONED—Tongues-speaking Catholics and Protestants joined forces in Orlando in July at the North American Congress on the Holy Spirit and World Evangelization (see 6/15, 10/1 CCs). A Catholic bishop led a session. There was conga-style dancing. The 10/95 *Charisma* said: "Charismatics abandoned their theological differences...at least for four days", and: "Today, millions of Catholics, including Pope John Paul II's personal preacher...have joined ranks with charismatics." Catholic-Protestant leaders say they must "bridge denominational barriers to finish the task of world evangelization." One leader said: "Our unity is in the fact that Jesus is Lord...that we are baptized in the Spirit." A Catholic priest added: "This is the greatest ecumenical movement in the Christian church."

PINNOCK & STOTT DO NOT BELIEVE IN ETERNAL HELL—The 10/95 *Sword And Trumpet* had this shocking statement from C.H. [Clark] Pinnock: "Let me say at the outset that I consider the concept of hell as endless torment in body and mind an outrageous doctrine...How can Christians possibly project a deity of such cruelty and vindictiveness whose ways include inflicting everlasting torture upon his creatures, however sinful they may have been? Surely, a God who would do such a thing is more nearly like Satan than like God...." (4/2/90 *Criswell Theol. Review*) John Stott and many other so-called evangelical theologians try to make a case for annihilationism, but Rev. 20:10 (and other passages) make it plain that it is not annihilation but rather torment which awaits Satan and Christ-rejecters. The Bible uses five pictures to describe hell: darkness and separation, fire, weeping and gnashing of teeth, punishment, and death and destruction. [9/25 *Chr. News* - see 2/1 CC]

QUAYLE, OGILVIE HEADLINE NRB '96—The 53rd Annual National Religious Broadcasters Convention & Exposition is set for Indianapolis, Feb. 3-6. Former vice president Dan Quayle and Senate chaplain Lloyd Ogilvie are main speakers. Alberto Mottesi and Kay Arthur (Precept Ministries) will also speak. Actress Susan Howard (CBS-TV's *Dallas*) is invited to share her testimony. Former Miss America Terry Meeuwsen (700 *Club* co-host), Larnelle Harris, CeCe Winans and others will sing at this ecumenical event.

WMU DIRECTOR 'FURIOUS' WITH RANKIN'S LETTER—Responding to the Women's Missionary Union's decision to produce materials for the moderate/ liberal Cooperative Baptist Fellowship [see 9/ 15 CC], Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board Director Jerry Rankin wrote, in an Aug. 25 letter to pastors and WMU directors: "We feel the decision of the WMU National Board to provide promotion and publicity for the CBF undermines a cooperative spirit among the [SBC] agencies." (9/12 *Ind.Bapt.*). He charged WMU with deviating from its historic role of exclusive support of HMB and FMB missionaries. WMU Exec. Dir. Dellanna O'Brian's response said: "We are furious with the letter sent by Jerry Rankin..." Rankin, in turn, says he is "surprised at the anger and emotion expressed in the WMU response."

SBC'S FMB JOINS EFMA—So. Baptist Foreign Mission Board trustees at their August meeting voted to join the Evangelical Fellowship of Mission Agencies (9/12 IB). The new-evangelical EFMA is a broad-spectrum association of 110 mission groups, including: Campus Crusade, Assemblies of God, YFC, InterVarsity, World Vision, and the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society.

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SANDI PATTY REMARRIES, ADMITS ADULTERY—Popular CCM singer Sandi Patty remarried in August after a controversial divorce in 1993. She (age 39) married Don Pelsis, a 34-year-old divorced fitness instructor who was once a member of a vocal group which toured with her (9/11 *C. Today*). She admitted to having an extramarital relationship with him during her marriage to John Helvering and that a pattern of dishonesty about it had emerged. The Gospel Music Association for 11 consecutive years named her its Female Vocalist of the Year. She has sung at Billy Graham crusades and on *The Tonight Show*. Helvering plans to remarry later this year. Patty seeks sole custody of their four children.

IS DEATH PENALTY 'STATE-SANCTIONED MURDER'?—Liberal clergy and the National Conference of Catholic Bishops have taken a strong stand against the death penalty. But Haven Bradford Gow, in the 9/11 *Christian News* says: "If, as the foes of capital punishment insist, capital punishment is state-sanctioned murder, then state imprisonment of rapists, child molesters, drug dealers, burglars and murderers is state-sanctioned kidnapping and state taxation on consumer goods is state-sanctioned theft...."

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THE PC BIBLE—The folks at Oxford University Press have rewritten the New Testament and the Psalms to "purge

them of their sexism, racism and social insensitivity." (9/17 HT). In this politically correct "Bible," the Father and Son become the Parent and Child. The "Lord's Prayer" starts: "Father-Mother, hallowed be your name, may your dominion come." The 9/11 *Christian News* says: "Also on the way this publishing season are a Bible written at a third-grade reading level for those for whom English is a second language, a senior's Bible, a Bible for women and a Bible for parents."

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THREE-WAY CONTEST FOR POWER IN NEW WORLD ORDER—Catholic author Malachi Martin in his *The Keys of This Blood* book reveals the "Struggle for World Dominion Between Pope John Paul II and Mikhail Gorbachev." In three other books he has traced the steps by which the Church of Rome has been infiltrated by Marxism over the past 65 years. Martin shows how Communism now controls the Vatican and is ready to present it as the religious wing of its World Order; and how Marxism, through the Vatican, is involved in multiple pressure tactics to bring Israel "into global line." Wilson Ewin (our source for the above), after Israel's plea to Pope John Paul II and the Vatican for help in solving the Middle East crisis, has written a manuscript to warn Jewish people. You may get this from him at: PO Box 180, Norton, VT 05907. Martin's book also reveals the Vatican's role in the collapse of the Iron Curtain, and Pope John Paul II's far-reaching assessment of the three-way struggle now unfolding among the global powers--the Soviets, the West, and the Pope's universal Roman Church--a winner-take-all race to control the first one-world government.

10,000 PRIESTS HOMOSEXUALS?—Various surveys show that some 10,000 Roman Catholic priests in the U.S. may be homosexuals (9/11 *Chr.News*). Some bishops say that 40 percent of U.S. priests may be homosexually active. Up to 3,000 may be pedophiles. There are about 57,000 priests in the U.S. A 25-year study estimated that up to half do not uphold their vows of celibacy.

ED DOBSON SENIOR EDITOR OF CHRISTIANITY TODAY—Former Falwell associate Dr. Edward G. Dobson is Senior Pastor of Calvary Church in Grand Rapids, Mich., a megachurch founded in 1929 by Dr. M. R. DeHaan (who also founded Radio Bible Class). We now see Dobson listed as a "Senior Editor" of the mainline new-evangelical *Christianity Today* magazine. Billy Graham is Chairman of the Board. Roman Catholics and liberal denom leaders are Advisory Editors. Dobson (and Falwell) over a decade ago called for Fundamentalists and [New] Evangelicals to unite. Dobson said those who declare "the Papacy is of anti-Christ" are "extremists". In a 1993 book, Dobson says he uses rock music in his church, and says rock is "the musical style that I love and listen to." (See 4/15/94 CC). His church hosted the 1988 IFCA convention, and he was named 1993 "Pastor of the Year" by Moody Bible Institute.

EVANGELICALS NOW LESS CONCERNED FOR DOCTRINE—In the August 14 *Christianity Today*, Managing Editor Michael G. Maudlin said: "As a movement, [evangelicals] are in a new place. God has blessed us with many churches, colleges, seminaries, publishing houses, and ministries. Pre-serving the fundamental doctrines of the faith is no longer the anxious concern it was a generation ago; now the issue is maturing along with our success..." Billy Graham is founder and chairman of the board of *Christianity Today*, the mainline new-evangelical magazine. Ed Dobson is a new Senior Editor of CT. MBI-President Joseph Stowell and Warren Wiersbe are listed with Roman Catholics and liberal denom leaders as "Advisory Editors" of CT. Wiersbe was the featured speaker for the GARBC's 6/95 annual meeting, and earlier this year joined the staff of GARBC-related Grand Rapids Seminary.

CHRISTIAN RECONSTRUCTIONISM, DOMINION THEOLOGY—Reconstructionists believe that Christians are mandated by God to bring all social and political institutions under the authority of God's law, to secure dominion

over the world, thus setting up the kingdom of God on earth in readiness for Christ's return.[Pastor Tom Coffman's 5-page analysis in the 9/95 OBF *Visitor* is our source for this article- 10 copies \$3, 3865 N. High St., Columbus, OH 43214]. Under reconstructionism, the death sentence would apply to murder, striking/cursing parents, unchastity, homosexuality, rape, apostasy, idolatry, unfulfilled prophesying, disobedience of a court order, and a host of other offenses. Reconstructionist Gary North advocates biblical stone-throwing as the divinely instituted method of execution. But in John 8, our Lord does not want the woman taken in adultery to be stoned to death. Neither does Paul advocate stoning for the Corinthian sinner (1 Cor. 5). Some laws applied only to the nation of Israel. The moral laws are our "schoolmaster," but where in the New Testament do we find the death sentence upheld for a rebellious son, a homosexual or a medium?

ACCC MEETS THIS MONTH—The 54th Annual Convention of the American Council of Christian Churches will be held in St. Louis (Overland), Mo., Oct. 24-26. Speakers include ACCC Exec. Sec'y Dr. Ralph Colas, Pres. Dr. E. Allen Griffith, V-P Dr. Richard Harris, WCBC Chairman Dr. Jim Fields, Clearwater Christian College President Dr. George Youstra, Dr. Robert Mayer, and Dr. Robert Anderson. Also on the agenda is a panel discussion of Promise Keepers and other current issues of our day. Dr. Russ Carnagey (Lackland Road Bapt. Church) is host pastor. For more info, call Debbie Racz or Dr. Colas at 610/566-8154.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATICS—Missions researcher David Barrett says the Pentecostal/charismatic movement adds 54,800 adherents a day. It comprises 25% of the world's Christians, 460 million people, including 100 million Catholic charismatics (9/95 *Berean Call*). About half of the participants at the recent Congress on the Holy Spirit and World Evangelization in Orlando were Catholics. Speakers included a Catholic priest, Benny Hinn, Jack Hayford, Pat Robertson and Paul Crouch. Hayford said relationships can form without a "meltdown of ideologies," and that the Holy Spirit can blend and bond without sacrificing uniqueness and individuality. The charismatic movement is an ecumenical vehicle for building the anti-Christ one-world church.

BIBLICAL INTOLERANCE—All false teaching is to be hated, exposed, and opposed. Our Lord denounced evil and engaged in very negative name-calling regarding false teachers (see Matt. 23). Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones said (4/95 Aust. Beacon): "There can be little doubt that the Church is as she is today because we do not follow New Testament teaching and its exhortations, and confine ourselves to the positive and the so-called 'simple Gospel,' and fail to stress the negatives and the criticisms. The result is that people do not recognize error when they meet it...[and] often help propagate false teaching because they see nothing wrong in it...."

BARNHOUSE & S.D.A.—Donald Grey Barnhouse pastored Tenth Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, for over three decades. He was an outstanding orator and author. But in typical new-evangelical fashion, he compromised with liberals in his later years. He called neo-orthodox Karl Barth "perhaps the greatest Protestant theologian of the twentieth century." (9/30/83 *Bib. Ev.*). Barnhouse and charismatic Walter Martin entered into "sweet fellowship," as they put it, with leaders of Seventh-Day Adventism. Miles Stanford lists some SDA heresies: 1) The Sanctuary-investigative judgment; 2) Christ's assumption of a sinful nature; 3) Sabbath-keeping; 4) OT dietary restrictions; 5) Partial atonement at Calvary; 6) Conditional immortality; 7) Soul sleep; and 8) Annihilation of the lost.

MODERN 'CHURCHES'—The No. Heartland Community Church in Platte Woods, Mo. "is...for people who think they don't like church. [It has] no hymns, no Scripture readings and no chance this would be mistaken for a traditional Sunday service." *** Donald G. Barnhouse's Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, now pastored by James M. Boice, is using disarming ads "to attract professionals". One ad said: "Jesus Hated Church, Too. It's boring. The people are phony. The politics are less than righteous. Jesus hated the same things. But he never used it as an excuse not to worship. Maybe he knew something you don't. Find out this Sunday." Eph. 5:25 says Jesus LOVED the church and died for it. How can a so-called evangelical church use such irreverent nonsense, even if with good intentions?

CHRISTIAN NEWS STILL A BARGAIN—It is a 24-page weekly (exc. Aug.) independent Lutheran paper, chock-full

of news. It is one of this editor's main information sources for news about Promise Keepers, Catholicism, and other current topics. The editor is Herman Otten. At \$25/yr., even if you only read or agree with half the material, it is still a bargain for those who wish to stay informed. A huge *Chr. News Encyclopedia* of past articles is also available. The address: 3277 Boeuf Lutheran Road, New Haven, MO 63068.

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'CHRISTIAN' COALITION IS A MIXED BAG—The so-called Christian Coalition has a strategy to broaden its evangelical base by reaching out to conservative Jews, Mormons and especially Catholics (9/3 H.Times). These groups, who have long been mortal enemies over theological issues, are now uniting around social issues such as abortion, pornography, and homosexuality. The Christian Coalition's annual "Road to Victory" conference was set for Sept. 8-9 in Washington, and was to be attended by most of the Republican presidential hopefuls. It was to include a Catholic Mass. Three of the Christian Coalition's four lobbyists on Capitol Hill are Catholic and the other is Jewish. Of its 1.5 million supporters, almost one in five is Catholic.

NEA'S DAYS MAY BE NUMBERED—The House in July approved a bill to abolish funding for the National Endowment for the Arts by Oct. 1997. The NEA has awarded millions of taxpayer dollars to fund homosexual film festivals and vile and blasphemous "art," such as: child pornography, graphic homosexuality, sexual violence, public nudity, and vicious attacks on Christ (9/95 Nat. Lib.Jrnl). A 4/89 Wash. Times editorial said the NEA has "become a feeding trough and a public latrine for a pack of pornographers who can't even make a living peddling honest smut and who flourish because the only art they understand is how to rape the imprisoned taxpayers."

WHAT GAMBLING DOES—Gambling affects all of us because it corrupts our society, increases crime and police and crime prevention costs, and perverts politicians (bribery, etc.). It hurts low- and middle-income people, mainly because the rich have no reason to gamble. It violates the principle that we should earn our bread by the sweat of our brow, and the commandment, "Thou shalt not covet." It creates compulsive gamblers and criminals. Bank robberies on the Mississippi coast increased 400 percent in one year after casino gambling came. Governments should never be promoters of gambling.

EPISCOPAL BISHOP ORDAINS HOMOSEXUAL—Retired Bishop Walter Righter says the Episcopal colleagues who charge him with heresy for ordaining an openly homosexual man threaten to push the church back into the 19th century. (8/29 HT). Only once before in its 206-year history has an Episcopal bishop faced such a serious charge. [Bishop Spong ordained a homosexual in 1989, but later forced him to resign.] A 1979 resolution states that it is inappropriate for "practicing homosexuals" to be ordained, but an alarming number of openly "gay" men and women continue to be ordained by Episcopal churches.

'Z MUSIC TELEVISION' VS. MTV—Z Music Television, a religious alternative to raunchy MTV, advises parents

that their too vocal approval might derail the new music video network. The message is different from MTV, "but the musical styles - from rock to rap to heavy metal - have the sound and fury found on other music television networks." (7/28 *Houston Chron.*). Z Music performers include: Amy Grant, Petra, and DC Talk.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS: CHILDREN AT RISK—David and Sharon Williams once viewed their children as Christian missionaries to their public-school system. But in 1982, Sharon, herself a former public-school teacher, re-evaluated that stance in light of her children's three hours daily on a school bus, inadequate instruction, harmful peer influence, and, in one case, a sexually explicit film in a French class (7/17 *Chr.Today*). Public school teachers are heavy users of private schools. Discerning ones see that the public schools around them are not suitable for their own children. Some are fairly content with suburban schools but in 71 of the largest 100 districts, they choose private schools more than parents at large. The 8/5 *World* says the trend holds true in all parts of the country. "In Miami, 31 percent of public school teachers enrolled their children in private schools, while 13 percent of the general public did. In Detroit, it's 33 to 17 percent; in Cleveland, 40 to 25 percent." In L.A., it's about 33 to 19. In Jersey City, it's over 50 to 34. Fathers/ parents have a biblical responsibility for the who/what/where of their children's education.

DR. COLAS COVERS NRB, NAE, & WCC MEETINGS—ACCC Exec. Sec'y Dr. Ralph Colas writes: "This year I have attended and provided reports on three major religious gatherings: the National Religious Broadcasters, the National Association of Evangelicals, and the U.S. Conference of the World Council of Churches. [Send \$5 to the ACCC, PO Box 19, Wallingford, PA 19086, and get all three reports.] I have tried to share important news with our constituency of the major religious movements of the day -- ecumenism, New Evangelicalism, and the Charismatic Movement. All of the above religious bodies claim identification with Jesus Christ while they drift further away from Biblical truth. And instead of suffering persecution, they enjoy unparalleled popularity. Think of the irony of these groups claiming to be the true disciples of Christ while helping to build the church of the Antichrist...." Dr. Colas plans to cover and report on the meeting this month in Geneva, Switzerland of the powerful Central Committee of the World Council of Churches.

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STANLEY'S PROBLEMS WORSEN—Dr. Charles Stanley's wife says their marriage of 40 years cannot be salvaged. They have lived separately since 1992 and she filed for divorce in 1993, amended it to separate maintenance, but refiled last March. Stanley stepped down from all administrative duties of First Baptist, Atlanta, in

an emotion-charged four-hour Aug. 13 meeting, but retained preaching responsibilities (8/29 *Indiana Bapt*). He will resign completely if the divorce becomes final. Anna Stanley's divorce filing asks for a jury trial and seeks alimony, division of assets and possession of their home. A seven-member committee was approved at the Aug. 13 meeting to assume administrative duties and to recommend a policy within 90 days concerning pastoral divorce, etc. A committee will study the feasibility of constituting the northside satellite congregation (estab. in 1988) into a separate church. Stanley's son Andy resigned Aug. 2 as pastor of this group and feels his father should step down as leader of First Baptist (8/26 *Bib.Recorder*). Stanley was Southern Baptist Convention president in 1984 and 1985.

FALWELL PAPER PROMOTES JEWISH RABBI—Orthodox Jewish Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein has lectured in new-evangelical schools and has been praised by Pat Robertson, Paul Crouch, and Jerry Falwell for his ministry of building bridges between evangelicals and Jews. It seems incredible that evangelical leaders would promote this Jewish rabbi who defends the ancient Pharisees who Jesus said were of their father the devil. But Eckstein says Jesus never said those words recorded in John 8:44. In 1994 Eckstein plainly said: "But I'm not a Christian, I'm a Jew... I'm still a rabbi..." (See 5/15/94 CC). Falwell's 9/95 *National Liberty Journal* features a guest editorial by Eckstein entitled: "Building Bridges Between Christians and Jews".

FALWELL'S ECUMENICAL TIES—Dr. Jerry Falwell's 9/95 Nat'l Liberty Journal featured a "bridge-building" article by a Jewish rabbi, and announced that Falwell's Old Time Gospel Hour is now being aired on Paul Crouch's charismatic TBN. Falwell's Super Conference 95 features ecumenical speakers such as E.V. Hill, and three So. Baptists. Since 1993, full-page ads have appeared in World magazine promoting Liberty University Prof. Robert Mateer's CEBA videos featuring Roman Catholics. Apparently, Falwell learned his ecumenical ways from working with Catholics, Mormons, etc., in his Moral Majority.

SBC'S HMB TRUSTEES OBJECT TO WMU AIDING CBF—Southern Baptist Home Mission Board directors voiced opposition to Women's Missionary Union leaders' decision to produce materials for a competing missions organization. (8/29 *Indiana Bapt*). They asked HMB pres. Larry Lewis to write a letter to the WMU protesting its production of missions education material for the moderate/liberal Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

PALAU SENDS CONVERTS BACK TO CATHOLICISM—The headline in Rev. Ivan Foster's 8/95 *Burning Bush* said: "Baptist pastor and Roman Catholic priest agree that Luis Palau sends converts back to Rome". The article said a Palau Londonderry campaign organizing committee member (a Baptist pastor) was interviewed on BBC Radio Foyle in company with a Roman Catholic priest. The pastor did not refute the claims of the priest that Luis Palau sends Roman Catholic converts back to Rome. As with Billy Graham crusades, Catholics are routinely involved and supportive of Luis Palau ecumenical campaigns.

EVANGELICALS DECEIVED BY ROMAN CATHOLICISM—The May-June *Foundation* says: "When Billy Graham calls the pope 'one of the world's greatest evangelists'; when Jack Van Impe considers him to be a prophet of God; and when Bill Bright pleads with more conservative evangelical leaders not to expose the continuing heresies of Romanism, it isn't difficult to see why millions of those who claim to be truly born again are now disobeying the clear commands of the Lord to separate from false teachers. Instead, they are joining with Roman Catholics in joint prayer, worship and witness. Never in the history of the church has a greater number of professed believers been deceived by Roman Catholicism." Evangelical leaders are "deceiving, and being deceived" concerning Catholicism.

COLSON A SPEAKER AT WESTMINSTER—Charles Colson was the speaker at Westminster Theol. Seminary's 1993 commencement. He was listed to speak again at its Conference on Contemporary Issues, March 14-16, 1995, along with new-evangelical theolog Carl F.H. Henry (WTS Bulletin). Dr. John Perkins was listed as the 1995 WTS commencement speaker. Perkins favors "redistribution of wealth," a socialist tenet, and Colson is the pro-Catholic ecumenical co-author of the 3/94 Evangelicals and Catholics Together (ECT) agreement.

DR. CHARLES WOODBRIDGE DIES—Dr. George Dollar sent us this note: "Dr. Charles J. Woodbridge, 93, went

to be with the Lord July 16. He was the son of Presbyterian missionaries to China. In his passing, Fundamentalism has lost one of its keenest minds, staunch defender of the King James Bible, and a militant foe of compromise in all its forms. Along with J.G. Machen and Carl McIntire he fought Liberalism in the Presbyterian Church, USA and Princeton Seminary. He pastored on Long Island, Salisbury, NC (where he got his Ph.D. in church history from Duke), and Savannah. He taught at Fuller Seminary and left when the school followed Harold Ockenga and E.J. Carnell into open New Evangelicalism. He became one of the finest Bible expositors in Fundamentalism. He lectured at Piedmont, Grace, Bob Jones, and Dallas but his warnings were rejected by faculties and students, and that was one factor in the many compromises which have come along since his day. He was a scholarly writer and one of his best booklets was *Neo-Evangelicalism* which clearly marked the path of a weak separation, but his voice went unheeded. He became an independent of the independents. He [championed] second degree separation which simply meant we are to separate from Modernists and from those who cooperate with modernists. But his voice faded away as a new generation of so-called Fundamentalists succumbed to new alignments and a complex of compromise....His latest booklet exposed the theological errors of John MacArthur. He was buried in Ferndale, Wash...." Sadly, his son John has gone the route of New Evangelicalism which his father so intensely warned against.

DON'T COMPROMISE!—You cannot follow the plain teaching of the Bible and fellowship with those who compromise it. Balaam, the prophet of God, ran with the Midianites, and died among these enemies of God (Num. 31:8). Peter ran with the Judaizers, trimmed corners, misled Barnabas, and so was "withstood to the face, because he was to be blamed" (Gal. 2:11). We love God's people everywhere, but are against those who would break down the lines between Christians and non-Christians, between those who believe the Bible and those who don't.[Adapted, 9/95 Gospel Std.].

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QUEEN TO ATTEND CATHOLIC SERVICE—For the first time since 1688, a reigning English monarch will attend a Roman Catholic worship service when Queen Elizabeth II visits Westminster Cathedral in Nov. for a vespers service led by Cardinal Basil Hume (7/22 HT). Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey (an ecumenical charismatic) and other Protestant and Orthodox leaders will participate in the prayer service.

NewsNotes—Gregory Waybright succeeds Kenneth Meyer as pres. of the Evangelical Free Church-affiliated Trinity Int'l University, Deerfield, Ill., and the Miami campus. *** An evangelical group in the liberal Disciples of Christ has reached a formal pastoral training agreement with Denver Seminary (CBA). *** Norma McCorvey, whose suit as "Jane Roe" led to the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision granting abortion rights, was baptized by the head of Operation Rescue last month. *** Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan has called for 1 million African-American men to march in Washington Oct. 16, and for other blacks to honor that "holy day" by staying away from their jobs, schools and shopping malls.

UN'S ANTI-FAMILY WOMEN'S CONFERENCE—No country on earth has abused and oppressed more women than China, with its forced abortion policy and its "one child per family" law (8/95 J. Dobson ltr.). Yet the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women convenes in Beijing, China Aug. 30-Sept. 15. It represents the most radical, atheistic and antifamily crusade in history. It is sad that First Lady Hillary Clinton is honorary chairwoman and plans to lead the U.S. delegation. High on the U.S. list of agenda items is securing an international right for women to abort unborn children. A Guatemalan delegate says feminist delegates want "gender" to include at least five categories of sexual orientation: male/female heterosexual, homosexual, bisexual, and transsexual (8/14 CT). These dangerous and sweeping social changes harm rather than enhance the rights of women.

CHINA: VAMPIRE GANGS, FETAL CANNIBALISM—Clean blood and donors are rare in Red China today, so "vampire gangs" kidnap dozens of street urchins and young workers, forcibly bleed them several times a week, and sell their blood to hospitals (7/16 HT). Human fetuses have begun to appear on the menus of Chinese restaurants as a delicacy and health tonic (8/95 Dobson ltr.). Doctors take them home to eat. In terms of nutrition, a fetus would be a good source of protein, fats and minerals (8/95 Light). Eating aborted fetuses is barbaric and shows what happens when a culture devalues human life.

ROCK BANDS AT DANCE HALL FOR TEENS—Hundreds of teens pack The Where-House near Tulsa whenever

its doors are open. They hear the gospel, and some dance--even slam dancing to pulsating music is allowed--and they behave the way most young people do at rock concerts, says the 8/95 *Charisma*. Though "their musical styles sound the same as their loud secular counterparts, their lyrics set them apart." But the article goes on to say: "Often the music is so loud the words are indistinguishable." There you have it. Lyrics distinguish this from secular rock, but the music is often so loud you can't hear the lyrics! So, no distinction. They say the "message" still gets through. But, how, and what message? Mixing of such "music" with the "gospel" is perverting a generation of young people.

MURDER EXCUSED, NOT PUNISHED, TODAY—Her parents were divorced in 1977. Her father committed suicide a month later. She was molested by her step-father at age 15. After a promiscuous lifestyle, she rushed to marriage seven months before her son Michael's birth. Then came her husband's alleged infidelities, and her own admitted bed-hopping. Then, rejected by a boyfriend who didn't like kids, Susan Smith murdered her two sons. A juror explained the jury's reasoning in refusing to sentence her to death: "We all felt like Susan was really a disturbed person. Giving her the death penalty wouldn't serve justice." (8/19 *World*). We now excuse those who murder. God says: "He that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall be surely put to death." He holds us accountable to hold murderers to account--before the Law, during the Law, and after the Law. No excuses will do. (See Gen. 9:6, Ex. 21:12, Eccl. 8:11, Rom. 13:1-4).

SOUTH AFRICA IS WORLD'S MOST MURDEROUS COUNTRY—What happens when a country installs a godless communist government, and abolishes the death penalty? The 8/21 *USN & WR* said South Africa is the "most murderous country in the world." Almost one million women are raped every year (6/26 *C.News*). Its health services have slipped from one of the best in the world to banana republic status. Southern Africa is now the world's fastest-growing AIDS region (8/7 *C.N.*).

3 NEW NEWSLETTERS—1) Alabama Discernment Ministries Newsl. , P.O. Box 3104, Florence AL 35630. Wanda Riner, editor. Monthly, free-will offering. Covers topics like: PK, Laughing Revival, New World Order. 2) Voice of Vigilance, PO Box 1935, Southern Pines, NC 28387, Jim Ollis, ed., monthly, \$5/year. Current issues. 3) The Proclaimer, PO Box 54, Los Alamitos, CA 90720, Dale Parkes, ed., donation, various topics. This one's not so new.

BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE MEETING—The very liberal Baptist World Alliance meets every five years. At its 17th World Congress Aug. 1-6 in Argentina, it viewed videotaped messages from former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and evangelist Billy Graham. It presented Carter its first human rights award and approved a resolution of appreciation for Graham. Speakers included "conservative" Southern Baptist Sunday School Board President James T. Draper and American Baptist Churches V-P Beverly Scott, and Bernice King (MLK's daughter). There was a festive atmosphere, with music beats including the Samba. Baptists worldwide number over 40 million. Nilson Fanini of Brazil was elected president. (8/15 *Indiana Bapt.*). Its theme emphasized that "only Jesus can create true unity in diversity which transcends theology...." Biblical unity must be BASED ON theology and cannot transcend it. The ecumenical BWA was long a tool of the Soviet government and its KGB clergy. A 1990 BWA officer was a charismatic, and a 1990 BWA Congress speaker said it was love that caused the first-century church to flourish, "not purity of doctrine...not perfection of morals and manners, not scriptural inerrancy." (11/15/90 *CC*). The SBC and liberal ABC are major members and financial supporters of the apostate BWA.

MacARTHUR DISPUTES BRIGHT ON ECT CLARIFICATION—Campus Crusade's Bill Bright comments on the Evangelicals and Catholics Together clarification meeting: "We (Bright, Colson, Packer) met with them (MacArthur, Ankerberg, Sproule, Kennedy) on Jan. 19, 1995. There is no doubt the presence of the Lord was there. He guided our dialog. I was deeply impressed by the loving spirit within these leaders... (God's) marvelous grace provided a unanimous accord that we would not have the signers to repudiate the ECT but would allow us to issue a clarifying statement..." (8/95 *C.E.C.*). But John MacArthur disputes this, and says: "Bill Bright's explanation to people is less than accurate and is a grief to me. In our Jan. meeting, all (the clarification document) did was to confuse the issue...The battle is heating up...."

NEW LUTHERAN HEAD IS AN ECUMENICAL—Luther College president Rev. H. George Anderson succeeds Bishop Herbert Chilstrom as presiding bishop of the liberal Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (8/20 HT). The 5.2-million-member ELCA was formed in 1988 with the merger of three liberal Lutheran bodies. Anderson has been a leading figure in the ecumenical movement serving as co-chairman of the Lutheran-Roman Catholic dialogue from 1979 to 1990. At a news conference, he said he is still trying to figure out his own position on issues such as the ordination of homosexuals and whether same-sex relationships are part of God's plan. God's Word clearly prohibits these, so what is there to "figure out?" A recent survey found that 80 percent of ELCA clergy say that the Bible has historical and factual errors (3/13 *Chr.News*).

LYLE SCHALLER PRAISES HOMOSEXUAL GROUPS?—The pro-homosexual Evangelicals Concerned's Summer 1995 *Record* says: "Lyle Schaller, author of 45 books on Christian ministry, says that most religious bodies in America 'are organized around religious law' but that groups of lesbians and gay Christians are 'clearly organized around God's grace.'" "Gay groups" are superior to "most religious bodies?" Schaller is a United Methodist minister and a church growth researcher with the Yokefellow Institute in Indiana (founded by liberal Quaker Elton Trueblood).

MARSDEN'S UNBIBLICAL STANCE—Concerning the ordination of women in the Christian Reformed Church, Reformed historian George Marsden writes: "Nobody accepts every part of Scripture as equally binding....The New Testament is not intended to provide us with a systematic set of church laws to be followed rigidly in every era and in every culture. If it were meant to be law for all ages, then we're all in trouble, because nobody but a few sectarians try to follow it exactly." He concludes: "The Bible's own principles invite adjustment to cultural circumstances on matters that do not threaten the heart of the gospel." The pro-homosexual Evangelicals Concerned's 8/95 *Record* quoted this as "helpful in approaching the Bible and homosexual issues." Theistic evolutionist Marsden testified in a court of law on behalf of the ACLU against fellow Christians in the Arkansas creationist case, per Frank Schaeffer.

CALVARY BIBLE COLLEGE HAS CCM CONCERTS—Calvary Bible College/Seminary of Kansas City has scheduled several Contemporary Christian Music concerts for 1995, including: Steve Green, Wayne Watson, Mark Lowry, and Christine Wyrzten. It has featured New Evangelicals as speakers in recent years. NAE-related Dave Breese, Pres. of Christian Destiny, is the annual President's Dinner speaker Oct. 5. Grace Seminary Prof. John Davis was the May 6 Commencement speaker.

DO WE PLEASE MEN, OR PLEASE GOD?—It is far easier to stand true to Christ in the face of jeers and opposition from atheists than to resist the seemingly sincere persuasions of fellow Christians who urge one to "be positive" and to avoid offending others in order to be "more effective for Christ." There is little difficulty rejecting an obviously false gospel. It is not so easy, however, to "earnestly contend for the faith" against errors which are clothed in teaching that contains much that is Biblical--and especially when it is supported by highly esteemed Christian leaders whose lives have evidenced much good fruit. Who can resist the praise of men and the temptation to be well-liked....But John 12:43 warns: "For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God." [8/95 *Berean Call*, adapted].

SINFUL SILENCE—In such groups as Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition where Catholics, Mormons, humanists and others work together Christians must remain silent about that which is eternal in order to devote themselves to good causes which are only temporal. (8/95 *Berean Call*). But a silent watchman is more dangerous than no watchman because people feel a sense of security if they know a watchman is on the job 24 hours a day (6/95 *Foundation*). Some Christians misunderstand when we warn of "minor compromises" of popular Christian leaders who are "doing much good." But Rev. John Ashbrook rightly says: "The most dangerous deviation is the one closest to your own position." God called the pastors of Judah "blind watchmen" and said "they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark (Isa. 56:10). He did not accuse them of false doctrine, only of sleeping when they should have been warning His people.

A LETTER FROM AWANA states that its procedure of chartering churches hasn't changed. It says: "The requirement of church doctrinal agreement verified by the signature of the pastor continues identical to previous years." The copy we were recently sent by a New Jersey pastor had omitted the pastor signature line (see 8/1 CC).

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DOBSON/FOCUS ON FAMILY BLASPHEMOUS RAP TAPE—Dr. Cathy Burns sent us a copy of a 1993 rap contest tape put out by *Breakaway* magazine, a teen guys magazine from Dr. James Dobson's Focus on the Family. The tape featured the top 40 winners of the rap contest, and a blasphemous rap by the *Breakaway* staff. The 4/95 *Focus on the Family* magazine promoted Disney's *Lion King* as a good family movie! We applaud Dr. Dobson's pro-family stance on many issues, but strongly disagree with his dangerous/worldly/ecumenical stance on movies, music, psychology, Promise Keepers, and Roman Catholicism.

ISLAM'S KORAN DECREES DEATH FOR NON-MUSLIMS—Islam is the world's fastest growing religion. This is due in part to its ban on all non-Muslim religions in many of its countries, and its taking advantage of religious freedom in non-Muslim lands (5/15/91 CC). Of 21 Arab nations, not one is a democracy. There is no freedom of religion. For example, one must be a Muslim to be a citizen of Saudi Arabia. Christian meetings are forbidden. The death penalty for blaspheming Mohammed has been in force in Pakistan since 1991. Christians in Sudan are being literally crucified (7/95 *Berean Call*). Sura 9:5 of the Koran tells Muslims: "Fight and slay the pagans [non-Muslims] wherever ye find them..." For [non-Muslims], Sura 5:33 says: "Their punishment is...execution, or crucifixion, or the cutting off of hands and feet...or exile..." (3/15/92 CC). This is all unfair, and terrorism.

WHAT IS PSYCHOHERESY?—Psychoheresy is the integration of secular psychological counseling theories and therapies with the Bible. It is also the intrusion of such theories into the preaching and practice of Christianity, especially when they contradict or compromise biblical Christianity in terms of the nature of man, how he is to live, and how he changes. [8/95 PsychoHeresy Awareness Letter, 4137 Primavera Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93110. Free.]

NEIL ANDERSON WARNING—Dr. Neil Anderson is the latest rage in counseling. He combines elements of psychology with demon deliverance and claims to lead people out of demonic control through seven steps. Much of what he says is soundly biblical, but his message and methods are dangerously tainted by [his] "version of demonic deliverance, inner healing, psychotherapy, false memory syndrome, a *steps* approach, one naturism, ritualism, and generational curses." Countless Christians follow his steps to deliverance, and pastors are bringing in his seminars. (Psycho-Heresy Awareness Ministries). He says about 85 percent of Christians have demon problems.

ONLINE CYBERPORN—Kids with computers now have easy access to pornographic pictures of humans and animals engaged in sex (7/25 HT). On June 26 Carnegie-Mellon University released an exhaustive study of online

pornography, finding that: "83.5% of pictorial images available on Usenet newsgroups are pornographic...99.1% of bestiality images depict women...98.9% of online consumers are men...." (7/19 *Wash. Watch*). Hard core pictures are readily accessible on the Internet. Pro-life advocates are appalled at an Internet online service called "DeathNet" which offers instructions on how to do suicide or how to assist in a suicide (8/95 C.W.Rpt.).

SURGE IN TEEN SMOKING—From 1991 to 1994, smoking increased 30 percent among eighth graders, 20 percent among 10th graders, and 12.5 among high school seniors (7/31 *USN&WR*). The new study also reported a rise in marijuana use among teens, but said: "Cigarettes will kill far more of today's kids than all other drugs combined."

C.O.R. & REFORMATION—The Coalition On Revival was formed in the 1980s and is headed by Fuller grad Dr. Jay Grimstead, who was 20 years on the staff of Young Life. Many of its leaders are post-millennialists and Reconstructionists, but its Manifesto has been signed by many others. It wants to mobilize conservative religious groups into a united army and establish the kingdom of God in America (1/28/91 *Chr. News*). Its Summer '95 *Crosswinds* says COR is deeply committed to revival and reformation of the church and society worldwide. But, the end-time world church will be headed by the Antichrist!

CHILDREN OF GOD/THE FAMILY—The Children of God (COG), now known as The Family, was founded in 1968 by David Berg (who died last year) as a ministry to hippies. With a radical communal lifestyle it drifted into deviant sexual practices. "Flirty fishing" was used, where female members used sex to lure new members. It began moving overseas in the late 1970s, but in recent years has reorganized and is moving back into the U.S. It reportedly still holds most of its bizarre beliefs but tries to hide them.

PAUL HARVEY PRO-ABORTION?—Conservative news commentator Paul Harvey supported the Equal Rights Amendment. The July 7 *Wash. Post* quotes him thusly on abortion: "I think that that choice should be left to a woman and her God and her doctor, and Paul Harvey [and the government] ought to stay out of it altogether. It's none of our business." (7/31 *C. News*). Harvey has Seventh-day Adventist roots, but joined W.A. Criswell's SBC church in 1979 (10/2/79 *Blu-Print*).

NEW GARBC CHIEF RESIGNED ALREADY—After being elected in June (see 7/15 CC), Dr. Richard Christen resigned in July as National Rep of the GARBC. Reason? Former interim National Rep Dr. Mark Jackson's secretary told us Christen "didn't have peace about it." More on this later.

TTU, REYNOLDS, SBF—Tennessee Temple University celebrates its 50th anniversary June 30-July 3, 1996. Dr. John Reynolds is leaving the Sword of the Lord and has been named the new vice-president of development and publishing at TTU (8/95 *The Evangelist*). New Sword editor Dr. Shelton Smith moves down this month from Maryland to Murfreesboro. Dr. Don Davis is the new chairman of TTU's Bible department. Dr. Barkev Trachian is president of Temple Baptist Seminary. TTU chancellor Dr. Lee Roberson's busy itinerary shows him speaking Sept. 29 at Dr. Jack Hyles' First Baptist Church, Hammond, Ind., then at the Southwide Baptist Fellowship Oct. 2. The SBF is back at Highland Park, Chattanooga, this year, and celebrates its 40th anniversary.

CBF INCHING CLOSER TO SPLIT WITH SBC?—Impatient rumblings were heard at the fifth convention of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the moderate/liberal wing of the So. Baptist Convention. A motion to vote next year on whether to split from the SBC was ruled out of order by the moderator. Registration was 2,969 compared to last year's 4,433. Meanwhile, the Women's Missionary Union announced that it will produce missions education supplements for the CBF. This astonished SBC leaders, since the WMU had strongly appealed in June to have its loyalty to the SBC recognized in SBC's restructuring.

SEPARATION PAINFUL BUT NECESSARY—Separation is a battle. When one takes a positive stand for holiness and truth, he embraces a cause that reflects God's nature. That cause also is contrary to every purpose of Satan. The separtist will have to identify false teachers and their doctrine. He will have to expose them and separate his ministry

from them. Conflict with Satan and men whom he uses is inevitable. Bible believers will sometimes have to separate themselves with a heavy heart from brethren who are dear to them. [BWM Exec. Dir. Dr. Fred Moritz from his 1994 book "Be Ye Holy", BJU Press]

FULLER SEMINARY'S DANGEROUS APOSTASY—The 4/95 *Foundation* says: "Today, Fuller Theological Seminary is one of the most dangerous theological institutions in the world. While still appealing for support from old-timers who remember Dr. Fuller's early broadcasts and clear fundamentalist, old-fashioned Gospel messages, Fuller Seminary now boasts of its diversity and fellowships with Roman Catholics, charismatics and apostate Protestants. It has become a chief trainer and promoter of so-called Christian psychologists and an advocate of what has been called the 'Third Wave of the Holy Spirit' (so-called *power evangelism* accompanied by signs & wonders) which they consider essential to the conversion of lost sinners. While it is true that Fuller's size and worldwide influence has grown tremendously, this growth has been at the expense of obedience to the Word of God. Today, 48 years after its founding, Fuller is not training defenders of the Faith, but rather perverters of the Faith. A terrible price is now being paid for earlier compromises." The 4/12/ 93 *Christian News* said: "Fuller, which no longer affirms the inerrancy of the Bible, supports the charismatic movement, Reformed theology, and the ordination of women for the pastoral ministry."

FRANK SCHAEFFER'S ODYSSEY TO ORTHODOXY—In his 1994 book *Dancing Alone* author and film director Frank Schaeffer chronicles his journey from Protestantism to the Orthodox Church. His father, evangelical Presbyterian Dr. Francis Schaeffer, said evangelicals should not cooperate with the World Council of Churches, yet Frank now joins a WCC church! (See 2/15/91 CC). Along the way, he has developed some rather unorthodox views on salvation, the Bible, Mary, etc. He told ACCC Exec. Dir. Dr. Ralph Colas at the 2/95 NRB convention, in an exclusive interview, that confession to a priest (which he does) is helpful to bring absolution. He says Mary has earned the unique title of "The Undisputed Intercessor" and has been the hope of millions who have asked her to intercede for them (p274). He says the Bible and tradition came out of the historical church. In his favor, he is still a staunch opponent of abortion.

SCHAEFFER'S VIEWS ON SALVATION—Frank Schaeffer in his 1994 book *Dancing Alone* says this about salvation: It is a "sacrificial, long-term journey toward God achieved through sacramental, orderly worship" (p139). "Salvation is not a matter of instant experience...[but it is] a process, a struggle, a climbing of a spiritual ladder" (p206). "We will be saved when we become *like Christ*. We are gradually saved as we are deified, by doing Christ's teaching and His commandments" (p207). [It] is our "responsibility to imitate Christ and to struggle, through sacramental asceticism, to change the content of our characters...[The] sacraments enable us to come to Christ, to worship Him, to repent and to become like Him through *doing* the right things, through ascetic perseverance and faith" (p226). "There is no substitute for confession to a priest in our ascetic struggle to be saved" (p232). "The Church has always taught, that salvation is a journey, not a one-time experience" (p255).

NEW BOOKLET ON E.C.T.—Several evangelical and Catholic leaders in March 1994 endorsed a controversial document entitled, "Evangelicals and Catholics Together". Rev. Fred Zaspel in a new booklet faults evangelicals for knowingly overlooking major issues, such as justification by faith ALONE. Catholics disagree with *alone*, so it was omitted from ECT. He documents many other problem areas in RC doctrines. This excellent booklet is available from Pastor Zaspel at: 845 Elizabeth Dr., Orwigsburg, PA 17961, \$1.50 for 1 copy, \$.75 for additional copies, pp.

KATHRYN KUHLMAN'S LEGACY—Flamboyant, redheaded, faith-healing, Pentecostal evangelist Kathryn Kuhlman was featured by *Charisma* magazine in its 20th Anniversary issue (8/95). In listing her legacy it said: "Kuhlman had some things to hide: school and Bible college failures; a disastrous marriage to a fellow preacher who abandoned his family for her; the rise and fall of her Depression-era Denver ministry. She lied outright about her age and lived lavishly while her employees worked at starvation wages."

BOOK, TAPE ON RUCKMANISM—Dr. R.L. Hymers, Jr. has a new tape on the "Laughing Revival" and a 1989

tape on *Ruckmanism: Doctrine of Demons.*" He has a book on Ruckmanism (\$7) and one on the SBC. Address: P.O. Box 15308, Los Angeles, CA 90015.

RARE & OP BOOKS SEARCHED FREE—Dr. David Beale (Bob Jones Univ., Box 34558, Greenville, SC 29614) tracks thousands of rare and out-of-print book dealers around the world. Write him for details.

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BAPTIST SCHOOL FORCED TO PAY TEACHER WITH AIDS—A No. Carolina Southern Baptist school, Campbell University, fired a physical education teacher in 1993 when it learned he had AIDS. The EEOC in 1994 sued on his behalf saying he had been wrongfully discriminated against because of a disability (7/17 C.T.). The case is one of the first to apply the 1991 Americans with Disabilities Act to people with AIDS. In a pre-trial settlement the teacher was reinstated (new position) and CU must pay \$325,000 for "wrongful dismissal" of a teacher with an AIDS "disability." CU also agreed to provide AIDS-awareness and sensitivity training for certain employees.

PARENTS, NOT GOVERNMENT, GIVE RIGHTS TO CHILD—Our UN ambassador earlier this year signed the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Clinton administration thus gave its seal of approval to a treaty that would take power away from parents and vest it in a huge bureaucracy (7/95 CLD). The Children's Defense Fund, once headed by Hillary Clinton, is pushing Congress to approve this treaty. Heard at CDF's Marchconvention: "How dare you believe you [parents] have the right to raise your children by yourself. Raising children is a complex responsibility. We all have to work together." (BJU's WITW). This dangerous treaty has been sent by the Clinton administration to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee whose chairman, Jesse Helms, has co-sponsored a resolution condemning it and asking the President to abandon it.

MORE ON NEW ERA SCAM—Hundreds of evangelical and other charitable groups placed millions of dollars with New Era in a classic Ponzi scheme which promised to double their money through anonymous donors (see 6/15 CC). When New Era filed for bankruptcy in May and the donors did not exist, it sent shock waves throughout much of the evangelical world. What caused Christian organizations to ignore caution was the "impeccable reputation" of New Era's creator, John G. Bennett (8/95 *Charisma*). He was well-connected --Laurance Rockefeller was a supporter [this should have raised a red flag!]. Despite Bennett's reputation as a man of integrity, the 7/ 17 *Chr. Today* revealed that Bennett gave away, unsolicited, over \$20 million to organizations that had not placed money with New Era such as Harvard University and Planned Parenthood.

POLL: 33% APPROVE OF HOMOSEXUAL MARRIAGES?—A recent poll found that a third of U.S. voters believe same-sex marriages should be allowed (7/6 *H.News*). We suspect the poll was biased or weighted with younger voters, but if not, it is a sad statement on the moral fiber of our nation.

METHODIST CLERGYWOMAN A LESBIAN—Rev. Jeanne A. Powers, a top U. Methodist Church executive, says

she has been a lesbian all her life and has served in spite of church rules that deny ordination to "self-avowed, practicing homosexuals." (7/12 H.T.). She lives with her partner, and won't deny she is a "practicing" lesbian.

GRAHAM CRUSADES NOW FEATURE ROCK MUSIC—So-called Christian rock music is now a mainstay of Billy Graham crusades. The Cleveland and Atlanta crusades last year featured rock/rap concerts. The 7/17 *Chr. Today* said the 6/95 Toronto crusade "resembled anything but a Billy Graham crusade." It said: "Crusade mainstays Cliff Barrows and George Beverly Shea were barely visible. More than once Skydome sported a rock concert atmosphere." Toronto pastor Dr. Frank McClelland said of the crusade: "A so-called Christian rock group, DC Talk, entertained the multitude before Graham spoke"(6/95 Can. Rev.). Graham collapsed the day before the Toronto crusade and was hospitalized three days. Graham says his crusades now feature contemporary Christian music on youth night. (7/4 *Ind. Bapt*). CCM is becoming a generic term for rap, hip-hop, CCM, and so-called Christian rock music.

CATHOLICISM & CHRISTIANITY SYNONYMOUS?—Pastor Douglas Browning (Bethel Bible Church, Kirtland, Ohio), a former Roman Catholic, in the 6/95 *OBF Visitor* says: "...One would be led to believe from the statements made in the [ECT] agreement that the terms 'Roman Catholic' and 'Christian' are synonymous...Have the core doctrines of Roman Catholicism so changed that Martin Luther would heartily embrace the system as Christian? The office of pope is the same, the Mass is the same (a bloodless sacrifice), the sacraments are the same, the theology is the same, the traditions are the same...and the apostasy is the same. [Vatican II changes were cosmetic and] the core teachings of Romanism are still unscriptural and anti-scriptural..." Order the entire 4-page pamphlet from: OBF Visitor, 3865 No. High St., Columbus, OH 43214, 10 for \$2.50.

FUNDAMENTALISTS WAGE A TWO-PRONGED WAR—We, as Fundamentalists, must carry on a negative and a positive war with the foreign enemies of God. In a civil war, we must carry on a negative and positive controversy with the brethren of God. In the former, foreign war, we must be grouped for battle; in the latter, civil war, we must be grieved for victory. [Dr. O. Talmadge Spence]

WRONG 'HERO'—In the 7/15 CC "Some American Heroes" article, our cited source listed Michael Jordan as No. 1. This should be Magic Johnson.

STETSON LIFTS ALCOHOL BAN—Stetson University (until recent years affiliated with the Florida Baptist Convention) has decided to drop its century-old ban on the use of alcoholic beverages (7/95 *Bapt.Challenge*). Its board of trustees voted April 21 to allow limited use of beer and wine at approved parties and in some student residence halls on campus in DeLand, FL.

PROMISE KEEPERS IS MOST DANGEROUS—Promise Keepers appears to be the most dangerous ecumenical device to come down the religious pike in the last decade (6/95 *Fund.Digest*). It has astonishingly succeeded in uniting huge throngs of laymen across denominational lines. It preaches a non-doctrinal gospel--one accepted even among Mormon leaders, whose theology and Christology are aberrant, and Catholic clergy, who, while espousing salvation by grace alone, insist that true salvation rests in the Church sacraments (*Media Spotlight*). PK encourages men to share intimate sexual secrets and fantasies with one another in group therapy sessions (7/3 *C.News*).

AWANA'S DANGEROUS WORD CHANGE—Hardingville (NJ) Bible Church Pastor Mark Franklin in a June 27 letter said: "Last August I wrote to over 100 friends in the ministry about the compromise in AWANA Clubs Int'l, namely, their chartering of NCC churches. I also sent an info packet to many, many who wrote or called, the title of that was AWANA and the ABC [see 9/15/94 CC]... Your letters to AWANA, along with a resolution passed by the American Council of Christian Churches that received wide press coverage caused the AWANA leadership to take action on their inconsistency in chartering such churches. I am saddened to report to you that their action was a step 'to the left'. One word change made the difference. The term 'affiliated with' was changed to 'supportive of'. Brother, this is New-Evangelicalism - plain and simple. A church can be a part of an apostate denomination and simply tell

AWANA 'we are not supportive' of that denomination, and they will be granted a charter. The entire issue is now subjective - who will define 'supportive'?...' Also, the pastor/church agreement signature line is missing from the new policy statement.

GRAHAM PROMOTES BAD BIBLE VERSIONS—*O Timothy* editor David Cloud says: "Billy Graham's endorsement of the Revised Standard Version foreshadowed Evangelicalism's capitulation to the endless stream of modern versions. Graham has endorsed [most all new versions], no matter how flippant and unfaithful, including the Living Bible and the blasphemous Good News for Modern Man which corrupts [most all] references to the deity of Christ and replaces the word 'blood' with 'death' in speaking of Christ's atonement." Graham praises the new unreliable paraphrase by Eugene Peterson, *The Message* (see 6/1 CC), and has distributed a special edition of it.

DAVID CLOUD'S NEW BOOK, OTHER PUBS—*O Timothy* editor David W. Cloud has a 325-page new book, For Love of the Bible, which gives a history of the defense of the King James Bible & Received Text (from "King James Only" perspective, but it examines arguments pro and con this position). It includes biographies of key KJV defenders, and sketches of KJV-defending schools and other groups. Cost is \$24.95 + \$4 shipping. The *O Timothy* monthly magazine is available to new subscribers at half price of \$10/year: Way of Life Literature, 1219 N. Harns Rd., Oak Harbor, WA 98277. Request list of other materials (Graham, Falwell, Dobson, Romanism, separation).

SBC NOTEWORTHY ITEMS—An estimated 1.3 million Southern Baptists are Masons (7/3 *C.News*), and 1,700 Baptist pastors are Masons (7/10 CN). A 1994 Church of God resolution stated in essence that Freemasonry and Christianity are incompatible and mutually exclusive (6/27/94 CN).* * * A messenger at the recent SBC convention in Atlanta voiced concern that "10,000 SBC churches failed to report a single baptism last year." (7/4 *Indiana Bapt.*) * * * Ten Southern Baptist Theolog. Seminary (Louisville) faculty members have accepted an early retirement package (7/4 IB). In the past year, theology professor Molly Marshall resigned under pressure and Diana Garland was relieved of duties as dean of Southern's Carver School of Church Social Work.

MacARTHUR UNSURE OF HOW TO BE SURE?—Some of Dr. John MacArthur's most excellent writings have been sadly characterized by confusion and contradiction. Such is alleged to be the case in a recent review of his 1992 book, SAVED WITHOUT A DOUBT: How to be Sure of Your Salvation. Miles J. Stanford says: "According to the title Dr. MacArthur tells how to be sure of your salvation--saved without a doubt. But the book's contents state otherwise--a direct contradiction, such as the author is prone to express. In the first one-third of the book he deals with Scripture that sets forth the believer's unconditional assurance and security. If he had stopped there, all would have been well. But he quite often fails to 'stop there.' He didn't stop until he added Lordship to conversion; he didn't stop until he made Christ to become Son at His incarnation; he didn't stop until he cast aspersions upon the precious Blood of Christ, as simply a 'token'; he didn't stop until he 'eradicated' the old Adam man from the believer; he didn't stop until he based assurance upon experience; he didn't stop until he designated the Sermon on the Mount and Kingdom truths for the Church today; and he didn't stop until he moved all the way into the Reformed, Covenant realm--while at the same time maintaining that he is a dispensationalist. MacArthur's assurance is...that one must persevere in holiness unto the very end--hence there is no true assurance until the very last moment. It is not just a matter of perseverance in faith, but also in good works...." [Order the 6-page review from Stanford at: 840 Vindicator Dr. #111, Colo. Spr., CO 80919. For a longer analysis of MacArthur's ministry, send \$2 to: BDM, P.O. Box 6154, Bloomington, IN 47407.]

ASHBROOK HAS NEW BOOK—Pastor John Ashbrook has given us New Neutralism II and Axioms of Separation. He has a new book entitled: Family Fundamentals, geared toward newlyweds and Christian families, with 4 chapters devoted to parents and children. Order from: "Here I Stand" Books, 8686 Hilltop Drive, Mentor, OH 44060. One copy \$4, 2 for \$7, \$3 each for 10 or more.

'TORONTO BLESSING', NEW BOOK—Drs. Frank McClelland and Bert Oatley-Willis have written a 50-page book on "The Toronto Blessing", or "laughing revival", entitled: Is This Christian Faith or Charismatic Feeling?

Order from: "Let The Bible Speak" Bookstore, 1600 Neilson Road, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada M1X 1S3, \$2.50 per copy.

ERROR'S PROGRESSION—History teaches us that at first error wants just to be tolerated. Then it wants equality with truth. Finally it wants precedence over truth. It tries to oust truth. (7/10 CN). "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump." Expose/remove error early, no toleration.

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SIDE-EFFECTS OF ABORTION—A 5/29 *Christian News* article lists six personal and social side-effects/consequences of legalized abortion on demand: "Many aborted women suffer psychological harm; many women who have had abortions now must endure physical harm; many newly-born handicapped babies now are eliminated, as are many handicapped unborn babies; increased sexual activity outside of marriage now that abortion has become a morally and legally acceptable form of birth control; increased reports and incidences of child abuse, despite the pro-abortion claim that legalized abortion would help reduce child abuse; and smaller families."

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UNITED NATIONS: TOOL OF ANTICHRIST—San Francisco's Grace Cathedral hosted an interfaith celebration of the United Nations' 50th anniversary June 25 where an assembly of "United Religions" was proposed (6/24 HT). Meanwhile, UN Sec'y General Boutros-Ghali is begging for "bigger bucks" from the U.S. so the UN can be involved in "all the world's problems." He says "We have moved from 5,000 blue helmets to 60,000 blue helmets!" (6/26 *USN&WR*). High-level one-worlders and perpetrators of a UN "new world order" who seek to overthrow our Constitution and erect a dictatorship have illegally transferred American troops to UN command.

P.A.W. LEADER DIES OF AIDS—Arthur Kropp, 37, president of People for the American Way died June 12 from complications from AIDS (6/19 CN). He is survived by his companion, Chris Bobowski. P.A.W. is a liberal religious and civil rights advocacy group founded in 1980 by liberal TV producer Norman Lear to battle Moral Majority and other conservative religious groups over abortion, censorship, and church/state separation.

DOLES LEAVE CLINTONS' LIBERAL CHURCH—Cal Thomas says: "Most Sundays President and Mrs. Clinton attend Washington's Foundry Methodist Church." The pastor is a liberal. (6/95 *Nat'l Liberty Jrnl.*). Also, Sen. and Mrs. Dole were members there, but now no longer attend there, considering the minister "too liberal" (5/22 *USN & WR*).

ISLAM IS HOSTILE TO CHRISTIANS—Under Islamic law, no criticism of Islam is allowed. There is no freedom of or from religion in Muslim countries. Islam is the greatest hindrance to the spread of the gospel in the world today. Muslim governments prohibit Christians from meeting together and kill those who convert Muslims. They deny entrance to Christian missionaries from other countries (5/95 Christian Aid). The 10/94 *Charisma* said: "Eight Muslim nations are among the 10 most severe persecutors of Christians." Yet Muslims in our country demand and enjoy freedom to promote their false religion.

SOME AMERICAN HEROES—A recent issue of Sports Marketing Newsletter reported that a survey by Sponsorship Research's Mike Kellner polled 1,240 adults last March asking people to name the athletes they admire most. Magic Johnson (HIV positive) was No. 1. Tonya Harding (convicted conspirator) was No. 2. O. J. Simpson, being tried on two murder counts, ranked No. 3. And Mike Tyson (convicted rapist) was No. 4. (7/95 *VoiceInTheW.*) It is shocking that entertainers are such idols, and an indictment of our values that these names even made the list.

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SCAM INVOLVEMENT JITTERS—Focus on the Family says it "broke even" in New Era's double-your-money "Ponzi" scheme (see 6/15 CC). MBI says it didn't lose anything. Others are nervously trying to explain their involvement to donors.

CHRISTEN IS GARBC'S NEW CHIEF—Soon after Dr. Paul Tassell stepped down last year as National Representative of the General Assoc. of Regular Baptist Churches, he gave Search Committee Chairman Bill Rudd a long list of reasons why he felt Dr. Richard Christen should succeed him at this post. At its annual meeting in Toledo last month, with Dr. Warren Wiersbe the main speaker (see 4/15, 6/1 CCs), indeed Christen was elected by a 75.2 percent vote to be the new National Rep. A two-thirds majority was required. Dr. Mark Jackson has served as interim Nat'l Rep and will stay during the transition. Three new churches were added to the GARBC and 17 exited, leaving the total at 1,458 churches. In a recent "Vision Statement," Christen said "We must allow for differences in drawing the lines of secondary separation...We must shape a positive outlook and image..." Prior to his election, he told the gathering: "Instead of a two-foot thick wall around our GARBC, lets build a sturdy picket fence around us." This is amazing, but sad! Just how much protection and safety does a picket fence provide? Nehemiah built a WALL! Sadly, we see no signs that the GARBC will reverse its present downward course.

VAN IMPE PROMOTES WHAT HE ONCE DENOUNCED—The Mar-Apr *Foundation* says: "Dr. Jack Van Impe, a former fundamentalist, completely reversed his separatist position several years ago and wrote a book *Heart Disease in Christ's Body* in which he explained his new agenda. In the past, he was greatly used of the Lord as an evangelist, and thousands came to Christ through his ministry. However, since he determined to practice a much wider fellowship than the Scriptures allow, his spiritual discernment has deteriorated to the place where he now praises the pope and joins hands with new evangelicals and charismatics who are moving rapidly toward Rome..."

'LAUGHING REVIVAL' AT ASBURY COLLEGE?—Vineyard pastor Randy Clark spoke at a "Light the Fire Again" conference at Asbury College (Wilmore, KY) last February. This conference grew out of Pentecostal

evangelist Rodney Howard-Browne's last two camp meetings in Louisville. (7/95 *Charisma*). Howard-Browne and Clark have been associated with the charismatic Toronto Blessing "Holy Laughter" movement which has been characterized by mass laughter, ecstatic trance, loss of physical control, barking, roaring, grunting, moaning, alleged prophetic utterances and claims of physical and emotional healings (5/95 *Berean Call*). Asbury is a Methodist school which has featured and praised liberals, and whose new Seminary president is a member of the Roman Catholic-Methodist International Dialogue Commission (see 6/15/94 CC). The Spring 1995 *Asbury Herald* provides ample evidence of Asbury's ongoing ecumenical agenda.

SBC REPORT—The Southern Baptist Convention threw itself a 150th birthday party at its annual meeting in Atlanta in June. Total membership is now at 15.6 million. It is the denomination of Bill Clinton, Al Gore, Newt Gingrich, Jesse Helms, Jimmy Carter, and Billy Graham. The 39,000 SBC churches include about 1,900 black congregations. It passed a resolution apologizing to African-Americans for its 19th century embrace of slavery and its more recent resistance to the civil rights movement. A main agenda item was the restructuring of the SBC from 19 agencies into 12. Jim Henry was re-elected SBC president without opposition. Billy Graham was the final speaker, June 22. John MacArthur spoke at the June 18-19 Pastor's Conference.

McCUNE REVIEWS McLACHLAN 'FUNDAMENTALISM' BOOK—Dr. Rolland McCune (Pres., Detroit Baptist Seminary) in his Spring'95 *Sentinel* paper reviews Central Seminary president Dr. Douglas McLachlan's Reclaiming Authentic Fundamentalism book. After crediting McLachlan with offering many good insights and saying some needed things about the shortcomings of Fundamentalism, McCune says: "There are some concerns, questions, and suggestions that should be raised. The tone of the book comes across as decidedly negative for the most part, almost anti-Fundamentalist at times. It bears the marks of frustration and reaction. One would think that Fundamentalism today has been led into a wasteland of spiritual declension and practical ineffectiveness. It would have been better to acknowledge the contributions and sacrifices of past leaders than to imply they were a cadre of name-seeking ladder-climbers. It would also seem to be more appropriate to call for some in-house self-corrective measures than to cast Fundamentalism into an 'us-them' configuration that could easily facilitate a breakaway mentality...."

DR. ARNO WENIGER SR. WITH THE LORD—We received word at press time that Dr. Arno Q. Weniger Sr. died Saturday July 1 at age 87. He had been a founder of San Francisco Theol. Seminary, pastor of Hamilton Square Baptist Church for 35 years (until 1976), President of the Conservative Baptist Association, served on four Seminary Boards, and retired four years ago as Administrator of the Lucerne Christian Conference Center (Calif.). Dr. Weniger was from a family of famous fundamentalists, a family of seven children, all of whom entered Christian work except one brother. His brother, Dr. G. Archer Weniger was Editor of "The Blu-Print" until his death in 1982. His son, Dr. Arno "Bud" Weniger Jr. is Pres. of Maranatha Baptist Bible College in Watertown, Wis. Dr. Weniger was a prolific writer and active to the end. He was our friend. We last saw him last month at the FBF conference in Greenville. We carried several articles from his good writings in recent years. The latest he sent us, in late May, was entitled, "Significant Changes Taking Place."

FALWELL PROMOTES SO. BAPTISTS—SBC churches have ordained over 1,000 women, but some were drummed out of local associations. The SBC is a member of the liberal Baptist World Alliance. It is the denomination of Billy Graham, Bill Clinton, Al Gore and Jimmy Carter. Yet Jerry Falwell and Tim Lee try to convince followers that SBC conservatives (who are yoked with liberals) are fundamentalists. Falwell's Super Conference again this year is loaded with SBC speakers.

IBF/NA RESOLUTION ON PROMISE KEEPERS—The Independent Baptist Fellowship of No. America in Annual Conference in Seattle last month adopted the following resolution (an adapted excerpt): Promise Keepers' official sounding Doctrinal Statement is crafted so that those with theological and ecclesiastical persuasions of belief and non-belief including Catholics, Mormons, Charismatics and New Evangelicals may and do participate. A PK goal is to have representative involvement in local churches throughout North America. PK leaders, speakers and participants hold a multitude of unbiblical doctrines.

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OUR TAXES FUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD ABORTIONS—Of Planned Parenthood's \$443 million annual budget, \$158 million is government grants--our tax money. Planned Parenthood operates the nation's largest chain of abortion facilities (Chr. Coalition "Fact File"). Its clinics perform about 140,000 abortions each year. PP's sale of birth control pills provides an estimated \$65 to \$70 million in profits annually. The American taxpayer is the largest single contributor to PP, and these monies are used to promote PP's radical social agenda and to indoctrinate America's children into its "safe sex" philosophy. PP's "sexual revolution" has resulted in an epidemic of AIDS, VD, teen pregnancy, soaring divorce, abortion-on-demand, and a generation of children lacking a sense of right and wrong.

DISNEY'S 'POCAHONTAS'—Disney's heavily hyped animated movie, Pocahontas, will be the biggest film of the summer. It is "eco-politically correct" and "puts a strong spiritist spin on history." (6/10 *World*). It depicts Pocahontas introducing her friend John Smith to Grandmother Willow, a 400-year-old mystical tree spirit (6/17 *H.T.*). The 6/13 *Greenville (SC) News* says: "Yet for all the studio's care, there remain questions about turning the 12-year-old Pocahontas into an animated Playboy playmate, about how true [it] is to history and about what impact the film is likely to have on its target audience--children." GN quotes Russell Means, the voice of Pocahontas' father (Chief Powhatan) in the movie: "Because it's Disney, millions of children forever are going to see this in their most formative years, and it's going to affect how they see my people..." The article says Disney has turned a 12-year-old Powhatan princess into "a ravishing beauty with the body of Demi Moore and the soul of Gloria Steinem."

UNWED MOMS: WHITE RATE NEARLY DOUBLES—The stigma of unwed motherhood is fading fast. Schools used to exile teens to special homes, but now provide day-care for their children. The unwed black birthrate rose 7 percent since 1980, the unwed birthrate for whites leaped 94 percent (6/19 *USN&WR*). The highest unwed birthrates are among Hispanic women (95.3 per 1,000), followed by black women (86.5) and white women (35.2).

POPE WANTS UNITY, PAPAL POWER—Pope John Paul II wants improved ties with Orthodox churches, but has ruled out any chance he would relinquish final authority over the Roman Catholic church and its flock (5/31 *Houston Chron.*). This message came in his 12th encyclical, released in May, dedicated to ecumenism, and warmly received in the U.S. by the National Council of Churches.

TIME WARNER A CULTURAL POLLUTER—To fight the increasingly coarse, corrupt and brutal cultural

polluters in Hollywood, some say we should shame them into accepting moral responsibility for what they do (6/19 *USN&WR*). Others ask: "How many rap songs about slicing women's throats does the world really need?" Apart from Time Warner's cop-killing song by Ice-T, Time Warner has sponsored other glorification of brutality and misogyny, such as paying a performer to say a woman deserved to get raped and murdered because she left her curtains open.

'GAY DAY' AT DISNEY WORLD—Dr. Norman Pyle says: "The Walt Disney Co. is the world's best known 'family entertainment company.' It is rapidly becoming a leading purveyor of anti-Christian bigotry, perversion and immorality (6/95 *CVN*). Attendance at this year's Gay and Lesbian Day (6/3) at Disney World was estimated at 35,000, the most ever (6/24 *World*). Until 1995, it had more than doubled each year, from 500 to 2,000 to 8,500 to 23,000. Disney does not sponsor it but works with the organizers. (5/30 *HT*). The homosexual paper *Out* says Disney has hired lesbian Lauren Lloyd to produce films featuring lesbians and promoting the lesbian lifestyle.

AMG PAYS MOODY FOR PLAGIARISM—Spiros Zodhiates's Advancing the Ministries of the Gospel has agreed to pay a lump sum to Moody Press for "copyright infringement" after borrowing significantly from Moody's 1980 Theological Word-book of the Old Testament (6/19 *CT*). AMG editor Tim Rake had noticed parallel material in the forthcoming NIV edition of the Hebrew-Greek Key Study Bible he had been editing for Zodhiates, and has resigned because of AMG's failure to apologize properly for the "egregious and scandalous breach of academic integrity...."

PROMISE KEEPERS THREAT TO LOCAL CHURCH HEALTH—Promise Keepers poses a threat to the health of local churches by building a network of men whose express purpose is to minimize the doctrinal distinctiveness of the churches and whose intense loyalty is won primarily through the experience of the Promise Keepers rallies, not its doctrinal beliefs. Promise Keepers radically advocates the spirit and practice of an ecumenism which clearly contradicts God's Word [excerpted from a 6/14 Fundamental Bapt. Fellowship resolution]. The 6/3 *The Economist* said: "...The Promise Keepers' values are distinctly conservative, but so concerned is the movement to avoid controversy that it has switched its plans for a gathering of one million men in Washington [DC] from 1996 to 1997, lest it get embroiled in presidential politics...."

WOMEN PREACHERS WIN TOP AWARDS AT SBC SEMINARY—One week after Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Louisville) trustees affirmed a decision by President R. Albert Mohler, Jr. to hire only professors who agree that women are biblically prohibited from being pastors, an all-male committee of six students and two faculty members selected three women for the top three awards at the annual preaching competition (6/19 *CT*). The 6/12 *Christian News* said over 900 women are ordained SBC clergy persons.

ANGLICANS WANT 'ADULTERY-FRIENDLY' CHURCH?—A Church of England panel recommends that the phrase "living in sin" be abandoned, in recognition that some people choose cohabitation as a way of expressing their deepest commitments. (6/7 *H.T.*). Bishop of Edinburgh Richard Holloway declared that "the Church should not condemn (adulterous) affairs as sinful and wrong."

ORAL ROBERTS HAS NEW AUTOBIOGRAPHY—Oral Roberts claims to be a faith healer and that God speaks to him audibly. His new autobiography tells of being twice pulled from the brink of death, and how he was destined to be a "John the Baptist" of healing ministries--by personally praying for 1.5 million sick people, etc. His oldest son was killed by drugs, and his daughter and son-in-law in an airplane crash. He says he has heard the voice of God 23 times in his life (6/17 *HT*), and that a 900 foot Jesus told him in 1987 to raise \$8 million to keep his City of Faith medical center running or God would take him home. A dog track owner came up with the final \$1.3 million three hours before the deadline. [But City of Faith later, in 1989, had to close.] We wrote in a 5/15/87 "DO OR DIE DEATH WISHES" article: "Rachel said: 'Give me children or I die.' John Knox: 'Give me Scotland (souls) or I die.' Oral Roberts: 'Give me MONEY or I die!'" The 8/1/88 *Chr. News* said: "Roberts is a liar and fraud. He claims to have spoken face to face with a 900 foot Jesus. Every time he needs some money he gets a new vision from God. Many charismatics are gullible enough to believe his phony visions."

BBN'S MIXED SIGNALS—The Bible Broadcasting Network (Charlotte, NC) airs many good fundamentalist programs, and much of its music is good. But its programming also features new evangelicals and ecumenicals. BBN's 6/95 *Voice* lists Hank Hanegraaff as a 6/10 "Conference Pulpit" speaker. Hanegraaff said in the 10/93 *Charisma* that he teaches in an Assemblies of God church, and a 7/12/93 *Christian News* article says that while his Christian Research Institute has exposed certain abuses of Roman Catholicism, it is disturbingly weak here (10/15/93 CC).

WERE OLD TIME FUNDAMENTALISTS HARSH?—Dr. J.B. Williams gave a workshop paper by this title at the recent FBF meeting. He said during the past 100 years there has been three waves of protest to deviations from Scriptural truths. The first began just before the turn of this century, the second in the early 40s, the third in the 70s and 80s. In each case, strong defenders of the faith strongly denounced the propagators of false doctrine. It was not just personality clashes, nor were these men mean-spirited. "The rhetoric of the liberals, neo-evangelicals, and the world...was extremely inflammatory." He pointed to strong reactions of the prophets, John the Baptist, Jesus, and Paul to apostasy in their days. He ended by reading the long article in the 5/1 CC by Dr. Wayne Van Gelderen, "A New Softness Within Fundamentalism."

FBF RESOLUTIONS—The Fundamental Baptist Fellowship, at its June 13-15 annual meeting unanimously passed good resolutions regarding the following: 1. EVANGELICALS AND CATHOLICS TOGETHER - Called this 1994 document "treason to the cause of Biblical Christianity" 2. POPE JOHN PAUL II - Said "We disagree with Billy Graham that the Pope is one of the world's great evangelists, but rather look upon him as a deceiver and antichrist." 3. MARKETING THE CHURCH 4. EVANGELISM 5. INTEGRITY 6. SUCCESS 7. THE "LAUGHING REVIVAL" 8. PASTORAL AUTHORITY 9. CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS 10. JERRY FALWELL MINISTRIES 11. SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION 12. LUIS PALAU 13. MILITANCY - Called on preachers to "boldly contend for the faith, and not compromise our militancy because some have displayed a wrong disposition in practicing it." 14. PROMISE KEEPERS 15. EXPOSITIONAL PREACHING 16. TRANSLATIONS 17. JACK HYLES ON THE "INCORRUPTIBLE SEED" AS THE KJV 18. ECCLESIASTICAL SEPARATION & PRAGMATISM 19. PREPARATION OF A WRITTEN HISTORY OF THE FBF 20. "ORLANDO '95" 21. HOMOSEXUALITY 22. JOHN MACARTHUR - "While contending for the truth, MacArthur continues to associate with those who by their actions and associations aid those who dilute and destroy the truth." 23. SCRIPTURAL UNITY [Dr. James Singleton was chairman of the Resolutions Committee. Other members: Drs. Rod Bell, Dave Doran, Tim Jordan, Matt Olson, and John Vaughn. Order this 7-page "Resolutions" document from: FBF, 717 N. Whitehurst Landing Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23464. Send a dollar for postage, etc.]

FBF CALL TO MILITANCY—In every generation the faithful Church has been and must be Militant: contending for the faith and the purity of the doctrines of God's Word, exposing error and denouncing heresy. The errors do not wear the same masks from generation to generation. The heresies take on different forms, and the war is not always fought on the same battlefield and under the same conditions; but the battle is always one of Truth versus Error. Thus the true Fundamentalist must contend for the Faith against its enemies as they manifest themselves in each generation; and he must press the battle with the Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God. The battle is always against Satan and his hosts. No man can rightly call himself a Fundamentalist, therefore, if he is not Militant and a Contender; and our generation should beware lest we "fall from our own steadfastness."

INTER-VARSITY EMBRACES RELATIVISM?—Evangelical theologian Carl F.H. Henry in the 5/27 *World*, says that postmodernism denies the existence of objective truth/meaning and is an attack on Christianity and reason. He discusses a new book, *Truth Is Stranger Than It Used To Be*, by Richard Middleton and Brian Walsh and a promotional interview of the authors by IVP editor Rodney Clapp. Henry says Walsh uses neo-orthodox terms to deplore "propositional theology" (which champions divine revelation and verbal inerrancy of Scripture) for affirming timelessly true doctrines. Middleton says: "Even the truth of the gospel...is a human construction." Henry said the authors reject any identification of Scripture as revelation. Not only does IVP herald/support this forthcoming book, but, Henry added: "Much of the same revolt against truth emerged during the recent theology

conference of postliberal speakers sponsored jointly with Inter-Varsity at Wheaton College. Not a single representative of historic evangelical orthodoxy committed to the unbroken authority of the Bible was featured..."

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HOLLYWOOD, ROCK/RAP, VIOLENT SEX—Sen. Bob Dole says "Hollywood's dream factories turn out nightmares of depravity." William Bennett assails Time Warner for "gangsta rap" sexually explicit lyrics promoting violence against women. He said: "This stuff is not fit for human consumption. And it certainly is not fit for promotion and sales to children." Hollywood screams "censorship" though the Dole/Bennett appeal was for self-regulation. It is a shame that government regulation would ever be required, but if government protects us (by "regulations") against rotten pork, surely rotten porn is worse. It is sad that there is a market/demand for such garbage--even sadder that Christians are sometimes part of that market.

EVOLUTION A DANGEROUS HOAX—Evolution is what makes the monkey in the zoo ask, "Am I my keeper's brother?" It is the flawed philosophy of fools. Often educated fools, yes, but blinded by their own brilliance. The 6/95 *Impact* said evolution "flies in the face of the well-founded Second Law of Thermodynamics, cannot be supported by the fossil record, violates common sense in the development of complex systems, and could not even occur in 15 billion years." Yet most major denominations today allow their clergy/theologians to teach that man and the universe gradually evolved over millions/billions of years. The 5/15 *Christian News* says if man evolved he really does not need a Savior, and that acceptance of evolution could lead to a denial of the entire Christian faith. To say Jesus was wrong in accepting the historicity of the Genesis account of creation is to deny His deity and the doctrine of the Trinity.

EVANGELICALS MAY LOSE MILLIONS IN PONZI SCHEME—Evangelical ministries and colleges are reeling upon learning that they may have lost millions in a philanthropic concept gone awry. At least 100 religious groups bought into a double-your-dollars matching grant offer from the Foundation for New Era Philanthropy of Radnor, PA which last month filed for bankruptcy protection. The top 40 list of creditors, with from \$2-16 million each, includes: Lancaster Bible College, Young Life, Gordon-Conwell, Biblical Seminary, Covenant College, and Wheaton College. Lesser "losers" include: MBI, YFC, BBC (GARF), TEAM, Focus on the Family, Biola, and Fuller.

FBF & IBF/NA MEETINGS—The Fundamental Baptist Fellowship meets at Faith Baptist Church in Taylors, SC (Dr. John Vaughn, Pastor), June 13-15, and the Independent Baptist Fellowship of North America meets in Seattle, WA (Dr. Tom Nieman, Pastor), June 20-22. Reports later.

NCC/WCC CHARGE U.S. WITH RIGHTS ABUSES—The World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches, after a year-long campaign against racism in the U.S., have gone before the United Nations charging the

U.S. with human rights abuses (5/29 Chr.News). Charges include death penalty used primarily to punish those who kill whites, lack of indigenous self-governance and control of land/assets, environmental racism regarding location of toxic waste dumps, and immigrants/refugees not treated with dignity and fairness. ACCC Exec. Sec'y Dr. Ralph Colas, who attended a 5/95 WCC meeting in Nashville, comments: "It is interesting to note the NCC and WCC ignore the obvious human rights abuses in Slavonia, China, Cuba, Sudan, [Bosnia], Iran, etc. They turn their weapons against the U.S. instead of other nations where horrible abusive practices are both tolerated and defended." Christians must expose such left-wing radicalism and separate from apostate NCC/WCC denoms. Send an offering for Dr. Colas's report to: ACCC, P.O. Box 19, Wallingford, PA 19086.

ORLANDO'95: ECUMENICAL MEETING OF CHARISMATICS—The four major streams of the charismatic movement--Catholic, Protestant, Pentecostal, and non-denominational--will unite for prayer, worship and ministry July 26-29 in Orlando. Catholic nuns and priests will link arms with Pentecostals, Methodists, Episcopalians and independent charismatics of every variety. The 6/95 *Charisma* said "Gathering these groups under one roof for four days probably won't resolve any theological disputes, but these people plan to have a good time celebrating what they have in common." Speakers include: Catholic bishop Sam Jacobs, black Pentecostal leader Gilbert Patterson, Foursquare pastor Jack Hayford, healing evangelist Benny Hinn, TBN's Paul Crouch, Pat Robertson, and Pope John Paul II's personal preacher. Robertson said: "It is time that we focus on the similarities between evangelicals and Catholics." He said the unifying factor, and the heart of Christianity, is a belief in Jesus Christ, "no matter what the denomination."

FALWELL PULPIT-SHARES WITH CAMPOLO—Tony Campolo is Pres. Clinton's "friend in Philadelphia" and they both promote homosexuality. Jerry Falwell has been selling videos that accuse Clinton of adultery and covering up murder. Campolo and Falwell are scheduled to speak at *Atlanta Fest 95*, the big Christian Rock Festival at Six Flags June 14-17 (6/95 *CVN*). It is sponsored by World Vision, Youth for Christ and CCM Magazine. The music is rap, rock, pop and alternative. It features 32 different individuals or groups, also including Andy Stanley and Josh McDowell.

PROMISE KEEPERS INCLUDES CATHOLICS, MORMONS—Mormon and Catholic members and leaders are now involved in the ecumenical Promise Keepers movement, along with charismatics, liberals, and evangelicals. The May-June *PsychoHeresy Awareness Letter* says: "...We now have Promise Keepers, Catholics and Mormons together. This seems to be an ecumenicalism of proportions never experienced since the Reformation." The 5/22 *Christian News* quotes a 5/6 *L.A. Times* article which says attorney Chip Rawlings, and fellow Mormon leaders of the Palos Verdes Stake, are urging Latter-day Saints members to participate in [Promise Keepers]. He said: "The movement's Seven Promises are like something straight out of the men's priesthood manual for the [Mormon] church." Dr. Ernest Pickering has an excellent new booklet analyzing the dangers of the PK movement. He says: "To worship and cooperate with Roman Catholics and others who are in doctrinal error promotes the idea that correct doctrine is less important than fellowship. The early church continued 'in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship...' (Acts 2:42). Doctrine is more important than fellowship and is listed first. Fellowship must be built on doctrine." [Order this booklet from Baptist World Mission, P.O. Box 1463, Decatur, AL 35602, \$2 for one copy, \$1.25 for additional copies.]

DALLAS WON'T SIGN ECT, BUT...—The accord is causing discord. The "Evangelicals and Catholics Together" document signed last year by many evangelical and Catholic leaders glossed over key doctrinal differences for the sake of unity on social issues such as abortion. Some new-evangelical signers have been pressured to remove their names (5/15 *CC*). Hispanic pastors said ECT hurt their evangelistic efforts by implying that evangelicals and Catholics share theological beliefs. Dallas Seminary released a statement in Jan. saying: "Though Dallas Seminary affirms areas of agreement in the moral and social arenas, we strongly question whether Evangelicals and Catholics can ever 'unite on the great truths of the faith.'" But Dallas said: "However, we will maintain fellowship with those Evangelicals who did sign the document." (5/20 *D.Morn.News*). How can you "maintain fellowship" with those who "fellowship" with false gospel adherents? Spurgeon said: "That I might not stultify my testimony, I have cut myself clear of those who err from the faith, and even from those who associate with them."

GRAHAM PUERTO RICAN EVANGELICALS CHARISMATICS?—Billy Graham's huge Global Mission ecumenical evangelism crusade in March was broadcast live by satellite and television to 30 million people worldwide from Puerto Rico. Up to a third of Puerto Rico's 3.6 million people are evangelicals, of which 75 to 80 percent belong to Pentecostal or charismatic congregations (6/95 *Charisma*). A Puerto Rican charismatic pastor said local Christians put "petty little differences" aside for the crusade. He predicted that although Christians will maintain their theological differences, they now realize "it is more important to fulfill the Great Commission. Our stature as Christians has outgrown our [denominational] walls." We do not "outgrow" the need to obey biblical separation commands.

GEISLER & CATHOLICISM—Norman Geisler has a new book coming out on Roman Catholics and Evangelicals. He says he rejects the Roman Catholic view of salvation, and that a recent report that had him saying "Catholics believe in 'justification by grace'", etc., is wrong (see 2/1 CC).

SHELTON SMITH IS NEW *SWORD* EDITOR—Dr. Curtis Hutson succeeded Dr. John R. Rice as Editor of the *Sword of the Lord* in 1980, then after succumbing to a long valiant bout with cancer Mar. 5, is now succeeded by Dr. Shelton Smith. Smith has pastored the Church of the Open Door, Westminster, MD for the past almost seventeen years. We are hopeful that he will continue Dr. Hutson's strong stand against "bridge-building" to Southern Baptists. Smith came out of the SBC. We heard him say in a 10/5/93 message at the Southwide Baptist Fellowship that "Southern Baptist conservatives are not fundamentalists." He was SBF moderator for 1994. Dr. John Reynolds remains as *Sword* Exec. V-P and Assistant Editor. Dr. Al Byers is V-P and Gen. Manager.

NAE RESOLUTION, REPORT—A resolution passed by the Ohio Bible Fellowship in April said the National Association of Evangelicals "is thoroughly ecumenical and is dedicated to racial reconciliation, societal morality, social concerns and gender sensitivity at the expense of entangling alliances and blurring of the true Gospel.... [It] is a melting pot for new evangelicals of every stripe, including charismatics, evangelical Catholics, ecumenists, feminists and pseudo-fundamentalists...." (4/5/95 OBF *Visitor*, 3865 North High St., Columbus, OH 43214). Dr. Ralph Colas covered the NAE's 53rd Annual Convention in Louisville in March and has a detailed report of this meeting. Send \$2 to: ACCC, P.O. Box 19, Wallingford, PA 19086.

JEREMIAH IN EVANGELICAL ORBIT, QUOTES LIBERALS—Dr. David Jeremiah is a product of the GARBC, and his father is Chancellor of GARBC-approved Cedarville College. He is president of Christian Heritage College, pastors Shadow Mountain Community Church in El Cajon, CA and is founder of Turning Point Ministries. He is now in clinical remission from a recent bout with cancer. His 1994 book Acts of Love is endorsed by ecumenicals: Bruce Wilkinson, Warren Wiersbe, Joe Aldrich, Joseph Stowell, and Haddon Robinson. He quotes unreliable paraphrases and favorably quotes, without warning, new evangelicals and liberals throughout the book, e.g.: Bonhoeffer, Bishop Tutu, Barclay, Ruth Peale and Billy Graham. Several new evangelicals have spoken at his church, and he has spoken at Graham's "The Cove" and Moody Bible Institute (2/15/92 CC).

GARBC PROF. DAVID TURNER DISCUSSES HELL—Cornerstone College (Grand Rapids) Professor David Turner responded as follows (on PastorTalk, an electronic bulletin board) when asked about his beliefs on hell: "[Is] it a literal place? I'd say yes, though I'd be quick to say that the biblical descriptions of the place are metaphorical and that I don't know where it is on the world map. Evidently human 'souls' are localized after death so I would tend to think both 'heaven' and 'hell' are places in some sense of the word. I prefer describing it as 'real' to describing it as 'literal'..." Turner said he is not aware of any recognized creedal statement which affirms literal flames in hell (see 4/15 CC). Warren Wiersbe is now headed for this GARBC-approved school (see 6/1 CC).

EVANS' ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE—Dr. Tony Evans is pastor of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship (see 5/15 CC). Speakers for his Oct. Church Development Conference include E .V. Hill, Luis Palau, Chuck Swindoll--and MBI Pres. Joseph Stowell is listed right in the midst of these ecumenicals (6/ 95 MM). Evans and Stowell have earlier teamed together at IFCA, GARBC, SBC, and MBI events.

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ARE HOMOSEXUALS 'BORN THAT WAY'?—Eastern College sociologist Tony Campolo says homosexuals are born that way, and his wife promotes homosexual weddings. (10/15 CC). Fuller Seminary professor-emeritus Lewis Smedes, in his Sex For Christians book (1984 ed., Pp. 65-71) says the homosexual "should simply refuse to accept a burden of guilt for his condition. He is a victim either of biological accident or someone else's folly." He says the homosexual "did not choose homosexuality..." It is absurd, unscriptural, and blasphemous to suggest the homosexual is not responsible for his perverted lifestyle, or that an adulterer is not to blame for his sin. To do so implies that God is to blame. If a person was born without a choice in the matter, God (under the Law) would never have required the death penalty for homosexuality. Capital punishment was always for crimes a person committed voluntarily (see Lev. 20, etc.).

DISNEY'S 'LION KING' FOLLOW-UP—An upcoming Miramax [Walt Disney Co. is the corporate owner] movie--*Kids*--chronicles 24 hours in the lives of a band of thrill-seeking New York teens. The 5/15 *U.S. News* says: "In the opening scene, a boy known as 'Virgin Surgeon' deflowers a teenage girl. After that come graphic depictions of unsafe sex, full frontal nudity, pot smoking and racial violence, all performed by a cast of barely pubescent-looking actors." Critics already call it the most controversial film of the year/decade. If it gets the expected X-rating (NC-17), Disney may force Miramax to sell it to another distributor. Meanwhile, the 3/27 *Christian News* warned that another *Lion King* follow-up, Disney's *Pocahontas*, promises to be the most obviously foul ball of all of Disney's recent animated propaganda films for kids. The 5/8 *Amer. Info. Newsletter* says: "The homosexualized Disney empire is following up its New Age blockbuster, *The Lion King*... with another politically correct propaganda piece." It says *Pocahontas* is a blend of hard-core feminism and environmentalism wrapped up in a leftist historical revisionist package.

SO. CAROLINA'S 1778 CONSTITUTION:—"[T]he Christian Protestant religion shall be deemed...the established religion of the state." It said no religious society could be considered a church unless it agreed "that there is one eternal God and a future state of rewards and punishment; that the Christian religion is the true religion; that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are of divine inspiration." S.C. also asserted that "no person who denies the existence of a Supreme Being shall hold any office under this Constitution." (4/95 *Imprimis*)

NEW FEDERAL POLICE POWERS MAY BE BAD—New "counter-terrorism" legislation may be bad news for law-abiding Christians. The 5/15 *New American* warns: "...[T]he new powers sought for the federal government will,

if provided, almost assuredly be used not against those violent and subversive organizations traditionally targeted by the FBI--communists, terrorists, fascists, Nazis, Ku Klux Klansmen, Mafiosi, drug kingpins--but against those Atty. Gen. Janet Reno and FBI Dir. Louis Freeh consider the real 'threats' to American security: gun owners, pro-life demonstrators, religious 'extremists,' 'anti-government' activists, tax protesters, UN opponents, hate crime 'advocates'(i.e., those who oppose special rights for homosexuals), and other politically incorrect Americans the establishment media generally categorize as 'extreme right wing.'

DC TALK IN CONCERT AT FALWELL'S LIBERTY U.—The Liberty Flame supplement to Dr. Jerry Falwell's 5/95 *Nat'l Liberty Journal* said DC Talk--"with their mix of soul, rap and challenging lyrics"-- last year returned home to Liberty University for "one of the liveliest concerts in school history." DC Talk, founded at Liberty, is related to Falwell's stint with PTL charismatics (7/15/91 CC). The 5/21/94 *World* said this "hip-hop trio," called by Jay Leno "one of the hottest music groups in the country", merged their loves for rap, rock, and gospel to form the high-energy sound they're now famous for. The article's subtitle: "DC Talk takes the secular music industry by storm". A 4/9/91 *Wall St. Journal* article said Falwell calls himself a convert to rap, and says "I'm for it."(5/15/91 CC).

WEAKNESSES OF TAPED MUSICAL ACCOMPANIMENTS—1) Eliminates the use of people. Music is a ministry, worshipping and serving the Lord in song... 2) Most tapes sound very sensual (appeal to the flesh). 3) Almost all tapes are recorded by worldly or compromising musicians. 4) Most tapes emphasize rhythm more than melody. 5) The use of tapes leaves no room for musical interpretation. You are stuck with whatever was recorded on the tape. If there is a questionable portion, you may be tempted to go ahead and use it, thus starting a pattern of compromise that will [destroy] your Biblical convictions. [Spring 1995, *Flaming Torch*]

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY LEFT DANGLING IN RUSSIA—Russia's Ministry of Education recently canceled the protocol that authorized the CoMission--a coalition of 85 U.S. Protestant groups who trained Russian public-school educators to promote a curriculum of Christian values. Russian Orthodox church leaders have opposed the plan.

WIERSBE ON STAFF AT GARBC'S GRAND RAPIDS—The General Association of Regular Baptists' 5/95 *Baptist Bulletin* said: "One of the nation's best-known and most-loved evangelical authors, radio speakers and Bible teachers, Warren W. Wiersbe, has accepted an appointment as Distinguished Professor of Preaching at Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary. Dr. Wiersbe will also serve as Writer-in-Residence with Cornerstone College. He will teach in the seminary's Doctor of Ministry program, speak at the annual Bible conference, speak periodically at the one-day Ministry Enrichment Renewal conferences and participate in other educational opportunities as they become available..." Wiersbe speaks at the GARB national meeting this month in Toledo (4/15 CC). The Northeast Regular Baptist Fellowship of Churches, in a 4/7 resolution, expressed "consternation that the featured speaker of the 64th Annual Conference of the GARBC is Dr. Warren Wiersbe..." It notes that Wiersbe's ecumenical itinerary seems inconsistent with the stated policy/purpose of the GARBC.

MacARTHUR, COLSON, GRAHAM SPEAK AT SBC EVENTS—The Southern Baptist Convention celebrates its 150th year in Atlanta, June 20-22. Over 25,000 messengers are expected to attend. Billy Graham speaks June 22, closing the meeting. IFCA's John MacArthur, pro-Catholic Chuck Colson, and former SBC presidents Adrian Rogers, James Draper, and Jerry Vines are slated to speak at the SBC Pastor's Conference, June 18-19. SBC president Jim Henry is expected to be re-elected without opposition. Messengers will take the first of two annual successive votes on whether to reduce the size of the SBC structure.

TIM LEE & SO. BAPTIST TO SPEAK AT SBF CHURCH—The second annual Youth Alive Conference sponsored by Tim Lee Ministries goes to Northside Baptist Church, Charlotte, June 12-15. Featured speakers include Lee ("bridge-builder to Southern Baptists"), SBC evangelist David Ring, Gary Coleman and Johnny Pope. Northside is a large Southwide Baptist Fellowship church founded by Jack Hudson in 1954 and now pastored by Bradley Price. The June 4 Founders Day speaker is Lee Roberson. Last year it was Jerry Falwell.

SMEDES TO SPEAK AT PRO-HOMOSEXUAL EVENT—Popular author/ethicist and Fuller Seminary emeritus professor Lewis Smedes is a featured speaker at pro-homosexual Evangelicals Concerned's June 2-4 ConnECTION'95 conference at Kirkridge, Pa. (EC's Spr. '95 Record). He is then the keynote speaker at a June 14-17 Calvin College conference. He has defended homosexuals, and said pre-marital nude petting may be "a delicately tuned means of mutual discovery." (1/15/86 CC). He has concluded that factors other than rape, incest and the mother's welfare may justify abortion. (9/15/86 CC). He approvingly quotes neoorthodox liberals in some of his writings.

WHEATON COLLEGE: REVIVAL, NEW AGE SPEAKER?—In a "spiritual awakening" at Wheaton College, attendance at "renewal" meetings in March jumped from 900 to 1,500 in four days (5/15 CT). But a book, *The Trojan Horse*, (by Brenda Scott and Samantha Smith) says Madeleine L'Engle, a New Ager with close ties to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine gave a lecture at Wheaton. It also says that Wheaton supports Ms. L'Engle so enthusiastically that she refers to it as her second home. The letter writer in the *5/6 World* concluded by asking, "What am I to believe? Has Wheaton gone off to the direction of the occult to support this outstanding New Ager?"

FUROR AT SBC'S SOUTHERN SEMINARY—Southern Baptist Seminary (Louisville) president R. Albert Mohler, Jr., 35, is battling Southern's faculty and students over academic freedom. The clash began in March when he fired Diana Garland as dean of the seminary's Carver School of Church Social Work. She publicly criticized Mohler's leadership and faulted him for not hiring David Sherwood of Gordon College because Sherwood would not exclude women from pastoral ministry. Thirty-seven of 65 Southern faculty signed a resolution supporting Garland's stance (5/15 CT). Mohler's new criteria for hiring faculty includes an affirmation of the exclusivity of the Christian gospel and opposition to three things: homosexuality, women in the pastorate, and abortion. He and trustees offered an "early retirement" package to the faculty on April 19 (29 professors are eligible). Three new faculty members were hired: Craig Blaising, Daniel Block, and Mark Terry (5/2 IB). Students allege that some professors have turned classroom time into forums for disagreeing with the president.

COPPENGER TO HEAD SBC'S MIDWESTERN SEMINARY—Mark T. Coppenger has been nominated to succeed Milton Ferguson at the helm of SBC's "smallest of six" seminaries, Midwestern Baptist Seminary (Kansas City). The *5/2 Indiana Baptist* says he is an inerrantist who served six years on the faculty of Wheaton College. Liberal Russell Dilday, who was fired last year as president of Southwestern Baptist Seminary after refusing a "golden parachute" approaching \$400,000, called it a "buyout, almost an effort to bribe me to leave." (4/12/94 IB). Ferguson will receive his \$61,000 salary and benefits to July 31, 1996 and a gift of \$50,000. The search committee told news media that more balance is needed in the Midwestern faculty--with inerrantists.

NEW EVANGELICALS PRAISE 'THE MESSAGE'—Eugene Peterson's new unreliable paraphrase *The Message* is being endorsed as an authentic translation of the New Testament. Billy Graham praises it, and is distributing a special edition of it. J. I. Packer praises its "blend of accurate scholarship." Warren Wiersbe calls it "the boldest and most provocative rendering of the New Testament I've ever seen." Denver Seminary President Edward Hayes says Peterson "in this fresh paraphrase...highlights the 'marketing' approach of the Apostle Paul [in 1 Cor. 9:19-23]." (Focal Point). Jack Hayford endorses it. But Trinity Assistant Prof. Raymond C. Ortlund (1/9 *Christianity Today*) in a surprisingly candid and critical review said: "Peterson's colloquial language is too ambiguous to be helpful..."

EPISCOPAL CHURCH SCANDALS MOUNT—The liberal Episcopal Church continues to descend into ever deeper apostasy. There was the recent suicide of a philandering bishop, the shenanigans of its Bishop John Spong and the dissension over ordaining homosexuals. Now it has discovered evidence that its former treasurer embezzled over \$2.2 million over five years, at a time of massive cutbacks in church programs and staff (2/17, *5/6 H.Times*). The Episcopal Diocese of Washington, DC adopted a statement last January drafted by Spong which read: "Some of us are created heterosexual and some of us are created homosexual [and] both can be lived out with beauty, honor, holiness and integrity." (2/11 *World*). *O Timothy* editor David Cloud documents Spong's blasphemy, and says: "He denies the virgin birth, deity, miracles, vicarious death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, yet claims to honor and serve Him...."

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CAMPOLO: EVANGELISM MEANS SOCIAL ACTION—Eastern College Sociologist Tony Campolo says: "Evangelism has changed...Once, old-time evangelists called people to hit the sawdust trail out of fear of eternal damnation. Nowadays, the evangelist's call to come down the aisle is increasingly a call to become committed to social ministries in everyday life." (4/16 Phila.Inq.). Campolo said: "At Eastern College...becoming a committed Christian is equated with dedication to others. To hundreds of Eastern students, being "born again" has been translated as a calling to reach out to inner-city children through after-school tutoring, building houses with Habitat for Humanity, and setting up clubs to counsel troubled teens." He added: "The Old Time Religion is not what it used to be...[I]t has become a movement committed to changing society. It is no longer preoccupied with getting people ready to die. Contemporary evangelism is more and more connected with social action."

ARMSTRONG CULT MOVES TOWARD ORTHODOXY?—Herbert W. Armstrong's Worldwide Church of God under his successor Joseph Tkach is seeing a membership loss and a cut-back of programs due to wholesale doctrinal revisions in recent years. Cult-watcher Ruth Tucker says "Now is the time for evangelicals to extend the hand of fellowship to the WCG." This is yet premature, but it bears watching. Some predict a mass exodus.

ELLIOT: DO DOGS GO TO HEAVEN?—Popular author/ speaker Elisabeth Elliot is often featured on ecumenical platforms with liberals, charismatics, or new evangelicals (see 4/1/91 CC). She spoke at the recent NAE convention. The few times we have heard her, her messages seemed to be doctrinally sound. But in a 1989 book, On Asking God Why, she writes: "...[A] phrase I turn over and over in my mind: the redemption of creation. 'Redemption? But animals have no *souls!*' someone objects. Have they not? My Bible tells me of a great hope shared not only by angels and [humans], but 'all things, whether in heaven or on earth' (Col. 1:20); it tells me *all* is to be 'brought to unity in Christ' (Eph. 1:10). What can this mean if not that in some way unimaginable to us now the suffering sea gull, along with all feathered, furred, scaled, and carapaced creatures, will be redeemed?...Will not our ears someday hear the Song of the Animals? I think so. I pin my hopes on the vision of John.... [quotes Rev. 5:13]." We do not believe that the above verses, or any Bible passages, teach that animals have an *immortal* soul, or spirit, and life after death. Elliot praises Karl Barth and favorably quotes Catholics and new evangelicals in this book.

AIDS, SMOKING EPIDEMICS—The World Health Organization (an arm of the United Nations) says AIDS is the world's fastest-spreading epidemic, and that smoking is emerging as the world's largest single preventable cause of illness and deaths. Smoking kills 3 million people a year, an average of six people every minute, and is expected to

increase to 10 million a year by 2020. (5/2 *Huntsville Times*). The WHO called smoking a preventable cause of illness and death, but should have noted that AIDS is ALSO a largely "preventable" cause of illness and death, since it is mainly contracted through homosexuality and promiscuous sexual acts.

EVANS: SOCIAL JUSTICE & BLACK PRIDE—Dr. Tony Evans is pastor of the Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship (Dallas), founder of The Urban Alternative, and the first African-American to earn a doctoral degree from Dallas Seminary. He is a popular speaker at Promise Keepers, Moody Bible Institute, Cedarville College, IFCA, SBC, etc. His 1994 book Let's Get to Know Each Other is an interesting history of the black church/worship, and tells "what white Christians should know about black Christians." "Racism" is a main theme. Negatively, we will pass over his praise of sensitivity training and Promise Keepers, his reference to "low self-esteem" and his favorable quoting of a few "bad guys," and note two areas of concern. He says black evangelicals "have helped to broaden significantly the definition of Evangelicalism to include the issues of social justice." Over and over he claims a Scriptural basis for racial pride.

GRAHAM'S DAUGHTER'S SEARCH FOR SECURITY—Gigi Tchividjian, Billy Graham's eldest child, raised seven children, is "irreverent," completely apolitical, and has grown "less dogmatic" with increasing age, per the 3/11 *Houston Chronicle*. It said: "To young Gigi, Christianity was a blast." She grew up in Montreat, NC, a town of less than 1,000, a Presbyterian training center and retirement home for missionaries. She said: "I was raised in a protective bubble....These people made me want what they had. It wasn't a set of rules--do's and don'ts. It was always positive and fun-loving." Her father was away a lot--for six-month stretches. She said: "Yes, I didn't have Daddy growing up..." Gigi's husband is a clinical psychologist, and she is the national adviser on women's affairs for Rapha, Inc. [a psychobabble psychiatric center, praised by Jerry Falwell and Chas. Stanley.] Of her bouts with depression and insecurity, she said: "I used to feel so guilty. I mean, Christians shouldn't be depressed, right? Now we know it's chemical." Her quest for serenity continues.

CHARISMATICS TAKING OVER EVANGELICAL MOVEMENT—The two big explosive movements over the past year are Promise Keepers and "Holy Laughter." Both are strongly ecumenical and have roots in charismatic "signs and wonders" guru John Wimber's Vineyard Church. NAE speaker David Bryant praised the "laughing revival" movement at the recent NAE meeting. The NRB, Youth With A Mission (YWAM), Campus Crusade, Promise Keepers and many other new-evangelical groups are becoming heavily laden with charismatics. Charismatics are making inroads in the Southern Baptist Convention. With charismatics, experience is emphasized and doctrine is downplayed. Don Argue, April 3, became NAE's first Pentecostal chief executive. He is an ecumenical bridge-builder. In a 4/24 letter, veteran missionary-to-Catholics Wilson Ewin says: "With all the facts now put together, one must agree with classic Pentecostal author Vinson Synan that 80% of all evangelicals are Pentecostal-charismatic." [We have seen smaller percentages given, but the number is soaring.] Ewin says a third of all Canadian evangelicals are now Roman Catholics. The charismatic movement is a catalyst for building the ecumenical one-world church of the Antichrist. [Bro. Ewin has much literature on this subject, and two cassette tapes: "Witnessing to Catholics" and "The Vatican's Place in the New World Order." Order from him at P.O. Box 180, Norton, VT 05907, \$4 each + postage.]

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS EMBRACE CHARISMATICS—Two So. Baptist Seminary (Louisville) professors recently said Southern Baptists shouldn't fear the charismatic movement. William Hendricks, doctoral studies program director, said churches shouldn't make a big issue out of the movement because "you could be fighting what is a legitimate experience of the Spirit." (4/ 95 *Charisma*). Church history professor Tim Weber agrees. He said: "Most charismatics take the Bible as seriously as Southern Baptists, although they read it differently." The professors believe the time has come for a more reasoned approach to charismatics and dialogue with them. Meanwhile, Texas SBC pastor John Avant brought "revival" to Southwestern Baptist Seminary after speaking in chapel and telling them of the "renewal" at his church after it joined in a mission project with a charismatic church (3/13 *Chr.News*). He said: "Southern Baptists, Nazarenes, Pentecostals, Independent Baptists and Presbyterians are getting together just to kneel and pray for revival."

OBF RESOLUTION AGAINST ECT—The 3/95 Ohio Bible Fellowship *Visitor* had a good resolution warning of the dangers of the 3/94 "Evangelicals and Catholics Together" pact. Jon Trainer says of ECT: "...[T]he document is poorly written. Its narrative style and loose phraseology are theologically ambiguous, discursive and confusing. Second, the endorsement many evangelical leaders make to such a theologically flawed work attests to the failure of new evangelicalism. They have come to embrace what they once only tolerated. Co-belligerence, co-operative evangelism and an acceptance of charismatic practice results in a watered down theology in which religious experience is the only common denominator. Doctrinal purity takes a back seat to moral, social and political activism. Third, many leaders of evangelicalism lack spiritual discernment. How would the signers of ECT define apostasy? If the Roman Catholic system is not apostate, what is?..."(Get reprints of this 12-page pamphlet from: OBF Visitor, 3865 N. High St., Columbus, OH 43214, 10 copies for \$4.50.)

SBC'S LAND & LEWIS REMOVE NAMES FROM ECT—Home Mission Board president Larry Lewis and Christian Life Commission exec. dir. Richard Land have removed their names from the controversial "Evangelicals and Catholics Together" document. They expressed regrets to Chuck Colson for having to withdraw their signatures, but saw this as the only way to eliminate the confusion and persistent perception that their agencies had endorsed ECT (4/18 *Indiana Bapt.*). Much of the criticism of ECT came from Hispanic So. Baptist leaders who feared Catholic leaders would use it to thwart mission efforts among Catholics.

PROMISE KEEPERS INCLUDES CATHOLICS—The main founders and leaders of Promise Keepers are members of "signs and wonders" John Wimber's Vineyard Church. Promise #6 is: "Reach beyond racial and denominational barriers to demonstrate the power of biblical unity." Bill McCartney says Promise Keepers doesn't care if you're a Baptist, a Pentecostal, or a Roman Catholic (4/24 *Chr.News*). A West Coast Catholic paper *The Tidings* (3/31) says Promise Keepers is "now being expanded to include Catholic congregations." It said: "The five-year-old program utilizes clergy presentations and group sharing in weekend workshop or retreat-style format..." A California priest, at the urging of Cardinal Roger Mahony, studied the feasibility of utilizing PK at the Catholic parish level and found no "doctrinal" issue which should cause concern to the Catholic Church. No surprise, since "ecumenical" is PK's middle name!

MBI'S STOWELL IN ECUMENICAL ORBIT—Moody Bible Institute president Dr. Joseph Stowell recently became a member of the mainline new-evangelical National Association of Evangelicals (4/1 CC). He serves in a "Leadership Chair" for Luis Palau's 6/96 ecumenical evangelism Chicago crusade. (5/1 CC). He has spoken at So. Baptist and Dallas Seminary recent-year events, and at an ecumenical National Religious Broadcasters meeting. He speaks at ecumenical Promise Keepers rallies again this year. We now see him listed (with Roman Catholics, et al.) as an "Advisory Editor" for *Christianity Today*. He was scheduled to participate with Bill Bright and other ecumenicals in the May 4 National Day of Prayer. He is listed in the Billy Graham Training Center "Program Guide" as a June 2-4 speaker. His topic: "Walking Faithfully With Christ."!

COLLEGE CAMPUS REVIVALS—A 'spiritual awakening' among college students is spreading across the U.S. Varying degrees of "revival" have recently been reported at the following schools: Wheaton, Liberty, Gordon, Southwestern, Taylor, Beeson, Howard Payne, Olivet Nazarene, Morehead, Murray State, and Louisiana Tech. We hope much of this is genuine, and not just charismatic "false fire" (e.g., "the Toronto Blessing").

ROBERTSON ENDORSES 'LAUGHTER', SIGNS & WONDERS—Pat Robertson promotes the "Laughing Revival", spoke at a recent "signs & wonders" conference hosted by the Assemblies of God, and unites with Benny Hinn, Paul Crouch, and Jack Hayford in a July 26-29 ecumenical Orlando'95 Congress.

ACCC MEETING—The executive committees of the American Council of Christian Churches and the World Council of Biblical Churches (WCBC) met at Calvary Baptist Church, Huntsville, Ala., April 20. The preaching, by Drs. Richard Harris and E. Allen Griffith, was excellent. The fall convention is set for St. Louis. Dr. Ralph Colas is the Executive Secretary of the ACCC & WCBC.

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GORES ENTERTAIN HOMOSEXUALS—Vice Pres. and Mrs. Albert Gore opened their home in March to 150 homosexual political activists and praised the leadership of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, possibly the largest gay lobby (Jerry Falwell's 4/95 *Nat'l Liberty Journal*). Gore told these perverts: "It's a wonderful thing to do what you're doing, and that's devoting your lives to others." He said: "This dedication is an out-growth of the way you live your entire lives." Mrs. Gore added: "We very deeply share your vision of a society that is fair and free of discrimination for [gays]." A prominent national gay paper recently highlighted Pres. Clinton's commitment to homosexuals by featuring 26 openly-homosexual members of his cabinet.

SO. BAPTIST WOMAN PREACHER SPEAKS OUT—Amy Mears is Assoc. Pastor at Buechel Park Baptist Church in Louisville and a Ph.D. candidate in Preaching at Southern Seminary (SBC). The American Baptist Churches' 4/95 *WATCHword* (quoting from a So. Baptist Women in Ministry newsletter) quotes Mears thusly: "[The apostle Paul] displays so many different shades of personality in his writings in the New Testament that sometimes it's difficult to reconcile one with the other. I usually find it hard to get along with Paul. There seem to be many folks around who like to read to me from Ephesians 5 and I Cor. 14 and point out for me "my place" in the church and at home based on Paul's words..." She adds: "God called me...The church 'authorities' support of my preaching and my ministry has got to be irrelevant..." *Christian News* (10/11/93) says there are about 900 Southern Baptist women clergy, compared with 75 in 1978.

TAMMY BAKKER'S NEW HUSBAND INDICTED—Building contractor Roe Messner, husband of the former Tammy Faye Bakker, faces up to 41 months in jail if convicted on fraud charges brought by the U.S. Department of Justice (5/95 *Charisma*). He helped build Jim Bakker's Heritage USA theme park then married the flamboyant Tammy Faye in 1993 after she divorced Bakker while he was in prison. Former televangelist Bakker was released last year after serving nearly five years for defrauding donors in the PTL scandal.

ECUMENICAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER—Shirley (Mrs. James) Dobson is chairman of the May 4 National Day of Prayer. Co-Chairmen are Pat Boone and Vonette Bright. Liaisons are Rabbi Joshua Habermann, Cardinal John O'Connor, and D. James Kennedy. Confirmed participants include Cardinal Bevilacqua and Rabbi Y. Eckstein (3/20 *C.News*). Bill Bright, Luis Palau, Joe Stowell, and others will meet for prayer at Moody Church (2/15 *CC*).

SEN. HATFIELD: 'HIGH BAPTIST' OR CATHOLIC?—Sen. Mark Hatfield served for years on the board of

Western Conservative Baptist Seminary, but in 1982 was referred to as "an American Baptist." He has been strongly identified for many years with left-wing causes. Catholic News Service (1/95) said when things are rough for Sen. Hatfield, and even when they aren't, he goes to a Catholic church in Washington to pray. He also sometimes attends Mass (4/95 *The Berean Call*). He says he is a Baptist, but a "high Baptist."

HAGIN, COPELAND AS HERETICAL AS MORMONS?—Cult-watcher and Christian Research Institute president Hank Hanegraaff compares charismatics Kenneth Hagin, Sr. and Kenneth Copeland to "wolves in sheep's clothing." He describes their Word-Faith movement as being as heretical as the Mormon Church. (5/95 *Charisma*). He says that within a faith context, "when you're born again, you not only have salvation, but you have unlimited health and unlimited wealth. All you have to do is visualize it, speak it into existence." (10/24 CT). Hagin brazenly declares that it is *always* God's will to heal cancer, "that no believer should ever be sick." (10/10 C.News). Copeland says of an Oral Roberts healing meeting: "One woman with cancer spit that cancer up, right in the middle of the floor." (9/94 BVOV). This "name it and claim it" Word-Faith movement indeed seems rather heretical.

FULLER SEMINARY & INERRANCY—A Fuller Seminary pamphlet, "What We Believe And Teach," declares: "We recognize the importance that the word *inerrancy* has attained in the thinking of many of our scholarly colleagues....Where the focus switches to an undue emphasis on matters like chronological details, precise sequence of events, and numerical allusions, we would consider the term misleading and inappropriate..." That is, the Bible is truth mixed with error.

MORE FALWELL NEW EVANGELICALISM—Dr. Jerry Falwell recently invited the ecumenical Promise Keepers for a rally at his Liberty University. (See 3/15 CC). Liberty V-P Elmer Towns in Falwell's 4/95 *National Liberty Journal* praises Promise Keepers in a long article. Towns spoke at the recent NAE convention. Sen. Phil Gramm, an Episcopalian, is Liberty U.'s commencement speaker May 6. Falwell's Oct. Super Conference will feature three ecumenical Southern Baptists (A. Rogers, D. Ring, and B. Smith) and E.V. Hill.

RENO QUOTE A HOAX—Concerning the widely reported definition of a cult, attributed to U.S. Atty. General Janet Reno (see 3/15 CC): Her acting Assistant AG denies that she said that.

ANKERBERG & ECT—We have just read John Ankerberg's 1/95 book, "Protestants & Catholics: Do They Now Agree?", where he and co-author John Weldon discuss the revolutionary 3/94 ECT ("Evangelical and Catholics Together") accord authored by pro-Catholic Charles Colson and liberal Catholic priest Richard Neuhaus. This unbiblical ecumenical agreement, signed or endorsed by 20 "evangelicals" and 20 Catholics (see 4/15/94 CC), declared that "Evangelicals and Catholics are brothers and sisters in Christ." The book asks: Can it be maintained that Catholics and Evangelicals are part of the body of Christ while disagreeing on the gospel message itself? It rightly notes that Evangelical leaders who signed the accord "have muddied the waters concerning the nature of the true gospel" and seem to imply that whether or not a new convert joins an Evangelical or Catholic church doesn't matter. It says: "Biblically it will be impossible for Evangelicals and Catholics to reach agreement until one side radically changes its stance." Ankerberg and Weldon conclude that until there is a biblical reformation in Rome, "the obstacles between Catholicism and Evangelicalism are insurmountable." Yet Ankerberg, MacArthur, Stowell, and Sproul met with Colson and others January 19 to "clarify" [and salvage?] the notorious ECT!

MacARTHUR, STOWELL ENDORSE 'CLARIFIED' ECT?—At Chuck Colson's request, evangelical critics of the ecumenical 3/94 "Evangelicals and Catholics Together" (ECT) agreement met with him and ECT-signers J.I. Packer and Bill Bright to "clarify" the unscriptural ECT pact. ECT critics included: John Ankerberg, MBI-pres. Joseph Stowell, John MacArthur, R.C. Sproul, Michael Horton, John Woodbridge and D. James Kennedy. BDM editor Rick Miesel has viewed the six-part video series of this meeting, and sent helpful notes and comments. Various reports have said the two sides "clarified" their [theological] differences on ECT. A news release said: "Evangelical Leaders Resolve Differences on Evangelical-Catholic Paper". Dave Hunt said: "I was shocked that the anti-ECT group would agree to the news release...even without the misleading title. It seems that to prevent a split among evangelicals, the

anti-ECT group agreed under pressure to something which they never intended." Miesel says: "The key here is that MacArthur, Ankerberg and Kennedy admit to [helping write] this clarification statement and find it acceptable to engage in para-church cooperation [with 'evangelically committed Roman Catholics']." MacArthur and the others thus lend credence to, serve as "bridges" to, and refuse to separate from, those who promote ecumenical endeavors with Roman Catholics. The "clarified" ECT Doctrinal Statement changed nothing.

STOWELL, HYBELS PROMOTE PALAU CRUSADE—Luis Palau will bring his ecumenical evangelism crusade to Chicago in 1996 for eight weeks of regional meetings. Moody Bible Institute Pres. Joseph Stowell serves in a "Leadership Chair" for this. He says: "Since the time of D.L. Moody, God has raised up godly and effective evangelists who without compromise [!] share the commitment to reach the world for Jesus Christ. Our friend, Luis Palau, is among them." Bill Hybels says: "I pray that all churches will come together to proclaim the Gospel throughout Chicago..." Moody Church Pastor Erwin Lutzer and Wheaton College leaders are involved in this. Palau crusades sometimes involve Catholic leaders. Ian Chapman of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary is a "Vice-chair" of this crusade.

MRS. CHARLES STANLEY RE-FILES FOR DIVORCE—Anna J. Stanley, wife of Radio-TV preacher Dr. Charles Stanley, pastor of First Baptist Church, Atlanta, and a former Southern Baptist Convention president, has re-filed for divorce. (4/3 *Chr.News*). She originally filed for divorce in June 1993 but his attorney got her to amend the lawsuit to seek a legal separation instead, while seeking reconciliation. (5/15/94 CC).

MARK NOLL: EVANGELICAL, OR ECUMENICAL LIBERAL?—Mark Noll, as a Wheaton College professor and contributing editor of *Christianity Today*, has solid new-evangelical ties. A three-page 6/88 *Moody* article praised him as an evangelical. But some of his statements sound rather ecumenical/liberal. He says: "If a card-carrying evangelical can take a new look at a Roman Catholic, then maybe an evangelical can take a new look at someone who works for the National Council of Churches." (5/15/89 CC). And, "I'm just immensely encouraged whenever I study Thomas Aquinas or...Soren Kierkegaard, etc., who are not hindered by Christian allegiance but are liberated to their greatest work by Christian allegiance." Carl F.H. Henry in critiquing Noll's recent book says, "He sells inerrancy down the river." (3/18 *World*). Noll says it's a tragedy that modern evangelicals have failed as intellectuals (4/95 P.Helps). He confusingly says that evangelical scholarship has been damaged rather than helped by the investigations of Henry Morris and other creation scientists. Noll was one of the forty signers of the 1994 "Evangelicals and Catholics Together" document.

A NEW SOFTNESS WITHIN FUNDAMENTALISM—In the 50s and 60s, the Conservative Baptists were the Fundamentalists--the Separatists among Baptists in the North. They had fought a noble battle, but finally had to come out of the old Northern Baptist Convention in the 60s. Soon after the separation and the formation of the CBA, there began to emerge a strange spirit. Many began to feel that we needed to be more "Christian," more practical, more communicative, more gentle in our stand for God. The terms "soft core" and "hard core" were used to describe the two camps that emerged. The soft policy was to be practical at the expense of being righteous. The results sought for were more important than the means. These compromisers believed that part of the movement was too hard. Over 400 churches left in a division in the 60s. These real fundamentalist churches blossomed and multiplied in the 70s. Now, in the 90s, some of us see a reenactment of the past. There is a new emphasis on methodology and P.R. to grow churches. This new methodology is market-oriented and geared to please the people. Not offending is the cardinal virtue. Personal separation and holiness are pushed back into the dark ages. In spite of greatly increased open sin, the condemnation is softened. Many young preachers today are jealous for the reputation of fundamentalism and want to see real growth. They may be listening to the wrong voices! They do not realize the price paid by the old giants of the faith. They do not know of the anointing of the Holy Spirit and the flames of revival seen by these men. In every generation our battles must be refought. The generation that does not follow the old paths will die as did evangelicalism in England. Some may leave us, a division may occur. We pray it won't happen, but forward we go no matter what! The banner must not be dipped! We must stand until the Saviour declares the battles are over by His return! [Dr. Wayne Van Gelderen, Sr.- Adapted]

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DISNEY'S 'LION KING' IS DANGEROUS—Walt Disney Pictures' *The Lion King* sold 20 million copies in its first week of release for retail on video, and is becoming the best-selling video ever (3/27 *C.News*). Millions of children who watch it will be at great risk. Though it is artistically amazing, its New Ageism, Neo-paganism, Hinduism, pantheism/environmentalism, astrology, and occult imagery is devastating! Adding insult to injury, is a subtle but definite promotion of homosexuality. A homosexual produced parts of the soundtrack. And two "outcasts" (Timon and Pumbaa) represent homosexuals and the "intolerant" "discrimination" they experience in our society. The person who played one of these admitted: "These are the first homosexual Disney characters ever to come on the screen." Disney is indeed dangerous(see 7/1/94 and 10/1/94 CCs). Be warned, be wise, beware!

ALABAMIANS FAVOR CREATION OVER EVOLUTION—A new poll has found that 61 percent of Alabama residents believe "God created humans in the present form at one time in the last 10,000 years or so." (3/20 *H.Times*). The state school board decided last month that evolution will not be treated as a fact, but as a theory (3/10 HT).

ABORTION'S 'DIRTY LITTLE SECRETS'—Abortion stops over 4,200 beating hearts every day. If permitted to live, the babies sacrificed since 1973 would comprise fully 12 percent of our entire population to this point. The history of the pro-abortion movement has been laced with many dirty little secrets. On Feb. 5, 1982, for example, the tiny remains of over 17,000 aborted babies were found in a storage bin in Los Angeles. The grisly discovery was traced to a large clinic that had saved, rather than incinerated, the "products of conception" that accumulated from several months' work. Names of the mothers were recorded on each jar. Charges against the clinic were dropped (3/95 J. Dobson ltr.). A similar development occurred in New York some years ago. There, aborted fetuses that weigh one pound or less are incinerated. Those weighing over one pound are buried at a city cemetery. We must not continue to allow "pro-choice" on child eradication. Plantation owners are not free to "choose" to have slaves.

FALWELL CUTS DEBT BY \$31 MILLION—Dr. Jerry Falwell's debt-ridden Liberty University has reduced its debt by \$31 million, thanks to two Lynchburg business-partner trustees who forgave the loans (4/3 *C.Today*). The debt had ballooned to \$110 million in 1991 and threatened to close Liberty at various times in recent years. Current obligations now total \$40 million.

UN TO BE SATAN'S ONE-WORLD GOVERNMENT?—The Bible says there will be an end-time one-world government headed up by the Antichrist. An empowered United Nations could possibly become the vehicle for this

demonic "new world order." Satan is a usurper of power. The UN views itself as the source of "rights," and does not recognize the supremacy of God. But our U.S. system is based on the concept that rights come from God, and that the purpose of government is to protect God-given rights. (4/3 New Amer.). We are now losing some of our rights as we disarm and as we arm the UN. The danger: Empowering the UN to enforce world peace would also enable it to impose world tyranny. Beware!

CAMPOLO APOLOGIZES TO FALWELL—Dr. Jerry Falwell last year aired excerpts on his *Old Time Gospel Hour* from two videos which accused Pres. Clinton of misdeeds ranging from adultery to homicide cover-ups. Liberal Eastern College sociologist Tony Campolo demanded equal air time to defend his friend Bill Clinton. Falwell refused this, saying Clinton has free media time to respond if he wishes. But Campolo spokesman David Virtue said it is beneath the dignity of the President to "stoop down to take on some podunk preacher from Virginia." (3/6 CT). Campolo has now dismissed Virtue and apologized to Falwell for the remark (4/3 CT). Falwell has no plans to promote any more anti-Clinton tapes.

'MARCH FOR JESUS' CHARISMATIC/NEW AGE ORIGINS—Another "March for Jesus" takes place May 27. It has continued to gain popularity and support since the first march in 1987. Dr. Cathy Burns (212 E. 7th St., Mt. Carmel, PA 17851) has an informative six-page analysis of the roots of this event, taken mostly from a review of a book by Graham Kendrick and the other three founders of March for Jesus. They state: "We met on several occasions to pray about taking the praise and prayers of the Charismatic movement out onto the streets." Dr. Burns warns of the New Age, Dominionist, and rock music influences. She also has books and booklets on the occult/demonic/New Age roots of Alcoholics Anonymous, Eastern Star, Freemasonry, etc.

ACCC/WCBC MEETING—The executive committees of the American Council of Christian Churches and the World Council of Biblical Churches meet April 20 at Calvary Baptist Church, Huntsville, AL. ACCC V-P Dr. Richard Harris speaks at an April 19 service, and ACCC Pres. Dr. E. Allen Griffith speaks at the April 20 service. These evening services are open to the public. ACCC Exec. Secretary Ralph G. Colas and this editor attended the recent NRB and NAE conventions.

WIERSBE TO SPEAK AT GARBC MEETING—With all the controversy and compromise within the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches in recent years, one might think that the last thing it now needed was to invite Dr. Warren Wiersbe from the new-evangelical orbit as its featured speaker at its 64th Annual Conference in Toledo in June. Though Wiersbe is a very affable and popular Bible teacher, he routinely pulpit-shares with ecumenicals and new-evangelicals. He spoke at the 1985 National Religious Broadcasters convention along with Billy Graham and a Roman Catholic. [The NRB is an arm of the NAE, and is laden with charismatics and ecumenicals.] He has served on the NRB Board, and is an "Advisory Editor" for the new-evangelical *Christianity Today* magazine. He and Luis Palau were main speakers at the 1991 NAE Convention, and Wiersbe more recently, has been a featured speaker at Billy Graham's "The Cove" training center in N.C. He was listed to speak there again March 20-23, 1995. His writings have revealed an affinity for favorably quoting liberals. Now, who could deny "New Evangelical" status to anyone with the above credentials?

GRBS PROF. DAVID TURNER DENIES HEAVENLY CITY?—David L. Turner, Professor of New Testament and Systematic Theology at GARBC-approved Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary, in Chapter 9 of a Zondervan book edited by Craig Blaising and Darrell Bock denies that the heavenly city in Revelation 21 is a literal city. Dr. Clay Nuttall--a GRBS grad, a former longtime member of GRBS's Board and of the GARBC's Council of 18, and whose historic church recently left the GARBC (see 12/15 CC)--has written a two-page critique of this chapter. It is available from him at: Central Baptist Church, P.O. Box 316, Hobart, IN 46342 (send offering for postage). Dr. Nuttall's critique is entitled, "Surprise!! There Is No Heavenly City." He quotes Turner: "Perhaps the absence of oysters large enough to produce such pearls (a gate of the city) and the absence of sufficient gold to pave such a city (viewed as literally 1,380 miles square and high) is viewed as sufficient reason not to take these images as fully literal." Dr. Nuttall says "The root of this liberal mindset is Reformed Theology." Turner's is apparently the same

view that Michael Van Horn got in trouble and left the school over (12/1/92 CC). We invited Turner in a Jan. 31 letter to clarify his views but he did not reply to our letter.

CHURCHES CONTINUE TO LEAVE GARBC—In a March 13 letter Iowa Pastor William R. Allred, Sr., requested that his church's name be removed from General Association of Regular Baptist Churches rolls. His four-page letter cited several problems, such as the agencies endorsed and the conflict of interest in institution heads serving on the Council of 18. He stated in the concluding paragraph: "Sadly, I admit that it all comes down to the matter of separation, and that is why we feel we must leave. Too many of the men who lead our churches and our councils have long lost sight of what Biblical separation is. Therefore, the members of the Knoxville Regular Baptist Church feel we have no choice but to remove our name from the GARBC and the IARBC..." The vote was unanimous. Indiana and Michigan churches, and Pastor Russell Carnagey's Lackland Road Bapt. Church (Overland, Mo.), voted last year to exit the GARBC. [Send \$5 for the book *What Happened to the GARBC...?* (by Drs. L. Duane Brown, Ralph G. Colas, Richard A. Harris, and Jack Keep) to Bethel Baptist Press, 754 E. Rockhill Rd., Sellersville, PA 18960].

VAN IMPE PRAISES POPE & CATHOLIC CATECHISM—Dr. Jack Van Impe has within the past year been effusive in his praise for Pope John Paul II, (see 4/15/94 CC) calling him "this great Pope," etc. He says: "We [RC's & JVI] agree on the great fundamentals of the faith, and said (12/ 94 tape): "....I've been reading the Catholic Catechism, 2,865 points, backed with 5,000 to 6,000 verses of Scripture. This is the Word of God. Of course there are some things where I don't agree. But I find many of these things in our Protestant churches as well. But this thing blessed my heart. This piece of literature, saturated with the precious Word of God." He misused Jn. 17:21 ("That they all may be one"), in similar fashion to ecumenicals. Rexella quoted Charles Colson from an 11/14 CT article where he quoted Dutch Calvinist Abraham Kuyper as saying Rome is not our enemy. Van Impe replied: "That great dialogue is going on now through Colson, through the Southern Baptist Convention numbering 18,000, and through Campus Crusade numbering millions, and I want to be part of what I believe the Bible teaches...Yes, we have so much in common..." This once great preacher is now, sadly, "deceiving and being deceived."

TIM LEE'S TARGET TO CEASE PUBLICATION—As bills continued to mount, and promised financing was not forthcoming, Dr. Tim Lee announced that the Feb-Mar-Apr issue of *Target* would be the last. Dr. Robert Sumner had merged his *Biblical Evangelist* paper with *Target* about two years ago. Lee stands strongly against social evils, but causes division within fundamentalism by his unscriptural and new-evangelical stance on separation which leads to "bridge-building" and ties to So. Baptists and other new-evangelicals. He distorts the position of those who warn of his error, derisively referring to them as "secondary" separatists, impugning their motives, and exaggerating his loss of "freedom" (see 12/1 CC). He thus gives a false picture of the debate and the real issues involved, much the same as Jack Van Impe did almost two decades ago when he defected from fundamentalism.

FOCUS ON STUART & JILL BRISCOE—Stuart Briscoe is pastor of the 3,000-member Elmbrook Church in Brookfield, Wis. Over 6,000 attend services each week. Ministries include Promise Keepers, counseling, sports, and CCM concerts (3/95 *Exclusively Yours*). He defines an evangelical as someone who has had "some type of conversion experience--although that can be defined very differently by different people, from a major turning point in life to a simple baptism." Jill Briscoe is on the board of *Christianity Today* and of World Relief (NAE). Both Briscoes spoke at NAE '92. She was a 1985 Moody Founder's Week speaker, and was women's prayer chairman for a 1979 Billy Graham Crusade involving Catholics. Elmbrook Church ordains women and has several women among its 20 full-time pastors. [Send \$2 for Rick Miesel's report on the Briscoe's (& request list of other reports) to: BDM, P.O. Box 6154, Bloomington, IN 47404.]

PANNENBERG'S LIBERALISM—In Volume 2 of Lutheran theologian Wolfhart Pannenberg's *Systematic Theology*, he "will not accept the historicity of the virgin birth of Christ" and is unwilling to describe the death of Christ as a "propitiation of a holy and wrathful God." (4/3 Chr.Today). He does not acknowledge the personality of the Holy Spirit, and accepts evolutionary assumptions (11/4/88 CT). He repudiates biblical infallibility (11/5/76 CT) and advocates a radical criticism and a theology based on reason.

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SHOCKING VITAL STATISTICS—The following is from a "Timothy Plan" flyer: **ABORTION** takes an innocent child's life every 20 seconds. (4/17/92 USA Today). **PORNOGRAPHY**: 86 percent of rapists studied admitted to the regular use of pornography. (NCAP,1993). **ALCOHOL**: In the past decade, four times as many Americans died in drunk driving accidents as were killed in the Vietnam War. (NHTSA,1993). **TOBACCO'S** worldwide effects claim the lives of five people every minute. (Amer. Cancer Soc., 1994). One **CASINO GAMBLER** victimizes 10-17 people. Directly injured parties include spouse, children, parents other relatives, employers, coworkers, and friends. (FL Council on Compulsive Gambling).

DOES TV INFLUENCE BEHAVIOR?—Network executives have long claimed there is no connection between what children see on television and anti-social or personally risky behavior. But they also assure advertisers that if they will fork over \$1 million for a 30-second commercial during the Super Bowl, they'll sell scads of beer, tires, cars, and other products to viewers (3/11 World). Which is it? Why does persuasion work with commercials but not with programming?

PORNOGRAPHY ALERT—Jerry Kirk, founder of the Cincinnati-based Religious Alliance Against Pornography (RAAP), warned the NAE Convention last month that a new insidious source for young people to be corrupted by pornography is the computer. With a computer and modem, even young children have access to almost any kind of filth. It is also available on disk. Pornography is a \$10 billion-a-year business and the third most-profitable enterprise for organized crime after drug running and gambling (3/6 CT). RAAP last Jan. organized an international conference of 170 religious leaders representing nearly 50 groups (evangelicals, Catholics, WCC, Mormons, and Muslims, united to battle pornography. We disapprove of such syncretism.

TEMPLETON PRIZE GOES TO CREEDLESS SCIENTIST—The \$1 million Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion will go to Australian physicist Paul Davies (3/13 C.News). He adheres to no standard religious creed, and wrote in 1983 that "science offers a surer path to God than religion." Previous winners include Billy Graham, Chuck Colson, and Mother Teresa. Judges this year included former Pres. Bush and Margaret Thatcher.

AFEC MEETS AT BJU—The Assoc. of Fundamentalists Evangelizing Catholics is a fellowship of six fundamental missions to R. Catholics. Dr. Bill Jackson is president. Its 8th Annual Conference is at Bob Jones Univer. this year, June 13-16.

U.S. FUNDS TO IRA TERRORISTS?—Pres. Clinton recently froze the U.S. assets of some Middle East terrorist groups. But he failed to include one of the biggest terrorist groups in the world, the Irish Republican Army. The IRA's major support comes from the Irish sympathizers in the U.S. Without American support, it would soon be out of business (3/95 V.InTheW.). Sinn Fein is the IRA's political ally. Its leader Gerry Adams came to the U.S. again last month on a fund raising trip, and expected to leave with about \$100,000. The IRA's roots are Roman Catholic, but it gets arms from Libya and has a clear Marxist agenda (12/88 Chalc.Rpt). The 9/12 U.S. News said of the recent IRA cease-fire: "Is it peace or a ploy?" The Irish Republic is 90 percent Catholic. Northern Ireland is 65 percent Protestant. The North wants to remain under British rule. It opposes becoming a minority in a united Roman Catholic country with a history of bloody cruelty against Christians.

CATHOLICISM STILL DANGEROUS—In the Jan.-Feb. Foundation, Dr. M.H. Reynolds says: "Throughout the centuries, the Roman Catholic Church has been an enemy of all true believers and the blood of hundreds of thousands of martyrs is upon its hands. However, for the past few decades, [it] has changed its outward appearance and approaches. It has a new face of tolerance and a kindlier public image but the damnable heresies it proclaims remain as dangerous as ever. Furthermore, those who are only familiar with Roman Catholicism, as practiced in this country, would not believe the raw heathenism which is part of their worship in countries where they have been in control for centuries." Dr. Reynolds adds: "In truth, the Roman Catholic Church is a false church, preaches a false gospel and is not a part of the body of Christ."

HOLINESS DEMANDS CONTROVERSY WITH ERROR—The nature of God demands both personal and ecclesiastical separation...A holy God must demand holiness in all moral beings...To be holy involves a continual controversy with error. Dr. James M. Gray, a past president of Moody Bible Institute wrote, "God Himself was the first to create controversy; to His eternal glory be it said." "Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate" (Amos 5:15) echoes from ancient Israel. Titus 1:13 admonishes us to rebuke false teachers sharply. Contending for the faith involves more than just a few innocuous remarks with no particular point to them. Contending for the faith involves a hearty repudiation of error and a definite, clear enunciation of the truth. (Dr. Ernest Pickering, Frontline, Vol. 5, No. 1, 1995)

PROMISE KEEPERS IS ECUMENICAL AND DANGEROUS—The Promise Keepers movement is spreading like wildfire and is coming to 13 cities this year. It is bringing together Catholic charismatics, Pentecostals, liberals, and evangelicals. Even some "fundamentalists" and GARBC'ers have participated so it would be hard to overstate the danger this movement poses to Bible-believers. Moody President Joseph Stowell is one of the speakers again this year. Other speakers are most notorious Pope-praising ecumenicals, or charismatics or new-evangelicals, such as: Bill Bright, Bruce Wilkinson, E.V. Hill, Luis Palau, Jack Hayford, Chuck Colson, Bill Hybels, Tony Evans, Gary Smalley, Franklin Graham, John Perkins, Greg Laurie, and Howard Hendricks. Jerry Falwell invited a PK rally to Liberty University March 25. Foundation Editor Dr. M.H. Reynolds says the PK movement "represents another massive effort of Satan to mix truth and error in some very deceptive ways." His excellent long article is available in leaflet form: 100 copies for \$10, P.O. Box 6278, Los Osos, CA 93412.

STOWELL A MEMBER OF NAE—Moody Bible Institute President Dr. Joseph Stowell has strayed far from his GARBC roots. His name now appears on the 3/95 list of National Association of Evangelicals' "Members-at-Large." He is involved in Luis Palau's 6/96 ecumenical evangelism "Say YES Chicago" campaign. He speaks at ecumenical Promise Keepers rallies. He has spoken at Dallas Seminary, TEDS, So. Baptist Convention events, and at the ecumenical NRB (Nat'l Religious Broadcasters). This is all further sad evidence of MBI's complete capitulation to new-evangelicalism, and of Stowell's "official" new-evangelical status, since he is now a bona fide member of the mainline new-evangelical NAE.

NAE CONVENTION—This editor attended over half of the National Association of Evangelicals' 53rd Annual Convention, with press credentials, in Louisville, March 6-7. Speakers included: Jack Hayford (charismatic), Luis

Palau, Duane Litfin (Wheaton College Pres.), Morris Chapman (SBC), Elmer Towns, D. James Kennedy, Elisabeth Elliot, Ronald Potter, Paul Conn (Lee College Pres.), and David Bryant. We attended two of the three press conferences. A special tribute was given retiring Exec. Dir. Dr. Billy Melvin. His successor at NAE's helm, Assembly of God minister Dr. Don Argue, becomes President April 3--the first Pentecostal to lead the NAE. Melvin will become part-time Vice-Pres.-at-Large. The present President, Dr. David Rambo, becomes Chairman of the Board. The new titles are part of the massive reorganization announced last year to correct the "too male, too white, too old" NAE image. The James DeForest Murch Award was presented to "Living Bible" publisher Kenneth Taylor, who was given a standing ovation. Donald Hustad (SB) was convention organist, and Barbara Musto was the soloist. The music was better than last year, and much more tame than the NRB's this year. A notable exception was the Lee College Singers who sang about eight songs, accompanied by loud drums, guitar, bass, keyboard, brass, etc. More than once we heard, "It doesn't matter what denomination we are." Evidently it doesn't. World Relief head Dr. Art Gay commended over a dozen large donor denominations including the Conservative Baptist Assoc., the PCA, and the liberal Presbyterian Church (USA) which is a member of the NCC/WCC.

SWORD EDITOR DR. CURTIS HUTSON DIES—Dr. Curtis Hutson went to be with the Lord March 5, after a 3-year bout with cancer. More on this later.

BRYANT PRAISED HOLY LAUGHTER MOVEMENT AT NAE—David Bryant, founder and pres. of Concerts of Prayer, Int'l, told his EFMA (Evangelical Fellowship of Mission Agencies) luncheon audience at the NAE that America is in the early stages of a true spiritual awakening--an unprecedented world revival bearing down on us. He said God is digging trenches with the tools of renewal among Pentecostals, Catholics...in His church. He said 80,000 people have gone to Toronto to see what God is doing. [He refers to the "holy laughter" movement, the "Toronto Blessing"--see 3/15 CC]. He said the Holy Spirit is in charge of the Toronto ["laughing revival"] movement, and this is one of the "feeder streams" that is flowing together in the river of revival.

EVANGELICALS OBSESSED WITH RACISM—There seems to be a growing fixation with racism in evangelical and Pentecostal circles today, while doctrine is distorted or ignored. Billy Graham recently termed racism the greatest problem in the world today. Racial reconciliation was a central theme at Promise Keepers events last summer, and was a recurring theme at the 3/94 NAE convention in Dallas (9/1 CC). A Texas-size storm that wreaked havoc on the 6/94 Dallas PK rally prompted the PK founder to tell the mostly white audience that he felt God sent the storm to shift PK's agenda to a ministry of racial healing (8/94 Charisma). Black and white Pentecostals in Memphis last Oct., merged and formed a new interracial body, the Pentecostal/Charismatic Churches of North America. The NAE and NBEA (Nat'l Black Evang. Assoc.) jointly called a Convocation on Racial Reconciliation last Jan. to discuss barriers to a possible merger. Black evangelicals split from the NAE in 1960. NAE Pres. Don Argue at a Mar. 6 NAE press conference said: "I look forward to the day when the Chairman of the NAE Board will be an African-American." A main NAE speaker, Ronald Potter, quoted liberals, radicals, and socialists profusely, but did not once quote the Bible (except an oblique reference to "dry bones"). Potter gave a skewed quote from a 1990 NAE-NBEA Consultation on Racism paper that said white Americans displaced/destroyed one race (Indians), enslaved another (blacks), and built our economy on the backs of kidnapped Africans. It said racism is a foundational sin of the U.S. Yet an NAE leader later from the platform called Potter's "social" lecture "worship." Racial reconciliation is needed, but Bible DOCTRINE must have priority for any unity to have the blessing of God. We must separate from liberals and compromisers, regardless of skin color.

PROGRESSIVE DISPENSATIONALISM—Dallas Seminary Professors Craig Blaising and Darrell Bock's 1993 book by this name is causing a mild furor. They argue for a more moderate view of the end times (1/95 Observa.). Tim LaHaye says: "I am suspicious of that word 'progressive.' It can be a code word for liberal." (3/95 NLJ). Myron Houghton says Walter Elwell is right when he comments: "The new dispensationalism looks so much like non-dispensationalist pre-millennialism that one struggles to see any real difference." (1/95 Faith Pulpit). Miles Stanford (840 Vindicator Dr., #111, Colorado Sprs., CO 80919) has written a paper contrasting Pauline vs. Progressive Dispensationalism, and also "An Open Letter to Dr. Charles Swindoll" (Dallas Seminary Pres.) decrying this "new" teaching. The IFCA in 1993 refused to carry an ad for Stanford's writings on this. Reconstructionist Gary North in

1992 told of Dallas's revised curriculum which de-emphasized dispensational theology (8/1/92 CC).

GRBS PROF. DAVID TURNER DENIES HEAVENLY CITY?—David L. Turner, Professor of New Testament and Systematic Theology at GARBC-approved Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary, in Chapter 9 of a Zondervan book edited by Craig Blaising and Darrell Bock denies that the heavenly city in Revelation 21 is a literal city. Dr. Clay Nuttall--a GRBS grad, a former longtime member of GRBS's Board and of the GARBC's Council of 18, and whose historic church recently left the GARBC (see 12/15 CC)--has written a two-page critique of this chapter. It is available from him at: Central Baptist Church, P.O. Box 316, Hobart, IN 46342 (send offering for postage). Dr. Nuttall's critique is entitled, "Surprise!! There Is No Heavenly City." He quotes Turner: "Perhaps the absence of oysters large enough to produce such pearls (a gate of the city) and the absence of sufficient gold to pave such a city (viewed as literally 1,380 miles square and high) is viewed as sufficient reason not to take these images as fully literal." Dr. Nuttall says "The root of this liberal mindset is Reformed Theology." Turner's is apparently the same view that Michael Van Horn got in trouble and left the school over (12/1/92 CC). We invited Turner in a Jan. 31 letter to clarify his views but he did not reply to our letter.

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MTV WATCHED MORE BY CHRISTIANS?—A surprising study by the Barna Research Group reveals that Christian baby busters were more likely to have watched MTV during the past week (42 percent) than their non-Christian counterparts (33 per-cent). MTV, the rock music video network, is raising a generation of "vidiots," or visually illiterate viewers (2/95 New Man). Parents are remiss in letting teens watch such MTV-glorifying themes as sex, drugs, rape and satanism.

UN PACT ON CHILD RIGHTS IS DANGEROUS—Pres. Clinton wants the U.S. to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, and may send this treaty to the Senate any day now. It would give the UN control over a vast portion of the domestic policy of the U.S. regarding families, parents, and children. No amendments or reservations can salvage the treaty. To insure State and UN control over their development, all children must be immediately registered after birth (10/1/93 CC). Article 14 says children have a legal right to object to all religious training, and may assert their right against parental objection to participate in occult, Muslim, or Buddhist worship services. Several other dangerous "rights" are listed.

CATHOLICS CONSIDER FUNDAMENTALISM A CULT?—A Roman Catholic pamphlet entitled, "A Pastoral Statement For Catholics On Biblical Fundamentalism," is a warning from Catholic Bishops to Catholics "who may be attracted to Biblical Fundamentalism without realizing its serious weaknesses." It criticizes Fundamentalists for "rigid doctrinal and ideological positions", and for interpreting the Bible to be literally true. It says: "We do not look upon the Bible as an authority for science or history." And: "The gospel comes to us through the Spirit-guided Tradition of the [Catholic] Church and the inspired books....The Church produced the New Testament, not vice versa." It said Fundamentalists "try to find in the Bible all the direct answers for living....We look to both the Church's official teaching (or magisterium) AND [our emphasis] Scripture for guidance in addressing life's problems." The pamphlet emphasizes the necessity of the seven sacraments, the "veneration of the Blessed Mother", etc.

TILTON, WIMBER UPDATE—Televangelist Robert Tilton, who divorced his wife in 1993, recently married Evangelist Leigh Valentine. She will now serve as associate minister at his charismatic church. * * * Vineyard Churches founder John Wimber, who recovered from a serious bout with cancer last year, is now recovering from a mild stroke he suffered Jan. 10 (3/95 Charisma).

NRB'S OFFICIAL REASON FOR NOT INVITING CLINTON—"In recent years, it has been the decision of the National Religious Broadcasting leadership to invite the President of the U.S. to address the annual convention. This has always been a nonpartisan choice...However, for the 1995 convention...the NRB executive committee [decided not to extend an invitation]. During a White House briefing with Baptist leaders and religion journalists in Oct., Pres. Clinton again reiterated his position on the issues of abortion and homosexuality by claiming the Bible is 'ambiguous' about them...We are admonished to pray for those in authority...[but] we cannot give a platform to a leader who so aggressively supports and puts forth policies and positions that are blatantly contrary to scriptural views."

JAY GARY LINKS EVANGELICALS TO GLOBAL NEW AGERS—Big plans are afoot for celebrating the year 2000, making it a World Year of Thanksgiving, global ecumenism, etc. Jay Gary who has been active for many years in evangelical circles (Campus Crusade, Lausanne, etc.) in 1991 launched BEGIN or Celebration 2000, a network that appears to provide a link between global spiritualists like Robert Muller and evangelical Christians (2/95 Signal). Muller, a former UN assistant Secretary-General, calls himself a Catholic but is basically a New Age Hindu Catholic. Gary calls Muller a "Key Person" for BEGIN. Gary speaks approvingly of many radical apostates and New Agers in his Star of 2000 book, and is a member of the UN. Yet his book is endorsed by new-evangelicals such as Campus Crusade's Bill Bright, NRB's Brandt Gustavson, and EFCA's Paul Cedar. He wants to give a global birthday party in the year 2000 as a gift to Christ, but this "christ" is a counterfeit.

'SURVIVAL FOODS' KEEP US FROM BEING A CULT?—U. S. Attorney General Janet Reno says (2/10 Sword): "A cultist is one who has a strong belief in the Bible and the second coming of Christ; who frequently attends Bible studies; who has a high level of financial giving to a Christian cause; who homeschools their children; who have [sic] accumulated survival foods and have [sic] a strong belief in the second amendment; and who distrusts big government."

TEDS TO BECOME TIU—Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, a noted new-evangelical school in Deerfield, IL, has changed its name to Trinity Internat'l University. The new name also encompasses Trinity College in Deerfield and Miami.

LAST LINE OF Pg. 1 OMITTED FROM SOME 3/1 CC's: of God's moral law, and hatred of God Himself.

BAPTIST-CATHOLIC DIALOGUE—Last June 16, the Southern Baptist Convention endorsed a theological dialogue with the Roman Catholic Church. Pursuant to this SBC resolution to improve SBC relations with Catholics, seven U.S. Catholic mission leaders visited the SBC Foreign Mission Board home office in Richmond Feb. 2-3 and met with FMB officials. An FMB executive director said: "It was a mutual dialogue and fellowship with no expected outcome." The official Catholic liaison, who attends SBC Executive Committee and other SBC meetings said: "We all see ourselves as disciples of Jesus doing His mission..." Two SBC leaders signed the ecumenical 1994 Evangelicals and Catholics Together agreement. Drs. Jerry Falwell and Tim Lee try to convince followers that the new SBC conservatives are fundamentalists. They build bridges to them even as they steadily move toward the ecumenical movement. But fundamentalists cannot meet with Romanist leaders for mutual dialogue and "fellowship." We are commanded to "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." (Eph. 5:11).

GOTHARD PROPHECIES AT ECUMENICAL MEETING—Campus Crusade founder Bill Bright fasted 40 days last summer during which he received a "prophecy from God" that a mighty revival is coming. He then issued a call for hundreds of liberals, charismatics, and new-evangelicals to gather in Orlando Dec. 5-7 to fast and pray for revival. (11/15 CC). The 3/95 Charisma quotes various attendees. Pro-Catholic Charles Colson sees denominationalism as the biggest barrier to prison outreach. Carlton Pearson said lack of church racial integration hinders revival. Bright embraced him and asked forgiveness for white abuses and prejudices of the past. Charisma continues: "Then Bill Gothard said he felt impressed to share what he believed was a prophetic directive: 'God is going to use African Americans to bring revival to America.'" Charismatics have long claimed to have extra-biblical revelations and "prophetic words" from God.

COMBS, RAWLINGS NOW WITH FALWELL—Dr. Jerry Falwell in his 3/95 National Liberty Journal announced that Jim Combs is retiring as editor of the Baptist Bible Tribune effective May 31 to become Editor-in-Chief of NLJ. Former Baptist Bible Fellowship president Dr. John Rawlings recently joined Liberty University's Center for Ministry Training and to work with the NLJ. The NLJ had a sermon by Dr. Lee Roberson. An article promoted Billy Graham's "Global Mission" crusade and praised his "remarkable career."

FALWELL INVITES PROMISE KEEPERS TO LIBERTY—Over 10,000 men will overflow Liberty University's Vines Center for a Promise Keepers rally March 25 (3/95 NLJ). Dr. Adrian Rogers (SBC) is a speaker. The ecumenical Promise Keepers expects 500,000 to 600,000 to attend its 13 coast-to-coast conferences scheduled for 1995. Liberty University's Board of Trustees include at least six Southern Baptists and Dr. Tim Lee.

BBF CHURCH FEATURES TIM LaHAYE—A half-page ad in the 12/94 Bapt. Bible Tribune promoted a 1/95 prophecy conference at Cherry Street Baptist Church in Springfield, MO, featuring well-known ecumenical Dr. Tim LaHaye and Tribune Editor James Combs as speakers (1/95 O Timothy).

NRB REPORT AVAILABLE—A very detailed report by Dr. Ralph Colas of the recent National Religious Broadcasters meeting is available for \$2.00 from: ACCC, P.O. Box 19, Wallingford, PA 19086.

IFCA SPEAKER PRAISED GRAHAM MEETING—Speakers for the Independent Fundamental Churches of America's (IFCA) annual convention in June at Colorado Springs are Rev. Larry Moyer and Rev. Tom Mahairas. Moyer is a Dallas Seminary adjunct teacher who returned from Billy Graham's Amsterdam '86 conference with lavish praise for that ecumenical meeting. He recalled "the indescribable feeling" of singing "To God Be The Glory" with the other 8,000 evangelists from 174 nations, saying: "It was the closest I will come--before heaven--to experiencing Phil. 2:10-11..." (1/1/87 CC). Mahairas helped form the New York Gospel Outreach which hosted a Fish '87 outreach to teens, of which Dr. Jerry Falwell's 6/87 Fundamentalist Journal said: "This year's speakers include: Jerry Falwell, Joe Stowell, Ed Dobson...Tom Mahairas, and others." The IFCA seems to be at home with the compromising Dallas, Moody, and John MacArthur crowd.

GRAHAM'S WORLD CRUSADE—Dr. Billy Graham's three-day "Global Mission" March 16-18 in Puerto Rico is touted as the largest evangelistic outreach in the history of the Christian church. Via 30 satellites, it reaches 165 countries in 80 languages. Some are equating this with the evangelization of the world, and suggest that it presages Christ's return. The workers' conference features fellow ecumenicals Luis Palau, Billy Kim, and Ravi Zacharias. NRB President Brandt Gustavson last month said "We're thrilled with the upcoming Billy Graham conference."

CHARISMATIC 'GIGGLING FOR GOD'—The "laughing revival" ministry of South African evangelist Rodney Howard-Browne is spreading like wild fire into the charismatic mainstream. (See 9/1 CC). It has been endorsed/promoted by Charisma magazine, TBN's Paul & Jan Crouch, Oral Roberts, John Wimber, Pat Robertson, Kenneth Copeland, Kenneth Hagin, and many other charismatics. "Worshippers" are zapped, fall backwards, lie on the floor for hours, shaking as if plugged into an electric current, overcome by laughing, weeping, groaning, mass faintings, and such bizarre noise-making that has been described as a "cross between a jungle and a farmyard." (2/95 Charisma). Yet charismatics call it "revival", and say it is from God. Some critics, however, say the beastly sounds (barking, roaring) and other weird happenings are evidence of demonic activity. [Some taped excerpts we have heard sounded very bizarre!] Most of the 500 John Wimber "signs and wonders" Vineyard churches in the U.S. have embraced the falling, weeping and laughing. Meanwhile, this fanatical phenomenon is going strong in Toronto ("The Toronto Blessing", it's called), London, Boston, Florida, Australia, and other places around the globe.

WCC PROMOTES DEMOTED LUNDY—Top Presbyterian Church(USA) official Mary Ann Lundy was ousted in June 1994 for her role in the radical feminist Re-Imagining conference. But the World Council of Churches has approved her appointment as deputy general secretary of the WCC.

UREY RESIGNS FROM CALVARY BIBLE COLLEGE—Dr. Donald A. Urey resigned in January as President of Calvary Bible College/Seminary, Kansas City, citing his inability to solve long-standing financial needs. He moves to a pastorate in Michigan March 1. Dr. Warren Bathke is interim President. Calvary has had various weak-on-separation and ecumenical speakers in recent years (Wiersbe, MacArthur, Cocoris, Hendricks, Lutzer, and Criswell). It seems to have a special affinity for the IFCA and Dallas Seminary.

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OGILVIE IS NEW SENATE CHAPLAIN—Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, a prominent Presbyterian minister and religious broadcaster was confirmed Jan. 24 to the \$115,700 Senate Chaplain post. His First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood is a member of the liberal Presbyterian Church (USA), which is part of the apostate NCC/WCC. Ogilvie has promoted Fuller Seminary and is very ecumenical. The May-June'86 Foundation says: "Ogilvie is one of the chief promoters among evangelicals of a Satanic brainwashing technique often called Sensitivity Training [see 2/15 CC] or Relational Therapy, the results of which lead believers to 'gracefully accept' rather than 'scripturally oppose' evil and evil-workers."

JESSE JACKSON & COMMUNISM—"Rev." Jesse Jackson has clearly repudiated historic Christianity, and his Christ is not the Christ of the Bible (10/1/85 CC). His speech at the 1992 Democrat convention was further proof of this (9/7/92 C.News). Yet he spoke at a worship service in Dr. Jerry Falwell's Thomas Road Baptist Church Sept. 1, 1985. Jackson's record of deceit, extortion, racism, and collaboration with terrorists and communists has long been established. (4/88 Conserv.Digest). We now see in the 2/95 AFA Journal that his political organization, the National Rainbow Coalition, has named '60s radical Angela Davis as its new executive director. Davis served on the Communist Party, USA's Central Committee, and ran for v-p of the U.S. on the Communist Party ticket in 1984.

HOW TO DESTROY CHURCHES—After seizing power in Russia, the Bolsheviks [Communists] discovered that the only way to destroy Christian churches is to infiltrate them so that they will be destroyed gradually, by church people themselves. Reinterpret Scriptures to remove the deity of Christ and convert Him into a socialist. Distort biblical sermons on charity to prove that government should confiscate property and enforce economic equality. Strain spiritual content out of Scriptures, and religion's hold upon the people can be broken. God then becomes some kind of vague universal force: Jesus becomes merely a great man--a teacher, philosopher, social reformer. (12/26 New Amer.). Such churches pose no obstacle in the path of the socialist revolution, but indeed can become useful instruments for promoting it.

UPCOMING NAE CONVENTION SPEAKERS—Speakers for the March 5-7 National Assoc. of Evangelicals Annual Convention in Louisville include: Jack Hayford, Wheaton College Pres. Duane Litfin, Morris Chapman, David Breese, and Elmer Towns.

NRB, CONTEMPORARY MUSIC TRENDS—John Styll led a seminar on "The State of Christian Music Today" at

the National Religious Broadcasters convention in Nashville last month. He is president of CCM Communications which publishes CCM (Contemporary Christian Music) magazine. Many in the room were "Christian Radio" station and recording/publishing executives. Styll said: Most major record labels in recent years have been sold to secular companies, and "higher visibility" is a benefit of this shift to mainstream ownership; all that CCM brings to the mainstream market is lyrics; there's an over-emphasis on image; "cross-over" (e.g., as Amy Grant did) is now basically a non-issue; 250 stations now carry CCM as the primary format; 80% of all Christian music is sold in Christian stores; CCM is essentially a commercial enterprise; the "bottom line" is not ministry, but the "bottom line"; product-flooding is a concern, and the trend is toward fewer but better products. A comment by an "old-fashioned" Arkansas man that "music today is 'noise,' and is like the old 'African jungle' music" brought a few under-the-breath "boos". Styll's response was that the CCM ["religious rock"] phenomenon is a "generation" thing, that we have to reach kids today in the language of the culture, etc. We grieve to see the inroads watered-down worldly CCM and charismatic rock music are making in even some fundamental churches today.

IS MUSIC NEUTRAL?—Pastor Dan Sweatt answered this question thusly in the Sept./Oct. 1991 Frontline: "The whole premise of using secular music as a vehicle to carry a sacred text is based on the erroneous assumption that music itself is neutral. The only people in the history of music that have promoted that idea are twentieth-century Christian apologists for CCM. No secular musician or music historian of any age has ever believed that music is neutral. Every generation except this one has realized the power and influence of music without or apart from the words...." Combining good Christian lyrics with the adversary's music doesn't sanctify the evil--it defiles the good.

HOMOSEXUAL MAGAZINE'S UGLY ATTACK ON CHRIST—The front cover of the 12/13 The Advocate, asks, "Is God Gay?" and depicts Christ in garish colors as a homosexual, with sexual devices around his neck and obscene body-part imagery around and on Him (2/6 C.News). Inside this largest and most respected homosexual magazine is an even more obscene picture. This reveals the basis of homosexual activism: hatred of social norms and of God's moral law, and hatred of God Himself.

BRIEF REPORT ON NRB '95—This editor attended (with Press credentials) most of the National Religious Broadcasters 52nd annual convention at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville last month, as also did Ralph Colas, Jim Fields, and Morris McDonald. Dr. Colas attended an extra day and plans to have an in-depth report soon. Prior to the CC editor's arrival (Sun., Feb. 12) NRB conveners attended the Fri. night Grand Ole Opry Show, then heard Dr. Adrian Rogers speak on Sat. night. Sun. night, Bill Gaither hosted a "Praise Celebration" of contemporary, "religious rock," and Southern Gospel music--much accompanied by drums, guitars, and hand-clapping. Featured singers for other events included Steve Green, Michael W. Smith, Ricky Skaggs, Mark Lowry, and Sharalee Swanson. The Ralph Carmichael Band performed at the Anniversary Banquet. Other featured speakers were ecumenicals such as Luis Palau, Jack Hayford (a charismatic), Elisabeth Elliot, and D. James Kennedy. Other participants included: MBI Chancellor George Sweeting, Kay Arthur, Charles Stanley, Richard Lee, and Bill Bright. The American Bible Society's and Thomas Nelson Publishers' unreliable Contemporary English Version was promoted. NRB Pres. Brandt Gustavson, at a news conference led by him and NRB Chairman Robert Straton, said attendance this year was 4,218, over 500 higher than last year. Next year's annual meeting is at Indianapolis.

GARBC SCHOOLS LINK WITH ECUMENICALS—In the Dec. 1 CC, we noted how ecumenical Habitat For Humanity is and how GARBC-approved Cedarville College had collaborated with it and had invited ecumenical speakers to its campus. Since then, the 1/95 Baptist Bulletin reported that Tony Evans was to speak at Cedarville Jan. 5-6. The 1/95 BB also said of Cornerstone College (Grand Rapids), another GARBC-approved school: "Alpha Chi, a national honor scholarship society comprised of undergraduate students in the upper ten percentile of their class, sponsored Angel Tree children during the Christmas season. Angel Tree is a ministry of Prison Fellowship...." What is not said here is that Angel Tree is led by CCM singer Steven Curtis Chapman who embraces "high energy rock" and blends country, pop, jazz, and soul music with elements of rap (11/15 CC). He is linked with pro-Catholic ecumenical Chuck Colson's Prison Fellowship, and appears in concerts with other ecumenicals such as Tony Campolo and Josh McDowell.

NEVER, NO NEVER, BE NEGATIVE?—Those who accuse us of being negative are by the very accusation being negative toward us. What about the eight "don'ts" in the Decalogue, the seventeen in the Sermon on the Mount, and that about half of Jesus' parables end on a negative, not positive, note? If a "positive" doctor discovered that a patient had AIDS, should he say: "Don't worry about your health. Your weight, temperature, pulse, and blood pressure are normal. You're sleeping well and have a good appetite, so continue as you are." We think the TRUTH is more compassionate, even if it is in the form of a negative warning, and not what the patient wanted to hear. Consider the example of a chicken farmer: "The thief who wants to rob my chicken house may accuse me of being pugnacious and belligerent when he sees me polishing my shotgun and tying my bulldog to the latch on the chicken house door each night. But it is actually his past practices and present intentions that force a peace-loving citizen like me to take some measures to protect my property..."(10/94 BB). We must speak the truth in love and warn of those who compromise it.

AMERICAN BAPTIST MEETING FEATURES TUTU, CAMPOLO—The biennial meeting of American Baptist Churches is June 20-23, in Syracuse, NY. Plenary speakers include: South African "Marxist" Archbishop Desmond Tutu, "socialist" sociologist Anthony Campolo, and Samuel Escobar. So. Baptist liberal Dr. Russell Dilday, former president of the SBC's Southwestern Seminary, is a luncheon speaker. Tutu in 1986 said, "I think the West, for my part, can go to Hell." Some of Campolo's teachings have been termed "heretical." The liberal ABC is a member of the World Council of Churches and has sunk deep into apostasy. It tolerates radical feminists who refer to God as "Mother," "her," etc. (see 1/1/94 CC).

GARBC'S WESTERN BAPTIST COLLEGE COZY WITH CBA—In a 12/94 "Dear Pastor and Friends" (presumably CBA) letter, GARBC-related Western Baptist College (Salem, OR) President David Miller said: "...We are thankful for our record enrollment of nearly 600 students...Students from Conservative Baptist Churches continue to comprise our largest student group on campus. CBA influence can be seen among the members of our trustees as well as those invited to speak in chapel. Dennis Baker spoke for us last year. Pastors Warren Fleischmann and Gene Selander [from Portland], [and] several youth pastors like Luke Hendrix and Mike Kildal are scheduled to speak this year. We trust our people are an encouragement to you as our faculty and staff can be found in the Salem churches of First Baptist, Grace Baptist, West Salem Baptist, Rolling Hills Baptist, as well as Bethel Baptist, Aumsville, Scio Baptist, Jefferson Baptist, and Lebanon Conservative Baptist Church. I have enjoyed speaking in many area CBA churches and I especially enjoyed hosting a breakfast at the regional meetings in Eugene last year...." Such involvement with the new-evangelical CBA was a main reason many fundamentalist pastors and churches left the GARBC a few years ago to form the IBF/NA (Ind. Baptist Fellowship of No. America). The CBA is a member of the middle-of-the-road National Association of Evangelicals.

QUAKER THEOLOGIAN TRUEBLOOD DIES—Eighth-generation Quaker D. Elton Trueblood died Dec. 20 at age 94. He founded the Yokefellow movement in 1952 after becoming a philosophy professor at Earlham College, a Quaker school in Indiana. Throughout his life, he remained faithful to such Quaker tenets as the "Inner Light," pacifism, and civil rights (2/6 Chr.Today). New evangelicals promoted modernist Trueblood, although he denied inerrancy, praised the World Council of Churches and Mohammed, and said Marxian ideology is rooted in the Bible(4/1/91 CC).

VAN IMPE'S COMPROMISE WITH CATHOLICISM—Dr. Ken Johnson says Dr. Jack Van Impe is now selling a video tape of some one hour and forty minutes "filled with definitions of the 'Five Fundamentals' which embraces the doctrine of Pope John Paul II and Catholicism..." (1/95 Plains Bapt.Challenger). Johnson's PBC article is entitled, "JVI--Master of Memory; Minister Of Compromise" and is being printed in tract form. It will be Tract #G-604 and available from: Tabernacle Baptist Church, P.O. Box 3100, Lubbock, TX 79452 (8 copies for \$2.50, postpaid).

IF LOVE SHEEP, WARN OF WOLVES—Some say we ought to preach the truth and not attack error, not warn of "wolves in sheep's clothing." It is popular today for shepherds to love and praise disguised wolves. But, when the shepherd speaks well of the wolf, the sheep are in trouble!

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LICENSING PARENTS—Red China requires parents to obtain a license before they are permitted to have a second child. A U. of South Carolina criminologist has suggested a eugenics program for the U.S. "in the year 2000." We quote his prediction from the 1/23 New American: "In most cases, certified couples would be allowed to have their own natural children. In some instances, however, genetic scanning may find that some women and men can produce "super" babies but are not well suited to rear them. These couples will be licensed to breed, but will give up their children to other people licensed to rear them. The couple who raises the child will be especially suited to provide love and compassion and the best possible care so that the child feels wanted and needed in society. The very fact that children will feel wanted could lead to better development of their egos and capabilities...and result in fewer reasons for crime." Parents have failed in child-rearing duties, but this plan is not the solution.

DOBSON APPOINTED BY DOLE TO WELFARE PANEL—Dr. James Dobson was appointed by Sen. Bob Dole in December to the newly formed 15-member Presidential Commission on Child and Family Welfare. It will study and make recommendations on the placement of children, child custody, access and visitation, and domestic issues such as family relations and abuse. Dobson promotes self-esteem, is an ecumenical, but is pro-life. He is founder and president of Focus on the Family, and may serve well in this new post. He earlier served on Attorney General Edwin Meese's Commission on Pornography (1985-87) where he and the others "spent 14 months evaluating violent, degrading and disgusting material [hard-core pornography, etc.]." [See 5/15/87 CC for how unwise, dangerous, and unscriptural this was.]

SENSITIVITY TRAINING DANGERS—Sensitivity Training is a form of brainwashing, used by the communists and refined and renamed for U.S. users, beginning about 1946. It goes by many different deceptive names ("Group Dynamics," "Basic Encounter," etc.), and is spreading like wildfire. It involves group confession where the individual's problems become the problems of the group which in turn tries to find a solution. Nude encounter groups are increasingly used. Marathon sessions are often used to break down "inhibitions" and encourage participants to express "their true feelings" under the stress of physical fatigue and lack of sleep. Social change agents want to make Sensitivity Training mandatory in all public schools. [Most of this info came from an article in the Sep-Oct Foundation]

CAMPOLO, PERKINS: EVANGELICAL CHURCH MOST RACIST—The 10/94 Moody Monthly had statements from Tony Campolo and John Perkins promoting social action [they both have earlier promoted something close

akin to socialism and the old liberal "social gospel"], and blaming evangelicals for racism. Campolo said: "...Any sociological study that you make on racism will indicate that the more fundamentalist-evangelical people tend to be, the more racist their attitudes will tend to be." Perkins was more blunt: "The evangelical church is the most racist institution of all the churches; the more evangelical you get, the more racist the church becomes." These remarks indicate that, in the eyes of these two, it is more important to meet social needs than evangelistic/spiritual ones. If you put priority on souls but neglect social needs you're racist, but not vice versa. Perkins was a featured speaker at Moody Founder's Week this month.

FULLER PROF WILLIAM PANNELL WARNS OF RACE WARS—William Pannell is professor of preaching and practical theology and dean of chapel at the School of Theology at Fuller Theological Seminary. His 1993 book, The Coming Race Wars, is endorsed by Tony Campolo, John Perkins, Robert Seiple, and Jay Kesler, and has comments by Denver Seminary Chancellor Dr. Vernon Grounds. In "explaining" the 1992 L.A. riots, Pannell at times seemed to excuse the black Americans who participated. He says many good things but the book clearly lacks balance, and overstates race problems. He praised Spike Lee, liberation theologian Gustavo Gutierrez, and "Marxist" M. L. King, and said: "Minister Farrakhan speaks too much truth to be totally ignored by anyone." Pannell referred to "the demons of capitalism," and said "a theology that does not liberate is no theology at all." In a 2/15/85 Christianity Today article, Pannell seemed to favor Marxism.

BOBGAN BOOK AD 'CENSORED' BY IFCA—Martin and Deidre Bobgan sent ads for their Promise Keepers Warning Package and new book, Against Biblical Counseling: For the Bible to the IFCA's Voice but were turned down (as they also were at GARBC's Baptist Bulletin). IFCA's Mat'l Exec. Dir. Dr. Richard Gregory told them the book was "too radical and reactionary." A main principle of the book is: "Any person who can be used by the Holy Spirit to lead another to salvation or along the way of sanctification is competent to be used by God to give wise counsel without needing specialized biblical counseling training." Gregory disagrees and said, "We support what John MacArthur is doing [in the biblical counseling program at The Master's College]."

STOWELL SPEAKS WITH CHARISMATICS, ECUMENICALS—Moody Bible Institute President Dr. Joseph Stowell and MBI Chancellor Dr. George Sweeting are both listed on Dr. Billy Graham's 1995 Program Guide as speakers at the Billy Graham Training Center in N.C. (1/15 CC). Stowell also spoke at an SBC-related event in Orlando last June. The 1/95 Charisma advertises Hosanna Celebration '95 sponsored by the Grace Brethren Church (Columbus, OH, May 3-6) which features Stowell as a speaker. Other artists/speakers include: Dino, Cynthia Clawson, Geoff Moore, Dave Busby, Ken Poure, and Ken Ham. Dino was the pianist for divorced charismatic healer and TV evangelist Kathryn Kuhlman. A promotional brochure says of Stowell: "In 1987 after pastoring churches for 16 years, Dr. Stowell became president of Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. Those attending Promise Keepers Indianapolis and the National Religious Broadcasters conference in 1994 can attest to his powerful speaking ability." The NRB and PK are hodgepodes of ecumenicals, charismatics, and new evangelicals.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AT MOODY—A three-hour Nationally Televised Concert of Prayer on the National Day of Prayer (NDOP) will originate May 4 from Moody Memorial Church (Chicago) and include the following participants: Campus Crusade's Bill Bright, Jack Hayford, Fuller Prof. C. Peter Wagner, Luis Palau, Moody Pastor Erwin Lutzer, MBI Pres. Joe Stowell, U. Methodist Pastor Terry Teykl, Multnomah Bible College Pres. Joe Aldrich, Assembly of God Gen. Supt. Thomas Trask, EFCA Pres. Paul Cedar, NAE & C&MA Pres. David Rambo, Women's Aglow Pres. Bobbye Byerly, TEDS Pres. Ken Meyer, Joni, Evelyn Christenson, and John Perkins. Shirley Dobson is chairman of the NDOP. The Exec. Committee of the Nat'l Religious Broadcasters officially endorsed the broadcast and will promote it. It saddens us to see MBI join in such an ecumenical program. There should be a National Day of Mourning at MBI--to mourn its loss to New Evangelicalism!

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PRAY FOR DR. PICKERING—Dr. Ernest Pickering, Deputation Director of Baptist World Mission, last month underwent serious surgery to remove a cancerous tumor from his sinus cavity. Last fall his wife Yvonne was diagnosed with lymphoma, and is presently undergoing chemotherapy treatments. Please pray for them. The Pickerings are members of our church. Two of his books were reviewed in the 9/1 and 11/1/94 CCs.

THEONOMISTS NO LONGER WELCOME IN PCA?—The Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) began in 1973, as a split from the liberal Presbyterian Church in the U.S. In 1986, it joined the middle-of-the-road, new-evangelical National Association of Evangelicals (NAE). Its 1979 General Assembly ruled that theonomy was a legitimate, though minority view. Theonomy is post-millennial and is sometimes called "Christian Reconstructionism." Its unscriptural goal is the "re-Christianizing" of America. Now, a Proposed Statement of Identity for the PCA, recently mailed to every teaching elder, specifically denies theonomy as a legitimate position within the PCA (1/95 Chalc.Rpt), calling it divisive.

NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST—The 13th Annual National Christian Prayer Breakfast, to "pray for the Peace of Jerusalem," is set for Feb. 13 at the Opryland Hotel, Nashville. It is held in conjunction with the NRB convention. This year's theme is "Building Bridges in the Middle East." The list of sponsors, participants, and invited program personalities includes: Vice Pres. Al Gore, NRB Pres. Brandt Gustavson, Tenn. Gov. Don Sundquist, Israeli Ambassador Lamar Rabinovich, Jordan Ambassador Dr. Fayaz Tarawneh, and Drs. E.V. Hill, Adrian Rogers, and Elwood McQuaid.

THAT IRREVERENT STROBEL BOOK—A new book by Lee Strobel entitled What Jesus Would Say takes an irreverent humorous approach to what Jesus might say to modern-day celebrities such as Madonna, Murphy Brown, or Pres. Clinton. Strobel is a minister at Bill Hybels' Willow Creek Community Church--a high-tech, entertainment-oriented mega-church in suburban Chicago. Jokes are made about what Jesus would say to David Letterman, such as, "Sorry--Johnny gets the 11:30 slot in eternity." (9/94 Ev.Meth.). Pastor Jeff Dollar says: "The Christ promoted in Strobel's book is not the Christ of the Bible."

YOHANNAN BOOK ON MISSIONS—K. P. Yohannan is the founder of Gospel for Asia, which supports 7,000 native missionaries in ten Asian countries. His book, Revolution in World Missions (8/93 edition), was distributed at the 3/94 NAE convention in Dallas. In this book he says a lot of good things, and presents a case for sending Western money (without accountability) to support native missionaries. The foreword is by David and Karen Mains. Yohannan is a Criswell Bible College graduate. He implicitly/explicitly praises or approvingly quotes charismatics/new-evangelicals/mystics such as the following: Watchman Nee, Mains, Peter Wagner, C.S. Lewis, Bob Walker, Keith/Melody Green, and organizations such as YWAM, World Vision, FCA, Wycliffe Bible Translators, and O.M. Lester Roloff supported him. Yohannan says: "We are not eager to spread any one particular denominational or doctrinal position." (p258) He says: "God desires equity between His people on a worldwide basis. That is why the early church had no poverty." (p108) He mentions exorcisms, and said: "As I prayed and fasted, God revealed Himself to me in a vision...the Lord spoke to me."

UPCOMING EVENTS—This Editor hopes to attend the following meetings this year and report to our readers. NRB'95 (Nashville, Feb.), NAE'95 (Louisville, March), ACCC Exec. Committee (CBC-Huntsville, April), Fund. Bap. Fellowship (Greenville, June), Ind. Bap. Fell. of N. Amer. (Seattle, June), ACCC Convention (St. Louis, Oct.). Also,

will possibly attend: NCC, Tim Lee, Tenn. Temple, Southwide Bapt. Fell., and Sword meetings. Will have Press Credentials for some of these.

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BEWARE OF DARE—DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) is a \$750 million-a-year popular drug-prevention program. It has many positive features, but many parents' groups have protested the pseudo psychology at its core. It is modeled upon a values clarification approach and often incorporates humanistic premises. Al Dager says: "Values clarification is a tool of Satan to take children from under the authority of their parents and place their decision-making in the hands of a godless, mindless, state-mandated educational system." DARE's effectiveness has been questioned by a new study (12/94 CWR) which found DARE to be statistically insignificant in preventing drug use in a target group of fifth and sixth-grade students.

DEATH PENALTY FOES SUPPORT MORE MURDERS—The editor of National Review gives evidence of the slaughter that results from the failure to sentence murderers to death: "Of the roughly 52,000 state prison inmates serving time for murder in 1984, an estimated 810 had previously been convicted of murder and had killed 821 persons following those convictions. Executing each of these inmates...would have saved 821 lives...Would not life imprisonment serve as well? No. A 1987 Justice Department study showed at least five federal prison officers killed since December 1982, in three cases by inmates serving murder sentences." (7/1 CACC).

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ALCOHOL A DESTRUCTIVE DRUG—Alcohol is a mind-altering, physically destructive drug whose effects are as

destructive as illegal drugs. There are 15.3 million Americans who use or abuse alcohol (2/95 Light). Each year, 108,000 deaths are attributed to alcohol, and over \$98 billion in lost work time. Other drug use accounts for another \$70 billion in crime, lost work time and other losses. The Bible warns of the deadly nature of alcohol and other drugs.

HOMOSEXUALITY CUTS LIFE SPAN IN HALF—A new study conducted by the Family Research Institute in Washington, DC found that homosexuality reduces a person's life span by half. (11/21 Chr.News). The median age of death for men who stayed married was 75; for homosexuals it was 41, or 39 if they died of AIDS. The study concludes that homosexuals die most frequently from AIDS, while lesbians die from various forms of cancer. Former Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders last year called homosexual sex "normal" and "healthy." How can a life-style that cuts your life span in half be "healthy"?

GEORGE MacDONALD A UNIVERSALIST—Scottish preacher and novelist George MacDonald (1824-1905) was forced from his post at a Congregational church due to doctrinal views that his parishioners felt smacked of universalism. (1/9 CT). MacDonald said, "Every soul that is ultimately lost is a defeat of the love of God." He viewed hell as a type of purgatory to be followed by an ultimate salvation for all creation.

WHY PACKER SIGNED THE EVANGELICAL-CATHOLIC PACT—In the 12/12 Christianity Today, Regent College Professor J.I. Packer tells why he signed the Colson-Neuhaus "Evangelicals and Catholics Together"(ECT) document last year. He said domestic differences about salvation and the church should not hinder them (Evangelicals and Roman Catholics) from joint action to "re-Christianize the North American milieu." He said: "I remain glad to endorse it." He added: "In the days when Rome seemed to aim at political control of all Christendom and the death of Protestant churches, such partnership was not possible. But those days are past and after Vatican II can hardly return. [Really?] Whatever God's future may be for the official Roman Catholic system, present evangelical partnership with spiritually alive[sic] Roman Catholics in communicating Christ to unbelievers...needs to grow everywhere." The ECT pact was a colossal capitulation by undiscerning New Evangelical leaders to Roman Catholicism and is a betrayal of evangelical Protestantism. (See 4/15 CC).

PINNOCK'S NEW MODEL OF GOD—Clark Pinnock is professor of theology at McMaster Divinity College in Canada. In recent years he has held to an annihilation view of hell, that hell does not torment but rather consumes the wicked (3/ 20/87 CT). He later said those who are sincere in other religions can be saved without faith in Christ (9/26 CN). Pinnock is a highly respected theologian in new-evangelical circles, though Robert Morey views him as an apostate (4/15/92 CC). Now in a new book, The Openness of God (InterVarsity), Pinnock and co-authors argue that the God of the Bible is with us in time but does not know all the future (1/9 Chr. Today). They say one cannot say both that God knows the whole future in absolute detail with absolute certainty and that part of it is still open and undetermined (such as individuals' decisions regarding salvation). The five authors further feel that God cannot be infinite and personal at the same time. They deny the infinitude of nearly all the attributes of God.

DALLAS SEMINARY FEATURES PRO-CATHOLIC COLSON—Catholicism promoter Charles Colson gave the keynote address at the recent inauguration of Dallas Seminary's fourth president, Charles R. Swindoll. Pro-Catholic James Dobson and Stuart Briscoe were also featured as speakers. Meanwhile, Swindoll speaks at Word of Life (Fla.) this month. Evangelical compromise continues.

DANGEROUS TOLERATION OF COMPROMISE—"If we become tolerant of those who are tolerant of compromise, we finally so regard the compromise itself--then we will embrace the very compromise we once opposed. Once compromise becomes our posture the things of sin will shortly become our position. Christians are far more likely to drift into sin than they are to fall into it."

GRAHAM SAYS HOMOSEXUALS BORN THAT WAY—Billy Graham said on the Larry King show in December that homosexuals are born homosexuals, since, he said, it's in their genes (12/26 Chr.News). Homosexuals have long blamed God for their homosexuality, and will no doubt use Graham's unscriptural remarks to excuse their wicked

sin.

GEISLER PRAISES POPE, CATHOLICISM?—Prominent evangelical theologian Dr. Norman Geisler is reported as saying Pope John Paul II teaches "historic, orthodox, Christianity" and that Roman Catholics are "fundamentalists" when it comes to the vital truths of Christianity (1/9 Chr.News). He says we hold in common with Rome "the whole theological core of historic Christianity." Roman Catholicism is a cult and teaches a false gospel. The New Evangelicals and Charismatics of our day are being deceived.

FALWELL HAS PRAISED THE POPE—Dr. Jerry Falwell on various occasions has praised the Roman Catholic pope, and had Catholics speak in his pulpit. Catholics comprised 30 percent of his Moral Majority membership. Dinesh D'Souza's 1984 biography said Falwell "is a staunch admirer of Pope John Paul II." Falwell is quoted as saying the Pope and Ronald Reagan are "the greatest in my lifetime." While admitting doctrinal differences, Falwell said: "I know many Catholic priests who are born again and who preach the same message I do." [p169]. D'Souza says: "To the chagrin and horror of fundamentalists, [Falwell] is frequently seen at prayer meetings with Catholics and Jews....He has become more gracious--he is more accepting of Roman Catholics and orthodox Jews." [p180-181]. "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?"

POPE SAYS LOYALTY TO HIM IS ESSENTIAL—Pope John II last month in Manila said loyalty to the papacy is essential for acceptance by the Catholic church (1/14 H.Times). Red China has refused for four decades to allow Catholics to acknowledge papal supremacy. The pope is trying to improve ties, but made it clear that loyalty to the pope is a must for reconciliation. He said: "Consequently, a Catholic who wishes to remain such cannot reject the principle of communion with a successor of Peter." New Evangelicals: be warned, be wise, beware!

POPULAR POPE IS A UNIVERSALIST—Pope John Paul II and Mother Teresa are universalists who believe that all who sincerely follow their own religions/beliefs will be saved, and that Muslims, Hindus, Jews and other non-Christians can get to heaven without saving faith in Christ (4/1/92 CC). Loyalty to the papacy is essential to acceptance by the Catholic Church. Time magazine named the Pope "Man of the Year" for 1994. Time quotes Dr. Billy Graham: "He'll go down in history as the greatest of our modern popes." "He's been the strong conscience of the whole Christian world." (12/26 Chr. News). The popular pope has been profusely praised by many evangelical leaders. He blasphemously calls himself the "vicar of Christ." The Autumn '93 Focus said: "The pope is anti-Christian as he pretends to be all the Persons of the Godhead, the Father (holy father), the Son (supreme pontiff), and the Holy Ghost (vicar of Christ). In 'showing himself that he is God' the pope appeals to the spurious miracles of the Roman church to authenticate his claims, '...whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders' (2 Th. 2:9)."

CATHOLICISM IS A CULT—Kenneth R. Samples outlined five doctrinal areas that separate Roman Catholicism from evangelical Protestants: authority, justification, Mariology, sacramentalism and the mass, and religious pluralism (Spr-Sum/ '94 Chr.Res.Jrnl.). Yet he said Catholicism is "foundationally orthodox." Are authority and justification not "foundational"? Romanism is very unorthodox on these and other doctrines. Gullible evangelicals are being seduced today to accept Catholics as brothers in Christ, merely on the basis of their assent that Jesus is Lord and Savior. Demons, Mormons assent to this.

ECUMENICAL RIVER RUNS ROMeward—TBN's Paul Crouch and his charismatic friends glory in Romanism, demonstrating their own apostasy. The ecumenical river is running toward Rome, the Mother of Harlots, and those who do not resist the current of the age and aggressively contend for the faith will be swept downstream. Billy Graham once warned against Rome, but denounced separation and today calls the pope a great evangelist. Jack Van Impe once preached boldly against error, but denounced separation and now exalts the pope as a defender of the faith. James Robison once preached boldly against error, but he, too, denounced biblical separation and today thinks the pope is a great pattern of morality. If we do not continue paddling upstream, we, too, will be swept away. [Adapted from 11/94 O Timothy - also see 11/15/93 CC].

NEED MULTIPLE COPIES OF CC?—Some pastors want multiple copies for missionaries, deacons, teachers, congregations, etc. Prices for mailing to one U.S. address for one year are: 3 for \$14, 6 for \$24, 12 for \$40, 25 for \$70, or 50 for \$110. These subsidized rates include first-class postage. Postage and paper costs keep increasing.

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HOMOSEXUALS PLAN TO SUE RELIGIOUS RIGHT—Homosexual leader Mel White--a former ghostwriter for such evangelical leaders as Billy Graham, Jerry Falwell, and Pat Robertson--is dean of the 1,200-member Cathedral of Hope in Dallas (see 8/15 CC). He told the August 10th Wash. Post that homosexual activists were scrutinizing the publications and public declarations of "religious right" organizations because, "We think the words from their mouths trickle down into violence. And when our evidence reaches a critical mass, we're going to use the best attorney in this country to bring a class action suit in 50 states to have it stopped." (12/26 New American). Censorship? There is at least a contradiction here. To "gay rights" advocates, condemning homosexuality causes violent behavior, but they have argued that promoting homosexuality in classrooms won't induce school children to experiment with the perversion.

MATTHEW FOX BRINGS 'RAVE MASS' TO AMERICA—The latest youth craze to hit Southern California is all-night dance parties called "raves." They are loud and fueled by psychedelic drugs. Defrocked Catholic priest Matthew Fox, who has now joined San Francisco's Grace Cathedral (an Episcopal church), in late Oct. brought young Anglicans from England who came up with the idea of a Mass using rave music and dancing. Fox is popular on the New Age lecture circuit, and blends Christianity with eco-mysticism and leftist politics (11/14 C.News). He is a universalist who rejects the Christian faith.

PRES. CLINTON HONORS PETE SEEGER, A COMMIE—Folk singer Pete Seeger, a lifelong communist, received from President Clinton a "medal for lifetime achievement in the performing arts" Dec. 4 at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC, causing a furor in conservative circles (12/19 Chr.News). The 12/4 Washington Post favorably featured Seeger as "America's Best Loved Commie." Seeger wrote in the Communist Party's 4/7/88 People's Daily World: "It is about 35 years since, as a card-carrying member of the Communist party..." (10/2/89 CN). Yet, in spite of him being a communist and atheist, some Lutherans have claimed him as one of theirs.

UCC IS RADICAL, APOSTATE—Christian News (12/26) calls the liberal United Church of Christ the "Anything Goes Church." Virtually all kinds of denials of Biblical Christianity are tolerated within the UCC. It has officially endorsed the killing of unborn infants, and allows lesbians and homosexuals to serve as pastors. It has officially approved euthanasia and suicide.

PRO-CHOICE ON KILLING ABORTIONISTS?—Robert P. George, a professor of politics at Princeton, writes: "I

am personally opposed to killing abortionists. However, inasmuch as my personal opposition to this practice is rooted in a sectarian (Catholic) religious belief...I am unwilling to impose it on others who may...take a different view. Of course, I am entirely in favor of policies aimed at removing the root causes of violence against abortionists. Indeed, I would...support mandatory one-week waiting periods, and even non-judgmental counseling, for people who are contemplating the choice of killing an abortionist...I believe in...respecting the rights of conscience of my fellow citizens who believe that the killing of abortionists is sometimes a tragic necessity--not a good, but a lesser evil. In short, I am moderately pro-choice."(12/19 C.News). Pro-choice in abortion, or in killing abortionists, is wrong.

100 ANGLICAN PRIESTS DON'T BELIEVE IN GOD—"At least 100 Church of England priests do not believe in an external, supernatural God, it emerged at a conference for the new Christian atheists." (12/30 Sword). A senior Anglican chaplain said the church has always been behind the times. He said "We are part of a revolution now, but in the 21st century the church will be without a God in the traditional sense. It might want to use some references to God and Jesus, but human spirituality will be the emphasis." Ironically, recently 150 Church of England clergy signed up to join a trade union. However, the Church of England said doubting vicars need not fear for their positions.

GET GOVERNMENT OUT OF EDUCATION—The 12/94 Blumenfeld Educ. Letter said the federal government should be gotten out of education, because it: 1) is destroying true education, 2) is subsidizing a liberal academic elite with its secular humanist, socialist agenda, 3) is costing taxpayers billions and gives little or no benefit in return, 4) has created the institutional basis for a totalitarian society, 5) supports a monopoly detrimental to economic freedom, 6) perpetuates the myth that education is possible without religion, 7) is destroying family and individual privacy, 8) is undermining parents' rights to control their children's education, 9) has perverted education by supporting unsound educational theories and practices, 10) has institutionalized educational malpractice, 11) has become the tool of special interests, teachers' unions, etc., 12) has corrupted higher education by encouraging overexpansion and overspending, resulting in skyrocketing tuitions.

UN TREATY FOR TOTAL EQUALITY FOR WOMEN—A United Nations treaty, called the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, is a carry-over from the failed Equal Rights Amendment of the 70s. (12/94 Chr. Legal Defense). It contains many very dangerous government expanding provisions that make it extremely objectionable to Christians. Would it force churches to have women pastors? It would require the option of abortion to be available for all women up until the birth of the child. It would require state owned and operated day care centers equipped to care for newborns on up. It allows governments to use reverse discrimination laws to expedite total equality.

CARL HENRY PRAISES CATHOLIC-EVANGELICAL UNITY—New-evangelical theologian Carl F.H. Henry says Evangelical and Catholic cobelligerency in the culture war and other common goals is desirable (12/24 World). He says: "The orientation of inherited Protestant-Catholic dialogue to ecclesial distrust and the notion that evangelical Catholics who remain in their church are secretly committed to papal authority and sacramental salvation needs to be replaced by the reality that multitudes of evangelical Catholics are now as devoted to their Bibles as are evangelical Protestants whose ecclesial divisions they lament. Evangelicals and Catholics are better positioned today to earnestly probe natural law, justification, tradition, and the status of church dogma than they have been for generations." The 1994 Colson-Neuhaus document clearly took Evangelical-Catholic unity beyond preserving cultural values and called for recognition of both groups as Christian brethren.

SPEAKERS AT GRAHAM TRAINING CENTER—The Program Guide for the Billy Graham Training Center at the Cove (Asheville, NC) lists the following as 1995 speakers: Warren Wiersbe, Joseph Stowell, George Sweeting, Woodrow Kroll, Erwin Lutzer, Tony Evans, Greg Laurie, Adrian Rogers, James Draper, Jim Henry, Larry Crabb, Lloyd Ogilvie, Howard Hendricks, Steve Brown, and Franklin Graham. It is tragic that some of the above men who identify with Graham's ecumenical ministry are then welcomed as speakers in "fundamentalist" pulpits of the GARBC and IFCA.

MBI FOUNDER'S WEEK SPEAKERS—Speakers for Moody Bible Institute's Founder's Week, Jan. 30-Feb. 4, include: Warren Wiersbe, Josh McDowell, Larry Crabb, Ed Dobson, John Perkins, Elisabeth Elliot, David Kim, Steve Brown, Jack Graham, Ralph Bell, and Knute Larson. MBI Pres. Dr. Joseph Stowell and MBI Chancellor Dr. George Sweeting are both listed on Dr. Billy Graham's 1995 Program Guide as speakers at the Billy Graham Training Center at the Cove in N.C. Moody Radio WMBW in Chattanooga carries programs of Billy Graham, Charles Colson, Charles Stanley, Charles Swindoll, Kay Arthur, John MacArthur, James Dobson, Luis Palau, and Adrian Rogers. All of these are new-evangelical in their associations and should receive a warm "right-at-home" welcome at Moody.

JOYFUL WOMAN AD LISTS POOR ROLE MODELS—The Sep-Oct Joyful Woman magazine had a full-page ad of three Ed Reese books. The top half described his Women Used of God book, and said it was "IDEAL FOR: young people (especially girls) looking for role models." It listed 50 "Women Leaders Of The Christian Cause". The list included some notorious liberals, charismatics, mystics, and new evangelicals. Included on the dangerous "role model" list were: Kathryn Kuhlman, Aimee S. McPherson, Susan Anthony, Pearl S. Buck, Carry Nation, and Jean Guyon. Kuhlman and McPherson were divorced women preachers.

MacARTHUR APPROVINGLY QUOTES BONHOEFFER—Dr. John MacArthur approvingly and sympathetically quotes Neo-orthodox theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer in his "President's Message" column of his Master's Current paper. He mentions Bonhoeffer's name four times in this half-page column. Bonhoeffer was a notorious modernist, a German Lutheran, who rejected many doctrines of the historic Christian faith. MacArthur's Master's Seminary Bible conference schedule shows David Jeremiah to speak Jan. 12th, GARBC pastor Russ Moir to speak January 13th, and a concert January 14th featuring CCM singer Steve Camp.

IFCA FROM MANY ANGLES LOOKS NEW EVANGELICAL—The Independent Fundamental Churches of America (IFCA) has increasingly softened its stance on separation in recent years. We have had a number of articles documenting this sad trend. IFCA National Exec. Dir. Dr. Richard Gregory is a regular speaker at Dr. John MacArthur's Master's Seminary, and MacArthur ads are in each issue of the IFCA's Voice magazine. IFCA Regional conferences often feature new-evangelical speakers. There have been recent ministry associations with Moody Bible Institute, Grand Rapids Baptist College/Seminary, Word of Life, Ed Dobson, Grace Seminary, etc. These and much more indicate a growing new-evangelical stance.

DOBSON CONFERENCES FEATURE ECUMENICALS—Dr. James Dobson's Focus on the Family is involved in sponsoring two upcoming conferences which feature ecumenical speakers. Speakers for the July International Congress on the Family include: William Bennett (Catholic), E.V. Hill, Adrian Rogers, Gary Smalley, Larry Crabb, Jill & Stuart Briscoe, Robert McGee, Frank Minirth, Paul Meier, and Dobson (1/95 Charisma). Focus on the Family's first Attorney's Conference (in March) features Dobson, Judge Robert Bork, Gary Bauer, Bill Bright, and Ron Blue as speakers (1/95 F.OnTheFam.). Dr. Adrian Rogers (SBC) and Don Hodel are new Focus board members.

NRB 95—The Calvary Contender has been approved for press credentials to cover the 52nd annual National Religious Broadcasters Convention in Nashville, Feb. 11-14. This editor plans to attend as a member of the press and report back to our readers. American Council Executive Sec. Dr. Ralph Colas also will attend with press credentials and represent the ACCC. Speakers include: Luis Palau, Jack Hayford, Elisabeth Elliot, Adrian Rogers, and D. James Kennedy.

REPORTS AVAILABLE—BDM Letter Editor Rick Miesel has 160 reports available on such men and movements as: Graham, Falwell, Hybels, LaHaye, Swindoll, Schuller, Smalley, Stanley, Campolo, Hinn, Palau, Robison, GARBC, Campus Crusade, and Promise Keepers. These individual reports are available for \$1.00 each, or a very extensive Computer Notebook of all 160 is available for \$30.00. Rick's excellent BDM Letter paper is \$5.00/yr. Write: Biblical Discernment Ministries, P.O. Box 6154, Bloomington, IN 47407.

FIGHT FOR THE FAITH!—Today we have books that tell us how we should fight, but they do not identify the enemy. Fight sweetly...in a Christian way...with the right motives, but fight! Those who emphasize that we should contend without being contentious may be correct, but they are usually the ones who do not contend at all. The FBF needs to avoid moving in two directions. On the one hand, there can be a move to the left. There are those who want a softened position. Strong resolutions bother them. They are always talking about what is wrong in fundamentalism. I remind us that years ago Vernon Grounds wrote a paper titled, "Correcting the Fundamentalist Corrective." His thesis was that as fundamentalism corrected liberalism, now fundamentalism itself needed to be corrected. Much of what he wrote in the paper had a good Biblical basis. But I remind you that Grounds moved into a new evangelical position....[Dr. James Singleton, 6/15/94 FBF Mtg.]

FIGHT FOR THE FAITH!—"Fight for the faith, Stay tender but strong, Keep looking up, it won't be long." [H. A. Heller, Ocala, Fla.]

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IMMIGRATION: THE ILLEGAL INVASION—Many Americans are outraged by the huge influx of illegal aliens flooding into the U.S. The cost of immigration is \$8.4 billion a year. Today's immigrants are poor and unskilled. The 12/12 U.S. News says we should replace our present policy which discriminates against Europeans, and admit more people with high skills and education. The Supreme Court a few years ago ordered states (taxpayers) to furnish free health care, food stamps, schools, etc., to illegals (12/94 VW). Proposition 187 may start to change this. We are becoming a dumping ground for Mexico to do as Castro did and send us thousands of their uneducated, unskilled, criminals and other undesirables. Over 80,000 aliens now occupy state and federal prison cells at taxpayers' expense. (9/25 CVN). About 50 percent of all illegals settle in California. Education for these uninvited guests costs \$3.6 billion a year. Three out of four births in publicly funded hospitals in Los Angeles are to illegal aliens (10/31 New Amer.). In nearby Orange County, nearly 60 per cent of homicides are attributable to illegals, and 80 percent of all drug-related crimes are ultimately traced to illegals and foreigners.

ISLAMIC RADICALISM THREAT—Muslim extremists demand a jihad, or holy war, against all who oppose them. Most of the world's 1.3 billion Muslims reject such fanaticism, but the radicals have scored ominous victories in the past 16 years (1/95 R.Digest). Iran fell to them in 1979, Sudan a decade later, and now Algeria and Egypt are threatened. The death penalty for renouncing Islam has been reinstated in Sudan. Algerian groups, aided by Sudanese-trained terrorists, have ordered Westerners out of Algeria and killed those who haven't obeyed. At least 10,000 have been killed in the past two years. The U.S. Muslim population is now about 5 million, with 300,000 in the Chicago area. Muslim writings contradict Bible doctrines, deny the Trinity, and deny that Jesus was crucified.

POVERTY IS NOT THE PROBLEM—Consider the period from 1830 to 1950, including the Great Depression, when many more Americans were poor: Illegitimacy rates went down to an all-time low of 4 to 6 percent, where they stayed for 150 years. Alcohol consumption in the U.S. was cut in half. Sunday schools began, and by the end of the 19th century, about two-thirds of young Americans attended. People became more courteous, and basic morals improved (10/24 CT). People were much poorer then than now, so don't blame our besetting problems of today on poverty--blame politics, immorality, and spiritual declension.

UNDESERVED 'GUILT TRIP' FOR WEST—When we see extreme poverty and starvation, it is often due to a socialist government and false religion (Romanism, Hinduism, etc.). Despite perhaps unprecedented generosity from the West, redistributionist liberals try to make us feel guilty by saying 20 percent of the world's population uses 80

percent of the world's resources. But, as a 10/3 Chr. Today writer said, this implies that the world's resources are things found lying around, which a certain group of people has appropriated for its own use. Whereas, resources are created: the truth is more nearly that 20 percent of the world's population creates 80 percent of the world's resources.

SEARS PROMOTES NEW AGE?—Dave Hunt (12/94 Berean Call) says Sears, Roebuck & Co. has become a major promoter of New Age ideas. He quotes the 10/94 first edition of "The Women's Newsletter from SEARS" which tells how to consult "the therapist within." You relax, visualize, and meet your inner adviser. This is the basic technique for contacting spirit guides(demons).

HOMELESS BY CHOICE?—"Compassion fatigue" is leading to a crackdown on aggressive begging and panhandling in big cities. A sociology professor who spent several months posing as a homeless man said most people are homeless by choice. He said, "But it's not like they made a choice to be homeless--it was a matter of choosing one thing over another throughout their lives. Often they chose the path of least resistance. They chose not to sober up and go to work, or not fight their addiction." (11/12 World). The \$2 billion New York has spent to help the homeless has done nothing to reduce their ranks. The NY Times has reverted back to calling them "bums." The 12/10 World said: "In Los Angeles, 90 percent of the people who seek assistance from the L.A. Mission are addicted to drugs or alcohol." Christians need a "tough love" balance between compassion and firmness.

JONI'S FRIENDS—Joni Eareckson Tada is founder of Joni & Friends, a ministry to bring the church and disabled people together. She grew up a Reformed Episcopalian but now attends Dr. John MacArthur's Grace Community Church, Sun Valley, CA. She sometimes speaks for Campus Crusade, Focus on the Family, and Billy Graham (Fall '94 Projector). She participated in "Canada's biggest prayer rally" Oct. 1 along with charismatic David Mainse and CCM singer Steve Green (12/94 Charisma). In the 3/93 Moody Monthly, she said: "My new healed body will be my gift from God for a job well done while I was here on earth."

GRAHAM YOUTH RALLY IN ATLANTA—Billy Graham's recent five-day Georgia Dome crusade featured such big names as Jimmy Carter, Andrew Young, Coretta Scott King, Joseph Lowery, Robert Schuller, Charles Stanley, and Greg Laurie. But the biggest attraction was a Saturday night "Jamming in the Dome" youth rally that drew 78,000 people (12/12 C. Today). It featured two hip-hop religious rock groups: DC Talk rappers (with roots in Jerry Falwell's Liberty University), and Take 6 (Seventh-Day Adventists!). Andrae Crouch performed. The BGEA ran frequent "MTV-style" commercials on six Atlanta TV stations.

GRAHAM TO SPEAK AT SBC—Southern Baptist President Jim Henry has announced that Billy Graham will speak at the June 1995 convention in Atlanta (12/6 Indiana Bapt.). Graham has been a member of First Baptist Church-Dallas, since June 1953. The SBC's Southern Seminary in Louisville recently named its evangelism, missions and church growth center after Graham. Who says So. Baptists are now Fundamentalists?

HANDFORD'S CHURCH TAKES NEW-EVANGELICAL STANCE—Dr. Walt Handford's Southside Baptist Church in Greenville, SC has long been on a toboggan slide to New Evangelicalism. This has been evident in the speakers, the associations, and the CCM (contemporary Christian music). The 11/94 Southsider mentions a new "seeker service" to be taught by Pastor Handford and Don Preston. Preston was recently licensed by Southside, and is "fulltime with Campus Crusade for Christ." Campus Crusade is headed by Bill Bright and is very ecumenical and pro-Catholic/charismatic. As far as we know Handford is still welcomed to speak at Southwide Baptist Fellowship meetings.

TIM LEE YOUTH MEETINGS TO FEATURE SBC'S RING—Dr. Tim Lee has scheduled three Youth Alive conferences for the summer of 1995. They are set for Charlotte, Chattanooga, and Dallas. Other speakers include David Ring, Lee's pastor Gary Coleman, and Johnny Pope. Coleman, Pope, and Lee are frequent Southwide Baptist Fellowship conference speakers. Ring is a Southern Baptist who frequently pulpit-shares with Lee and Dr. Jerry

Falwell, and sometimes speaks on charismatic platforms (e.g., see 10/15/94 CC).

FALWELL PARTICIPATES IN ECUMENICAL MEETINGS—Jewish and Religious Right leaders dialogued over a kosher lunch in Washington Nov. 29 and agreed to a cease-fire in their war of words. Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein organized the meeting. Dr. Jerry Falwell participated and called it "a very, very positive day," and said it was "a beginning of a beginning." (12/12 C. News). He spoke at a Moonie front group meeting last July (11/15 CC), and has often been linked with Catholics (7/1/93 CC) and has praised their pope.

BLOESCH REJECTS INERRANCY—Dr. Donald Bloesch is Emeritus Professor of Theology at the Univ. of Dubuque Theol. Seminary (PCUSA-sponsored). He is an acclaimed scholar, author, and theologian (UCC). He is highly praised by Presby. Church-USA and United Church of Christ conservatives. In his latest book, *Holy Scripture: Revelation, Inspiration, and Interpretation* published by InterVarsity, he insists that the Bible contains errors (12/5 C. News). A reviewer says Bloesch does not present the classic doctrine of Scripture, but rather the neo-orthodox "evangelical" doctrine of Scripture, in tune more with Barth, Brunner, and modern historical critics. Yet the 3/88 Moody Monthly praised Bloesch as "an evangelical leader you should know" (5/1/88 CC).

RUCKMAN'S EXTREMISM EXPOSED—O Timothy editor David Cloud believes Peter Ruckman has done more damage to the cause of the King James Bible than many of its detractors. Why? "Because his strange ideas, his multiple divorces, his angry spirit, his arrogancy, his Alexandrian cult mentality, his extremism regarding the KJV being advanced revelation, tend to cause men to reject the entire issue." Cloud says Ruckman's teaching has also caused many unnecessary divisions and problems in churches. Cloud is a strong defender of the KJV and says one of the clearest reasons to reject the modern versions is that they flow from the end-time apostasy traced to German rationalism. His 16-page discussion of Ruckmanism and Bible versions is in the Volume 11, Issue 11 of his O Timothy Magazine (1218 N. Harns Road, Oak Harbor, WA 98277).

CEV ELIMINATES BIBLE DOCTRINES—The Contemporary English Version New Testament was issued by the American Bible Society in 1991. A complete CEV "Bible" is due in 1995. A four-member team's translation was subject to review and adjustments by a panel of about 100 Protestant and Roman Catholic specialists (5/11/91 H.T.). On page two of the introduction, the publishers declare: "Traditional translations use words such as justification, righteousness, redemption, reconciliation, propitiation, atonement, salvation, sanctification and repentance. ALL THESE WORDS ARE ABSENT FROM THE Contemporary English Version." (Nov./Dec.'94 Fund. Digest). The word grace is not used in the CEV. Beware of unreliable modern versions and paraphrases!

JIM BAKKER FREE, MAY JOIN DAUGHTER—PTL televangelist Jim Bakker served nearly five years in prison for bilking thousands of followers out of at least \$1,000 in return for his promise that they could stay at his Christian theme park four nights a year for their lifetime. The hotels could never accommodate all the donors. The scheme brought \$158 million into Bakker's ministry, and he spent \$3.7 million of it on expensive homes, jewelry, cars and vacations. His daughter, Tammy Sue Chapman, recently hinted to supporters of her singing ministry that her father may join her in the pulpit. His wife of 30 years divorced him and married his friend Roe Messner, the chief builder at Heritage, USA.

FAITH TO FEATURE WALVOORD & RYRIE—With deep regret and sincere sadness of heart we must confess that our praise of Faith Baptist Bible College/Seminary of Ankeny, Iowa in the 4/1 CC was apparently premature or excessive. We based this in large part on its Board's encouragingly strong reaffirmation of Faith's historic position which included secondary separation. But we now see that this GARBC-approved school has scheduled former Dallas Seminary President Dr. John Walvoord and former Dallas Prof. Dr. Charles Ryrie, both of whom are noted scholars and authors, to speak at Faith in Jan./Feb. Their influence and associations have clearly positioned them in a new evangelical direction the past two decades (see 5/1/90 Ryrie CC article).

YFC MEETING FEATURES CATHOLICS, CAMPOLO—Youth for Christ hosted two Super Conferences last

summer called DC'94 and LA'94. Listed speakers included: Josh McDowell, Buster Soaries, and Tony Campolo. YFC "networked" with the "True Love Waits" campaign, begun by Southern Baptists. The DC '94 conference involved 26 denominations and youth organizations, "including So. Baptists, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Catholics, and Campus Crusade for Christ."

WARNING TO YOUNG FUNDAMENTALISTS—Baptist World Mission Exec. Director Dr. Fred Moritz has the following advice in his new book (see 9/15 CC) for young separatists: "A dangerous tendency on the part of younger separatists today is to look at the weaknesses of the older generation and abandon or moderate the position they took because of these weaknesses. The present generation of preachers needs to realize that it too will leave a record of imperfection in its service for Christ. The shortcomings of former leaders do not justify forsaking or weakening the biblical position for which they fought. Men must be as militant as Jude, Paul, Peter, and John in the ministry of the Word. The Bible teaches militancy. Indeed the younger man today will not want to emulate whatever flaws are apparent in a leader. He should adopt the attitude which Paul asked his followers to adopt when he said, 'Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.' The current generation should imitate the godliness of the past generation while not forsaking separation because of the human weaknesses of those leaders."

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ASSISTED SUICIDE: MERCY OR MURDER?—Oregon last month became the first state to legalize assisted suicide. Jack Kevorkian, "Dr. Death," has helped 20 people commit suicide since 1990. While there is a clear distinction between sustaining all the life to which a person is entitled as opposed to just prolonging the process of dying, if doctors are licensed to kill, what jury would convict family members for the freelance killing of suicidal loved ones? And if suicide is a basic right of the terminally ill, how can it be denied to those who aren't terminally ill? Imagine the court fights when some who don't qualify for doctor-assisted suicide claim a violation of their legal right to die under the equal protection clause. The "right" to suicide would thus translate into an obligation of others to kill or help kill. The right to die could become an obligation to die.

CHRISTIAN COALITION NOT CHRISTIAN—Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition just prior to the recent election distributed millions of helpful voter guides listing candidates' stands on a broad range of issues. Its views are mostly "religious right" conservative, but we object to the word "Christian" in the title. Maybe "interfaith" or "conservative" would be better. Just over half are Republicans, 33 to 40 percent are Democrats, two-thirds are Protestant--and one third is Catholic, Greek Orthodox, or Jewish (10/29 World). In the opening session of the Coalition's annual conference (in Sept.) the podium was dominated by Jewish and Roman Catholic speakers(10/5 Chr. Century).

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PROMOTES ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT—Millard Fuller, who in 1976 founded the ecumenical housing ministry known as Habitat for Humanity, has a new book The Theology of the Hammer. Fuller's list of resources used in writing the book include social gospel ones (9/26 C.News). Former President Jimmy Carter, Chuck Colson, Amy Grant, Madonna, and Cedarville College have all assisted Habitat in recent years. Fuller says (p. 84): "Habitat is in sympathy with the efforts of the World Council of Churches and other groups to influence churches and God's people to cooperate and work together...[It] is in agreement with the general purpose of the National Council of Churches....Our desire is that we be even more of a unifying force, bringing more churches...to work together..." He adds, "So get out your hammers, Catholics and Protestants, liberals and conservatives, Reform and Orthodox, Unitarians and Trinitarians, Gentiles and Jews. We have some houses to build to the glory of God! 'The theology of the hammer' binds us together in common ministry"

LICENSING PARENTS, CHILDREN'S RIGHTS—Socialist crusaders today battle the family for children's "rights." UN masterminds inform us that children are to be "brought up in the spirit of the ideals enshrined in the

Charter of the United Nations." Shortly after the Bolshevik Revolution, Soviet educators were told: "We must remove the children from the crude influence of their families..." Professor of psychiatry Dr. Jack Westman, in a new book, calls for licensing of parents. He says children have a moral right to competent parents and that those who cannot be competent parents need relief from the responsibilities of parenting by terminating their parental rights" (11/28 New Amer.). A judge who wrote the foreword to this book says: "The child has a right to be brought up by his or her parents, but he or she also has the right to be placed in an alternate family setting should this be necessary." The state would decide when it would be necessary.

PROMISE KEEPERS IS DANGEROUS—A total of 233,600 men attended six Promise Keeper conferences in 1994. Every man who attended the 1993 PK convention in Boulder, CO received a copy of The Masculine Journey by Robert Hicks. This book is filled with Freudian and Jungian myths and fables of psychology. Hicks mixes these with his own personal experience of what it means to be a man, and with the Bible. He says: "The Bible simply defines manhood by the phallus." He identifies Jesus as being very much phallic, a "regular guy" and "sexually tempted as men are." Promise Keepers continues to endorse this blasphemous book, and made it available at the 1994 summer conferences. [Most of the above came from an Expanded Promise Keepers Warning Package by Martin and Deidre Bobgan and is available for \$10 from PsychoHeresy Awareness Ministries, 4137 Primavera Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93110. It includes two tapes, a large booklet, and a Media Spotlight Special Report. The burgeoning PK movement is not going away anytime soon so we best be informed of its dangers. It promotes psychoheresy and ecumenicism, and features charismatics and "Christian Rock" music.

PREACHER KILLER A SATANIST OR DERANGED MURDERER?—Eileen Janezic was found guilty Oct. 27 of the Aug. 1993 murder of a Huntsville charismatic pastor. Her life sentence was postponed for 90 days of treatment/observation in a mental institution. She was an avowed Satan worshiper who allegedly shot the pastor to prove herself worthy of Satan's love. She was diagnosed with mental problems.

FOCUS ON MORMONISM—Mormonism is based on fairy tales. It teaches that God is an exalted man, and that Jesus is the spirit-brother of Lucifer. Last June Howard Hunter, 86, replaced Ezra Taft Benson (who died at 94) as president/prophet. Mormons boast of a superior morality, but in 1988 Utah's divorce rate topped California's. Yuppie Massachusetts' divorce rate is 2.8 per thousand, and Utah's is 5.1 per thousand. Mormon feminist Janice Allred authored an essay called "Toward a Mormon Theology of God the Mother" where she contends there is a "heavenly mother" who is God's partner. Her local church board has put her on probation and told her to keep such ideas quiet. Question for Mormons: "If Mormon families will live together forever, where will the in-laws be?"

CEDARVILLE TEAM HELPS ECUMENICAL HABITAT—Cedarville College is a GARBC-approved school and continues to collaborate with New Evangelicals. It has invited speakers such as Vernon Grounds, Warren Wiersbe, and John MacArthur to its campus, and last summer its engineering team was to assist a new-evangelical organization in Liberia (see 6/15 CC). The Spring '94 Cedarville Torch said: "Working with Habitat for Humanity, a 22-member Cedarville team constructed homes in Mexico City [during spring break]." The ecumenical Habitat's goal, according to founder Millard Fuller is to "completely eliminate poverty housing and homelessness" and to unite all religions. (9/26 Chr. News). "Shouldest thou help the ungodly...? 2 Chr. 19:2

FOCUS ON THE POPE—Pope John Paul II's October trip to the U.S. was canceled due to his broken leg problem. But a Rome clinic medical official questions the Pope's mental health, and said he believes John Paul is psychologically troubled. Meanwhile the Pope's new book, the first ever published by a pope, is a best seller in Italy. In it he says "the Catholic Church knows that it has received the fullness of the means of salvation..." (10/31 C.News). The Pope in Nov. said the Catholic Church must mark the year 2000 by confessing its sins (including violence) over the past 2,000 years. His 71-page letter suggested that richer nations substantially reduce, if not cancel, international debts of Third World nations (11/15 Houston Chron.). The Pope proposes joint meetings of Christians, Jews and Muslims in the Holy Land to prepare for the celebration of the Third Millennium. He has often said that Muslims, Jews, and other non-Christians worship the true God and can get to heaven without a saving knowledge of

Christ.

TIM LEE'S SECONDARY SEPARATION THEOLOGIAN—As noted in the 10/15 CC, Dr. Tim Lee's 8/94 Target paper had a long article by Andrew Sandlin which sought to refute "secondary separation" teachings and practices of biblical fundamentalists. Sandlin in the 11/94 Chalcedon Report says: "I am the founder and moderator of the Reconstructionist Society of Ohio (RSO)..." He adds: "[T]hough the leadership of the RSO is heartily postmillennial, we allow premills and amills to join as long as they hold that the church's task and destiny is to exercise dominion in the earth." Christian Reconstruction patriarch R.J. Rushdoony in a 3/88 letter said "[Our objective is] nothing less than the re-Christianizing of America." The unscriptural teachings of those who refuse to practice "secondary (Biblical) separation" lead to sundry compromises and "bridge-building" to apostasy.

TEDS PROF. MURRAY HARRIS & RESURRECTION—A major controversy has raged over the doctrine of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School's Prof. Murray Harris (see 6/1/93 CC). He earlier this year "clarified" his confusing/heretical views on the resurrection. But as Dr. Norman Geisler says, a change from "nonfleshly" to "flesh" is clearly more than a clarification (5/2 CN). But TEDS denominational leaders (Evangelical Free Church) and Christianity Today had pronounced his earlier views "orthodox." So, will Harris, Chr. Today, and EFCA all acknowledge that they all erred in calling Harris's former views "orthodox," or has Harris's views really changed?

VATICAN BARS NRSV—After U.S. Catholic bishops had approved it, the Vatican in Nov. barred the use of the NCC's gender-neutral New Revised Standard Version "Bible" in Catholic liturgy.

ACCC RESOLUTION: SECONDARY SEPARATION—Whereas Tim Lee and Jerry Falwell in recent years have embarked on a course of "bridge-building" to Southern Baptists and to other New Evangelicals who are linked with apostates; and So. Baptists, in turn, are themselves also "bridge-builders" to Roman Catholics, since at their June 1994 convention in Orlando they endorsed the Colson/ Neuhaus pact signed last March by New Evangelical and Catholic leaders; and New Evangelicals come under the wrath of God for their unequal yoke with unbelievers, as did Jehoshaphat (2 Chr. 19:2); and Drs. Lee and Falwell erroneously argue that because So. Baptist conservative leaders are our "brethren," to separate from them would be "secondary separation" and wrong; and Lee and Falwell say that "secondary separation" is a recent phenomenon, overlooking the fact that it is rooted in Scripture (e.g., 2 Th. 3:6, 14) and has long been practiced by true Fundamentalists; and C.H. Spurgeon said, "That I might not stultify my testimony I have cut myself clear of those who err from the faith, and even from those who associate with them"; and we too must separate from apostasy and also from brethren who help finance and promote it, even though New Evangelicals and pseudo-Fundamentalists today call the latter "secondary separation" and thus do not practice it; Be It, Therefore, Resolved that we, the American Council of Christian Churches...affirm our unwavering stand for consistent, total separation (including "secondary"); and it is our conviction that those who indirectly help our Lord's enemies are traitors in the battle for truth; and we urge true Fundamentalists to recognize that those who decry "secondary separation" are usually enemies of biblical separation in general and distort its meaning in order to justify their compromise; and that we exhort all true Fundamentalists to continue to practice true, biblical separation, withdrawing from compromisers while counting them not as personal enemies but admonishing them as brethren.

A CALL TO SEPARATE FROM ROME'S FALSE TEACHINGS—The Bible commands us to separate from false teachings/teachers and to contend earnestly for the faith. It sets forth the principle that there can be no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but that it is our duty to reprove such works. The Church of Rome is the synagogue of the false Christ because it has given its allegiance to its popes and withdrawn its loyalty and allegiance to Jesus Christ. It has just published its new catechism which reinforces all the abominations and idolatries of the evil and satanic teaching formulated by the Council of Trent. The Roman Church has reiterated its belief that its priests have the power to turn the wafer in the ceremonial Mass into the actual body of Christ and the wine into the actual blood of Christ, and has the power to offer them again as a sacrifice for the propitiation of the sins of both the living and the dead. We repudiate and denounce so-called evangelicals and Protestant leaders such as the following

who have forged new links with Rome: Bill Bright (Campus Crusade), Charles Colson, J.I. Packer, Pat Robertson, and Southern Baptist officials Richard Land and Larry Lewis. Billy Graham, a near living idol to many evangelicals, more than any other single person is responsible for leading the evangelical community into a cozy relationship with the Church of Rome. [Adapted from a 10/94 resolution of the 21st Annual Congress of Fundamentalists, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, Va., signed by Drs. Rod Bell, J.B. Williams, Ian Paisley, et al.]

MACHEN AN ANOMALY—J. Gresham Machen left Princeton and began Westminster Seminary in Philadelphia in 1929 and founded the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in 1936. Two of his famous quotes serve to indict the ecumenical evangelism of Billy Graham and Luis Palau in our day: "There can be no true evangelism which makes common cause with the enemies of the Cross of Christ.", and, "The worst sin today is to say that you agree with the Christian faith and believe the Bible, but then make common cause with those who deny the basic facts of Christianity." The first critical biography of Machen (by D.G. Hart) is reviewed in the 10/22 World and the 11/14 Chr. Today. From these we learn that Machen was a bundle of "anomalies": a conservative intellectual who opposed modernism for social reasons as much as religious ones; an unlikely ally of secular modernists such as Walter Lippmann and H.L. Mencken; and a libertarian anti-prohibitionist who voted for Al Smith. He was said to be largely indifferent to the debates over evolution and inerrancy.

KING'S COLLEGE TO CLOSE—The King's College, founded by radio evangelist Percy Crawford and long led by Robert A. Cook, has been ordered by the state of New York to close on Dec. 30 due to financial problems and an insufficient number of qualified faculty (11/14 CT). Alumni and church support started declining over a decade ago when a small group of disgruntled teachers started leading King's down a liberal path (12/ 13/93 CT). More recently, a few faculty sought to present a pro-choice position on abortion and acceptance of homosexuality as an evangelical lifestyle. New President F.K. Radandt who came in 1985 could not solve the inherited problems.

NO FUNDING FOR NON-CATHOLICS—A Canadian appeals court ruled July 6 that an education policy of granting public funding to Roman Catholic schools while denying similar funds to Jewish and Protestant is not a violation of the Canadian Constitution (10/94 CWR).

SPURGEON ON FELLOWSHIP—"Where there can be no real spiritual communion there should be no pretense of fellowship. Fellowship with known and vital error is participation in sin."

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GUN CONTROL NONSENSE—Blaming guns for crime is like blaming: 1) matches for forest fires, 2) cameras for pornography, 3) forks for obesity, or, 4) pencils for spelling errors... Gun control is unconstitutional and is not the answer to our crime problem. Criminals are to blame for crime.

TOBACCO A DEADLY DRUG—Per a recent study, when you burn tobacco, you release 4,000 chemicals. Tobacco is known to be lethal when used as intended. Smoking is the main cause of preventable death and kills 419,000 people in the U.S. each year. It kills 53,000 involuntary users. Our 46 million smokers endanger the lives of over 200 million nonsmokers. Those who choose to smoke should not be subsidized by those who do not. Our government in effect pays farmers to kill fellow citizens.

HAITI: ARISTIDE, VODOO, SOCIALISM—Haitians joke that they are 80 percent Catholic, 20 percent Protestant and 100 percent voodoo(10/14 HT). Voodoo's core feature is a trance where a worshiper is possessed by one of some 700 spirits during a frenzied drum-and-dance ceremony. Aristide is a deposed Catholic priest who has never criticized voodoo. The 10/17 New American calls him a "Marxist anti-American terrorist demagogue, of dubious sanity, whose heroes include communists 'Che' Guevara and Salvador Allende." The 10/1 World calls Aristide "an unapologetic liberation theologian" who "praises necklacing." He may fit well with our mad rush to a socialist New World Order.

EUTHANASIA: HEALTH CARE RATIONING BY DEATH—Euthanasia is legal in the Netherlands. This sometimes amounts to "mercy killing" by state-controlled doctors "for the good of society." The 10/3 New American says: "In the socialist Netherlands today, under Dutch euthanasia statutes, from 10,000 to 12,000 persons are put to death annually--most of them, we are assured, with their own consent." Those who do not consent? Under socialized medicine it becomes imperative to do away with the most costly: the terminally ill, the elderly, the handicapped, etc. About 80 percent of Dutch family doctors participate in euthanasia- -or government "health care" rationing by death.

CAMPUS BINGE DRINKING EPIDEMIC—The percentage of college women who drink to get drunk has more than tripled in the past 15 years, from 10 percent to 35 percent. Binge drinking causes most of the violent crime on campuses. Ninety percent of campus rapes occur when either the assailant, the victim or both used alcohol. Alcohol directly causes about 100,000 deaths in the U.S. each year. Drunk driving kills 25,000 annually. Alcohol is a factor in

half the murders, perhaps a third of the suicides, and most divorces in America each year (10/94 Light) .It is also a contributing factor in 9 out of 10 unwanted pregnancies. In any amount, it kills cells in every organ of the body.

COUNTRY MUSIC DEGENERACY—Over the past few decades we have seen the disappearance of the wholesome, meaningful songs we once knew as “Country and Western.” Today, for the most part, Country Music is an updated “tears in my beer” type of moral infidelity, broken marriages, love affairs, as was long the norm for honky-tonk jukeboxes. Now, there’s a new “his and hers” divorce album singing the glories of divorce (Dr. J. Royce Thomason, 10/94 VoiceInTheW.). Gone are love songs such as “You Are My Sunshine,” and songs about a satisfied mind, home on the range, happy homes, etc. Most of today’s music reflects the perversion, lawlessness, and blasphemy of our decadent society (see 10/1/89 CC). What passes as Country today is often hardly distinguishable from Rock.

MORE TV, MORE CRIME—A quarter century of R-rated films and raunchy lyrics intent on showing how people really talk has affected the way people really talk- - for the worse (6/27 USN & WR). Blasphemy and obscenity have increased. After World War II and the advent of TV, homicide rates have steadily and sharply increased. Evidence indicates that if television technology had never been developed there would today be 10,000 fewer homicides each year in the U.S., 70,000 fewer rapes, and 700,000 fewer injurious assaults. Violent crime would be half what it is (5/31 Wall St. J.).

GARBC CHURCH AFFIRMS ‘PROMISE KEEPERS’—Pastor Russell Moir in a 9/14 letter says; “On the whole, the senior staff and elder board of Blackhawk Baptist Church are affirming the Promise Keepers movement. We are seeing hundreds of our men involved in this ministry and are thankful for the impact it is having on their life. We are, however, keeping our eyes open to the possibility of an ecumenical agenda. As it stands today, we’re willing to participate with this ministry...” Promise Keepers is clearly ecumenical and admits it. Dr. Norman Pyle (10/10 CVN) says: “...Promise #6 says in effect that we should ignore doctrinal differences. That is wrong and is typical of evangelical compromise. It allows for all kinds of charismatic and psycho-spiritual experiences....”

DR. PICKERING'S NEW BOOK ON NEW EVANGELICALISM—Dr. Ernest Pickering is Deputation Director for Baptist World Mission and is the author of Biblical Separation and numerous other works. He has a new 184-page book, **THE TRAGEDY OF COMPROMISE: The Origin and Impact of New Evangelicalism**, published by Bob Jones University Press. It deals with the history and principles of new evangelicalism and its widespread impact upon schools, mission agencies and churches. It is available from BJU Press, Greenville, SC 29614 (\$9.95+shipping/handling). We commend BJU for giving us two much-needed books on separation/new evangelicalism this fall- -this one, plus Dr. Fred Moritz’s book (reviewed in the 9/15 CC). Since these subjects are not that popular, money could hardly be the motive.

FOOLISH DATE-SETTING FAILS AGAIN—September came and went with no Rapture, as Family Radio chief Harold Camping had predicted. (6/1 CC). He “wrongly divided” the Word of Truth, and left himself vulnerable to being called a false prophet. He also believes that Satan is the Antichrist, and says the end of the world and Rapture will occur simultaneously 7-8/94 Foundation). Camping is deceived and is misleading others. Be warned, be wise, beware!

DR. SCHULLER & FRIENDS—Robert Schuller is a universalist. He does not believe that Christ is the only way to heaven. He defines sin as the loss of self-esteem (1/24 Chr. News), or “lack of faith in yourself.” He declares that Christ endured the cross to sanctify His and our self-esteem. With his “possibility thinking” he is called “the Norman Vincent Peale of the West Coast.” He heads the ecumenical Churches Uniting in Global Mission (CUGM). Schuller in 1987 said it is time for Protestants to go home to Rome. He went to Rome to get the Pope’s blessing before building his Crystal Cathedral (9/15/90 CC). Yet with all this, W.A. Criswell, Billy Graham and other new evangelicals praise him. Bill Hybels, InterVarsity’s Stephen Hayner, and charismatics Jack Hayford and John Wimber speak at Schuller conferences. Minirth-Meier Clinic’s Henry Cloud was scheduled to be on Schuller’s Hour of Power TV show last year. (0 Tim.).Speakers for Schuller’s Jan. 30-Feb. 3, 1995 conference include charismatic/occultist David

Cho, Walt Kallestad (of liberal ELCA), Lyle Schaller, John Wimber, and Bill Hybels. Hybels often speaks at Moody Bible Institute.

REVIEW OF McLACHLAN BOOK ON FUNDAMENTALISM—Dr. J. B. Williams in the Fall 1994 Frontline reviews Dr. Douglas McLachlan's 1993 book, *Reclaiming Authentic Fundamentalism*. Dr. Williams first praises Dr. McLachlan's scholarly credentials, then says "the book omits several key issues facing Fundamentalism and leaves some lingering questions." 1) From whom must Fundamentalism be reclaimed? 2) The book fails to address the "King James Version 'only' problem. 3) Its bibliography has few non-New-Evangelical writings. 4) The book does not recognize the first generation of Fundamentalists who fought for the truth, and fails to challenge the current generation to pass a strong legacy on to the next--to defend the faith at any cost. Dr. Williams says these third generation Fundamentalists take a "kinder and gentler" approach, but says the worst thing that could happen to Fundamentalism is for its leadership to fall into the hands of men who will not fight for the truth. [Dr. Don Jasmin in his *Fundamentalist Digest* says most of McLachlan's quotations are from new evangelicals and liberals.]

DR. BOB JONES: 'HOW CAN DEFENDERS NOT FIGHT?' — "....For seventy years I have found great joy in labeling [apostates and deniers of God's truth], exposing them and calling them what the Bible calls them. I have no intention of denying myself that pleasure now. I may be an old man but I am not going to leave all of the fighting to younger men as long as I have a voice to cry out. In fact, when I see how some of the younger men who are supposedly in the ranks of Fundamentalism have softened, I think I will need to cry louder. Perhaps it is because of this weakness among some of the young men that God has left a few of us older fighters around this long. At least we are an embarrassment to those who have not learned that you cannot preserve truth without fighting for it...." (Fall '94, *Frontline Magazine*).

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JEWS, EVANGELICALS TO MEET—Coming on the heels of a highly publicized dispute between the ADL (Anti-Defamation League) and Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition, Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein is organizing an Evangelical-Jewish Leadership Congress in Washington for late this year. He says "there is common ground even on moral values between evangelicals and Jews which hasn't been discerned yet." (10/10 Chr.News). Confirmed participants include Jewish leaders, Jerry Falwell, and Christian Coalition's Ralph Reed.

FBF RESOLUTION ON THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION—The Fundamental Baptist Fellowship condemns in the strongest terms the callous disregard of the Clinton administration to the Biblical position on abortion, homosexuality, and righteousness...We believe that this attitude hastens the judgment of Almighty God on a wicked

and sinful Nation. We believe that these sins must be condemned publicly from our pulpits.

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JOHN TODD GOES BACK TO WITCHCRAFT—In the late 1970s John Todd deceived some fundamentalists and evangelicals with his sensational claims of being a former witch, Illuminati member, etc. The 9/12 Christian News reports that Todd today is serving a 300-year prison sentence for rape in Columbia, SC. It says Todd is divorced, and today disavows all Christianity. He has realigned with Wicca, a school of witchcraft and magic, and is a Wiccan spokesman in the prison. Jack Chick, with his comic books, promoted Todd, and Chick publications still stands behind its comic books.

ACLU, WHERE ARE YOU?—It can be dangerous for churches to become entangled in politics. But if it is wrong for conservatives, it should be equally wrong for liberals. Church-state watchdogs such as the American Civil Liberties Union (a misnomer) can look the other way when Pres. Clinton pushes his liberal politics from a church pulpit. A most recent case in point was when he delivered a 15-minute sermon promoting his bad crime bill from the pulpit of the Full Gospel AME Zion Church in Maryland. He noted his role as a government official is a ministry of God, and asked them to pray for Congress and "ask us not to turn away from our ministry." (8/27 World). Dr. Hugh Pyle asks (9/23 Sword): "Where is the ACLU when Pres. Clinton goes into black pulpits to preach his politics of liberalism? Does the government revoke the tax exempt status of such churches?"

AT&T, MCI, SPRINT, OR LIFELINE?—Don Wildmon's 8/94 AFA Journal says: "If you are an AT&T customer, you are helping to promote homosexuality in America." The 10/3 Christianity Today agrees that AT&T gives money to homosexual-rights groups and sponsors immoral TV programs, but says MCI and Sprint support abortion-rights organizations and provide 900 numbers for the "phone sex" industry. Wildmon is pushing Lifeline Long Distance Service which gives "10% of your long distance billing" to his American Family Association. His AFA Journal is a good source for being informed on moral issues, but he is a United Methodist (NCC/WCC member) minister who has welcomed Catholic and liberal-denom leaders into his ecumenical AFA, and has praised them as "Christian leaders."

RADICAL CAMPOLO SPOKE AT SBC CONFERENCE—Tony Campolo's wife promotes homosexual weddings (9/26 Chr. News), and he defends homosexuality. Rick Miesel says Campolo is "a theological liberal, a New Age pantheist, and a radical political socialist whose teachings are heretical at best and blasphemous at worst." Yet he spoke at the 6/94 Southern Baptist Convention's Religious Education Association annual meeting in Orlando (6/21 IB). SBC churches regularly use his videos for Sunday School and Bible studies, and promote his books. The 5/6 Liberty Flame said: "For those who are horrified with Campolo's continuing assaults on historic Christian beliefs

regarding issues such as homosexuality, a literal six-day creation, the rights of animals, population control and radical feminism, the obvious question is this, how can this man continue to be welcomed in circles where his views should be considered anathema?" Youth For Christ sponsored him as a speaker at the DC/LA conference (5/16 CT). He is a "good friend of Pres. Clinton (See 5/15 CC).

McDOWELL PROMOTES 'CHARISMATIC ROCK'—Josh McDowell is a product of the charismatic Campus Crusade. He preaches the humanistic gospel of self-love/self-esteem, and supports this hedonism with a paraphrase from the unreliable Living Bible (Eph. 1:18): "I want you to realize that God has been made rich because we who are Christ's have been given to Him". McDowell sometimes co-speaks with socialist, radical, homosexual sympathizer Tony Campolo at "religious rock" concerts around the U.S. He says of "Christian" rock band, Petra: "I've never worked with people more godly than the guys in Petra." A Josh McDowell Ministries-sponsored "Christian" rock party was held in the First Baptist (GARBC) church in Stanton, Mich.(3/6/93). It was attended by over 1,300 teens, and included dancing and lewd behavior. An observer reported that the music was so loud it hurt to breathe, and it "was just like any other rock concert." [This was from a paper by Miles Stanford. It and other materials are available from him at: 840 Vindicator Dr., #111, Colo. Springs, CO 80919]

PROCTOR & GAMBLE RUMOR—The 9/94 Chr. World Report says Proctor & Gamble is again victimized by a false rumor that its president appeared on Phil Donahue's show March 1 saying he is linked with the Church of Satan. This rumor surfaces each year for the past several years. It is always dated March 1, current year, with a list of P & G products to boycott. P&G appears innocent on this score, but the 9/94 AFA Journal says P&G is the leading advertiser on pro-homosexual TV programs.

BOOKLET TO CONSIDER—Dr. Cathy Burns has a new booklet, "Astrology & Your Future." Send \$1.00 for this, and request a list of other books/booklets: Sharing, 212-S E. 7th St., Mt. Carmel, PA 17851.

BIG SBF CHURCH CO-HOSTS SMALLEY SEMINAR AT NEW EVANGELICAL CHURCH—Dr. Bradley Price succeeded Dr. Jack Hudson as pastor of Northside Baptist Church (Charlotte) in 1990. He has had Jerry Falwell, Southern Baptist, and other new-evangelical speakers (see 4/1/91 CC). This large church has hosted Southwide Baptist Fellowship meetings as it also did this year (Oct. 3-5). The 9-10/94 Northside News said: "Northside is joining with Calvary Church to co-host [a Gary Smalley] seminar, which will be held at Calvary Church" Sept. 23-24. Dave Hunt (2/89 CIB) referred to a Smalley speech as "humanistic nonsense." Al Dager (1989 Media Spotlight), Martin & Deidre Bobgan, and Rick Miesel have warned of Smalley's flawed theology and psychobabble. It is sad to see Northside Baptist, the 1994 SBF host church, yoked up with Calvary Church, a new evangelical mega-church where Billy Graham sometimes speaks, to co-sponsor a Gary Smalley seminar. Calvary had a "Billy Graham Christian Life & Witness Seminar" Sept. 25 (9/24 Charlotte Observer). Tim Lee, "bridge-builder to Southern Baptists," was listed to speak at Northside Oct. 2, the day before the SBF meetings. The SBF has long had a close relationship with Tennessee Temple University. Both now sadly seem largely lost to new evangelicalism.

TIM LEE'S 'THEOLOGIAN' IS A RECONSTRUCTIONIST—Dr. Tim Lee's 8/94 Target paper carried a long article by Andrew Sandlin which attempted to refute "Secondary Separation" [Biblical separation] teachings and practices of fundamentalists. Sandlin said many good things in a kind way, but concluded that the Bible does not require "separation from Christians who disobey Scripture by associating with apostates." We strongly disagree with this clearly unscriptural conclusion which forms the basis for so much of today's "bridge-building" compromises with Southern Baptists, etc., as now practiced by Lee and others. We were rather surprised to learn that Lee turned to a Reconstructionist such as Sandlin for counsel on matters pertaining to fundamentalism. Sandlin wrote an article in R. J. Rushdoony's 7/94 Chalcedon Report, entitled, "A Reconstruction Manifesto" where Sandlin is identified as "pastor of Church of the WORD, Painesville, Ohio, an orthodox, Reformed congregation; founding member of the Association of Free Reformed Churches; moderator of the Reconstructionist Society of Ohio; and associate editor of Calvinism Today."

DAVID RING SPEAKS WITH CHARISMATICS—The 10/94 Charisma says David Ring is to speak, along with Rich Wilkerson and others, at "Winterfest '95," a youth retreat at the Church of God (Cleveland, Tenn.). The Church of God has become increasingly charismatic in recent years (See 6/87 Charisma). Ring is a Southern Baptist who often pulpit-shares with Dr. Tim Lee.

DALLAS SOLIDLY IN NEW EVANGELICAL ORBIT—The inauguration of Dr. Charles Swindoll as Dallas Seminary's fourth president is set for Oct. 27 at Prestonwood Baptist Church (SBC) in Dallas. The next day includes a general conference featuring such speakers as James Dobson, Stuart Briscoe, and the pro-Catholic Templeton Prize recipient Charles Colson. The following day Swindoll is to speak at a Promise Keepers conference (PK is ecumenical). He was listed in Dallas's Kindred Spirit paper as speaking at Moody Memorial Church and Bill Hybels' Willow Creek Community Church in September. Faculty Fall itineraries include Campus Crusade, Word of Life, Southern and American Baptist churches.

GRAHAM SAYS SIN OF HOMOSEXUALITY 'NOT THAT BIG'—Billy Graham was asked about abortion and gay rights in a recent TV Guide interview. He said: "I don't get involved in the abortion thing. I agree with the Pope...But I just don't take extreme positions...I think homosexuality is a sin, but no greater than idolatry or adultery. In my judgment it's not that big." The 9/12 Christian News article quoting the above said: "...God takes extreme positions on sin and its consequences, and so must the preacher of His Word. In fact, sodomy was such a 'big sin' in God's eyes that He wiped out an entire people, Sodom and Gomorrah, because they did not consider that sin all that big to repent from..."

DOBSON COMMENTS ON AIDS, SELF-ESTEEM—Dr. James Dobson in the 10/94 Focus on the Family says he doesn't think AIDS is God's plague sent to punish homosexuals and other promiscuous people "because little babies and others who bear no responsibility are also suffering." But, the latter didn't keep God from destroying Sodom and Gomorrah.*** Answering another question, Dr. Dobson said "...[S]ome things in life are more important than academic excellence, and self-esteem is one of them." He said if a child doesn't have some measure of self-confidence and personal respect, he won't have a chance in life. Dobson, Schuller, and other "psychoheretics" say we should "esteem" (love) ourselves. But the Bible does not teach self-love, but warns against it (2 Tim. 3:2), and teaches us to focus our esteem on others. (Phil. 2:3-4).

GRAHAM CONFERENCE—The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and 40 denominations and organizations sponsored a North American Conference for Itinerant Evangelists in Louisville, Ky. in July. Ecumenical plenary speakers included: Luis Palau, pro-Catholic Chuck Colson, E.V. Hill, and Billy Graham. Graham said he believes the U.S. is positioned at the center of a sweeping spiritual revival (10/94 Charisma). But conference speaker and church growth expert Lewis Drummond said 50 percent of people who make public decisions for Christ in North America "show no fruit of the Spirit" and cannot be found six months after the evangelistic effort.

TIPPIT A CHARISMATIC WHO SAYS HE ISN'T—Evang. Sammy Tippit shuns the charismatic label, and has acquired a reputation as a bridge-builder, bringing charismatic and non-charismatic groups together. He says he has "never been afraid of charismatics," has cast out demons, and has had several charismatic experiences (10/94 Charisma). He says he has received three distinctly charismatic gifts, including healing, and words of knowledge. In private, he received the gift of tongues which he said "blessed me in my own devotion and praise to God." Billy Graham is his evangelistic inspiration. Tippit's "God's Love in Action" ministry has led him to preach in about 40 countries, including Soviet ones.

MORE ABS APOSTASY—The American Bible Society gave us the unreliable "Good News Bible" and other polluted versions. Its 2/94 Record reveals further apostasy: "Anton Metelko...is the only one in the ABS office in Ljubljana, Slovenia, which opened Sep. 1. He spends most of his time on correspondence with the United Bible Societies, working on a Bible Society Constitution and the...registration of the national Bible Society...[He] reports to an advisory committee of 11 people who represent all the main churches, including the Roman Catholics, Seventh

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ANDRAE CROUCH SERVES TWO MASTERS?—Andrae Crouch was soul-gospel artist of the year in the 1970s. Then in 1982 he was arrested on drug charges (he "explained" this away). He has appeared on many TV variety shows, including Johnny Carson and Saturday Night Live. But he is also popular in CCM circles. The 8/13 World says of his new album: The songs "mix reggae, calypso, and African rhythms respectively...." The article said: "In the nine years since his last album, Mr. Crouch and his choir have popped up on everything from albums by Michael Jackson and Madonna to the soundtrack of The Lion King....[T]he Crouch choir provided vocals for Madonna's song, 'Like a Prayer'...."

DISNEY IS DANGEROUS—An estimated 10 million people visit Disney World every year (only 4 million visit Grand Canyon). The 9/94 Moody has a mild warning against Disney World. For many years we have warned against Disney's alarming shift in values (see 1/1/90, 2/15/91, 7/1/94 CCs). Disney's Touchtone Films has produced raunchy "adult" movies. Disney has helped promote the homosexual agenda, and occultic practices. Its latest box-office hit, The Lion King, features violence and tribal magic, and has "pantheistic elements" in its music (7/2 World). Be warned, be wise, beware!

U.S. LOBBIED TO FORCE ABORTION ON WORLD—Concerning the recent U.N. population-control conference in Cairo, a 9/19 U.S. News article said: "In March, a State Department 'action cable' instructed all U.S. embassies to tell their host governments: 'The U.S. believes that access to safe, legal and voluntary abortion is a fundamental right of all women....' Since abortion is a fundamental right nowhere outside North America, this amounted to an attempt to impose the ideological structure of Roe v. Wade on the rest of the world." A Guatemalan government minister said: "If I don't go along on abortion, there goes all my aid money." Someone else asked: "Is the U.S. trying to impose American feminist ideology on a resistant Third World?" (9/10 World). A major theme of the conference's draft plan was that giving women equality is the best way to slow population growth. Really, the "overpopulation" problem is a myth. The "world, during its least populous eras, suffered most from hunger and famine." (9/5 New Amer.). Socialistic statist controls is the problem.

BOBGANS HAVE A NEW BOOK—For years Martin and Deidre Bobgan have warned against psychotherapies and their underlying psychologies and those who have psychologized the faith. Now, in a new book, Against Biblical Counseling: For The Bible, they criticize popular "biblical counselors" of our day who propose biblical counseling as an alternative to psychological counseling. Send \$12 (postpaid) for this much-needed book to EastGate Publishers,

4137 Primavera Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93110

TBN AT HOME IN ROME—Paul and Jan Crouch's Trinity Broadcasting Network is now on the air in Rome. Their 9/94 paper says: "Praise the Lord! Pope John Paul II can now see, not only many of the TBN programs, but also, some of the special Catholic programs and guests that appear quite often. We will send the special coverage we did of the Pope's recent visit to Denver - Plus great programs with Fr. Rick Thomas, Fr. Ralph DeOrio, who has a great healing ministry, as well as our regular program, ALIVE, hosted by Fr. Michael Manning. Jan will want to show her heart's desire meeting with Mother Teresa and...a new series with Fr. Ricardo Castellanos, our wonderful Spirit-filled brother in Miami who moves and operates in the precious gifts of the Spirit! Wow! The body of Christ IS coming TOGETHER as we all move closer to Jesus!" Charismatics are deceiving, and being deceived.

ELLUL DIES AT 82—Liberal French theologian Jacques Ellul died May 19 at his home in Pessac, France. He had praised Karl Marx, and allowed for the option of a "Christian socialism and broad Christianity without a clear conversion experience." (5/88 BB). As a universalist, he said: "It is unthinkable that there should exist a place of suffering of torment of the damnation of evil.... Being love, God cannot send to Hell the creation He loved so much that He gave His only Son for it." (10/22/93 Sword). He said, "All are saved, but only those who hear the Gospel know it."

PERSONAL UPDATE—Corrective therapy for the CC editor's broken left leg is winding down and it is winding up an inch or two shorter than the right leg. I was promoted from a walker to a cane in early August and am now walking (limping) some without either. There is still a spot and some minor clutter in my left eye which slightly hampers my vision. My 80-year-old mother went to be with the Lord Sept. 1, after an earlier severe stroke. She had had several "mini" strokes in recent years. My boyhood family of five was reduced to four in June 1993 when my father died, to three May 1994 when my sister died, and is now down to two. I spoke at Mom's funeral (in Miss.) and gave a lengthy gospel presentation. Pray that this will bear fruit among unsaved relatives and friends.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST WOMAN PROF RESIGNS UNDER FIRE—Molly Marshall, the first woman to teach theology at an SBC seminary, has resigned her tenured post at Southern Seminary effective Dec. 31. She would have faced a formal dismissal process had she not resigned (8/30 Ind. Bapt.). The charges would have centered on her "failure to relate constructively" to the SBC, and alleged deviation from seminary positions on such issues as atonement, universalism, God, the Bible and women preachers (8/27 HT). She was popular with students, but some had complained that her teaching fell outside the parameters of the Seminary's statement of faith (Abstract of Principles).

DALLAS PROF PRAISES BARTH—Dallas Seminary Assistant Prof. of New Testament studies Daniel B. Wallace, a "former" charismatic, writes in the 9/12 Christianity Today: "One of the chief legacies Karl Barth left behind was his strong Christocentric focus. It is a shame that too many of us have reacted so strongly to Barth, for in our zeal to show the deficiencies of his doctrine of Scripture, we have become bibliolaters....Barth and Calvin share a warmth, a piety, a devotion, an awe in the presence of God that is lacking in too many theological tomes generated from our circles." Barth was a modernist, the founding father of Neo-orthodoxy.

TO WHERE HAS TASSELL LED THE GARBC?—Dr. Paul Tassell, in his final report as the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches National Representative, said he has fought a good fight and is still a faithful fundamentalist. We sympathize with his battle against Parkinson's disease which caused his untimely resignation. The 9/94 Baptist Bulletin carried several letters (tributes). Dr. Warren Wiersbe's was of special interest. He said Tassell was "an ideal 'bridge builder' at a time when that's what the GARBC needed the most." We agree with the "bridge builder" label, but disagree with the rest. We believe that what the GARBC has needed more than a bridge builder was a leader who would hold the line against compromise, one who would not invite ecumenicals like Wiersbe to speak at its convention as Wiersbe is scheduled to do next June. [Lehman Strauss and Wendell Kempton(ABWE) spoke at this year's convention, and the 9/94 BB has a big ad promoting a meeting where John

MacArthur is a main speaker!] Tassell says he is still a pre-trib dispensationalist and still opposes the charismatic movement. He lists this as evidence that he has "kept the faith" and "not faltered." But, as in the past (2/15/89 CC), he does not warn against possibly the deadliest of all isms, new evangelicalism. Tassell has praised new evangelicals and has led the GARBC further from its historic separatist stance. [For more evidence of this, send \$4.95 to: Bethel Baptist Press, 754 E. Rockhill Rd., Sellersville, PA 18960 for the book, "Whatever Happened to the GARBC...?"]

FOSTER DRAWS MATERIAL FROM CATHOLIC MYSTICS—Richard Foster, founder and president of Renovare (see 2/1 CC), has a Quaker heritage. The Spring 1994 Mainstream (England) comments on Foster's book, entitled Prayer, thusly: "[Foster] draws his material from the Catholic mystics, quoting sources such as Julian of Norwich, Thomas Merton, Bernard of Clairvaux, Madame Guyon and...Teresa of Avila. He even draws from St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits..." Denver Seminary (CBA) professors, meeting with Dave Hunt in 1990, admitted to possibly being overzealous in promoting books by Foster and other mysticism advocates. (9/15/90 CC).

MacARTHUR STILL WELCOMED BY IFCA, GARBC LEADERS—Popular author and speaker Dr. John MacArthur has caused considerable confusion and division in fundamental and evangelical circles in recent years, primarily by his unscriptural/confusing teachings on Christ's blood and eternal sonship and on justification/sanctification doctrines. His stance on separation is that of a new evangelical. Rick Miesel has a 25-page documented report detailing the dangerous psychological teachings of MacArthur and others affiliated with the Master's Fellowship (send \$2 to: BDM, P.O. Box 6154, Bloomington, IN 47407). Yet, a full-page ad for MacArthur's Master's Seminary appears in each issue of the IFCA's Voice magazine. MacArthur almost five years ago met with and praised a leader of the official registered church in Russia. (6/1/90 CC). IFCA's National Executive Director Dr. Richard Gregory in the 5-6/94 Voice said: "Recently Dr. MacArthur, Dr. Mayhue, and I met with the presidents of Evangelical Baptist Union in Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus...." Several GARBC leaders speak at conferences with Dr. MacArthur.

DR. BOB JONES III TO SPEAK AT ACCC MEETING—The American Council of Christian Churches' 53rd Annual Convention is Oct. 25-27 at Chadds Ford Baptist Church, Chadds Ford, Pa. The theme is, "The Sword and Trowel in Strategic Times." Dr. E. Allen Griffith, ACCC president, will give the keynote address. Other speakers include Rev. Mark Franklin, Drs. John McKnight, Tom Wolfe, Howard Carlson, and Bob Jones III. Panel discussions will feature Drs. L. Duane Brown, Jim Fields, Richard Harris, Morris McDonald, et al. Executive committees of both the World Council of Biblical Churches and the ACCC will meet. Dr. Ralph G. Colas is Exec. Secretary of the ACCC and the WCBC. Rev. David Natale is host pastor.

SOME MISUSE MATT. 18 TO SILENCE 'CONTENDERS'—Why is it that when a "fundamentalist" leader is to speak on a new-evangelical platform, he doesn't seem to mind at all if the new evangelicals publicize the matter in their papers. But, on the other hand, if a fundamentalist paper informs fundamentalists of the scheduled event, he goes ballistic. Just to merely report the engagement can bring a charge of, "You attacked me," or, "You should have followed the Matt. 18:15-17 procedure." But this passage deals with personal offenses, not compromise. And, besides, whose church would you take it to? We do sometimes need to call first, especially when necessary to verify facts. Comments by Jay Adams may help here (see 9/1/92 CC): "Some think that if one Christian differs with the writings or public statements of another Christian on a point of doctrine [e.g., separation], without rancor or any problem between them as persons, he is wrong for stating the differences publicly before going privately to the brother with whom he disagrees. That is a misconception. First of all, there is no unreconciled condition between them; they simply differ. Secondly, therefore, there is no matter of church discipline involved. Thirdly, even if this were a matter of discipline, the first party wrote or spoke publicly--he put it before the church or the world; he did not speak privately. For that reason it is as appropriate for the second brother to write or speak as publicly as the first did in refuting what he thinks is a wrong [action, or] interpretation of the Scriptures and which, therefore, he believes may hurt the church if he doesn't." The propagation of error, and compromising fellowships, require a public warning to the unwary.

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PLANNED PARENTHOOD'S BIG BUCKS FROM ABORTION—Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion factory in America, has launched a \$10-million campaign to persuade Congress to pass legislation to give abortion mandatory coverage in any national health reform plan (7/94 AFA Jrnl). It wants to force taxpayers to fund the cost of unrestricted abortions to any female. PP already operates the biggest abortion clinic network in the U.S. Its over 100 clinics perform 132,000 abortions a year. Of its \$446 million 1992 budget, \$142.3 million came from taxpayer grants (\$124 million in 1991).

IS CLINTON A LIBERAL?—The 7/17 Parade answered thusly: "In his heart, William Jefferson Clinton, our 42nd President, is a liberal activist in the New Deal-Great Society tradition of Franklin D. Roosevelt and Lyndon B. Johnson. Clinton believes that government programs can help cure America's ills through smart social engineering. However, his advisers repeatedly have warned the President that if he strays too far to the left, he risks losing the support of the American public, which is overwhelmingly in the center of the political spectrum. Though personally a liberal activist, Clinton politically is capable of supporting conservative causes when it's pragmatic."

GUNS & BLACK CRIMINALS—The 8/15 Christianity Today said: "In our time gun violence is an almost uniquely American problem, placing the U.S. in a league of its own. In 1990, handguns killed only 22 people in Great Britain, 68 in Canada, and 87 in Japan; in the U.S., 10,567." In the 5/16 National Review, author Jared Taylor says statistics, which create the impression that Americans are more violent than Europeans are excessively skewed by the extremely high rates of violent crimes committed by black Americans ("eight times as high as whites for murder and more than ten times for robbery"). The 7/25 New American cites 1992 FBI figures showing a U.S. murder rate of 9.3, and a robbery rate of 263, per 100,000 population. But the murder rate for U.S. whites was 5.1 per 100,000, while for American blacks it was 43.4 (robbery: 126 vs. 1,343). Taylor concludes that "gun-control advocates propose to disarm all Americans because of violent crimes committed by blacks" and that America "has a high rate of violent crime because it has a large number of violent black criminals." U.S. News quotes a sad statistic that should concern us ALL: "...23 per cent of all black men ages 20 to 29 are either in jail, on probation or parole or awaiting trial".

U.S. TROOPS UNDER U.N. COMMAND?—President Clinton last spring signed a secret order asserting his authority "to place U.S. forces under the operational control of a foreign commander." (6/19 Wash. Times). A "Combat Arms Survey" administered to Marines at the Twentynine Palms Marine base (CA) asked Marines who had participated in the Panama invasion, Gulf War, or UN action in Somalia if they would be willing to swear

allegiance to the UN and fire on Americans who resist federal gun confiscation (8/22 New Amer). Two pertinent quotes from Dr. Dennis Cuddy's new 52-page booklet on the New World Order (Plymouth Rock Foundation, 1-800-210-1620, \$2.95 + postage): "[W]e have been and are being internationalized into a New World Order." "The American people will never knowingly adopt Socialism, but under the name of Liberalism they will adopt every fragment of the Socialist program until one day America will be a Socialist nation without knowing how it happened."

TBN'S 'UNHOLY' HOLY LAND TV STATION—Paul Crouch is pictured on the front page of his 8/94 paper shaking hands with terrorist Yasir Arafat. Crouch heads the Trinity Broadcasting Network and wants to open a "peacemaking TV station for the Middle East". He says: "It would be a station dedicated to Peace with equal and free time given to the Jews, the Arabs, and the Christians. There would be educational, cultural, entertainment and religious programming, reflecting the diverse ethnic and religious life of the region. There would be a firm agreement that there would be no proselytizing..." So, Christians cannot evangelize, and Jews and Arabs would be given equal time for their Christ-rejecting religious propaganda. Many evangelicals (e.g., Jack Van Impe) have programs on U.S. TBN stations, and are often pictured and praised in Crouch's charismatic paper.

GOVERNMENT EDUCATION A DISASTER—America's education system is in shambles. More money will not save it. Education spending accounted for 29 percent of the combined state and local government expenditures in the 1991 fiscal year (8/8 New Amer). It was by far the largest area of spending, at \$309 billion (welfare \$130 billion, health care \$81 billion). Yet, thousands of public schools are virtual prisons, with metal detectors, police, etc. A militant campaign to de-Christianize public schools has converted them almost totally into temples of humanism and New Age paganism. Condoms are now distributed, homosexuality is presented as a natural/preferable lifestyle, school-based clinics promote abortion--and outcome-based education (OBE) is the proffered cure-all.

GET DR. MORITZ'S NEW BOOK ON SEPARATION!—Dr. Fred Moritz is the Executive Director of Baptist World Mission. He has a new 134-page book, "Be Ye Holy": The Call to Christian Separation, published by Bob Jones University Press. He shows that God's holiness is the basis of separation, and that separation and evangelism are permanently wedded in Scripture. Though written before the Secondary Separation articles in Dr. Tim Lee's 8/94 Target, Chapter 4 of this book ("Separation From a Christian Brother") refutes the feelings-based arguments and unscriptural conclusion of those articles. The book makes a devastatingly strong case against new-evangelicalism and Ockenga's repudiation of separation. You may order this \$8.95 book directly from Dr. Moritz for \$6 + \$1 postage: BWM, 811 Second Ave., S.E. Decatur, Ala. 35601.

WENIGER ON FUNDAMENTALISM—Maranatha Baptist Bible College President Dr. Arno Q. Weniger, Jr. in a Summer 1994 Frontline (FBF) article entitled "Things That Are Right About Fundamentalism" said we fundamentalists ought to rejoice in our separation, not react against it. But he said: "Among Baptists you cannot be a fundamentalist without believing and battling for the literal exposition of the Word of God." He added: "While fundamentalists sometimes take a hit for being feisty and pugilistic, let us not forget that the Bible exhorts us to 'earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.' At the beginning of that verse, Jude confessed he wanted to write about the 'common salvation' but that he needed to exhort the believers to contend for the faith."

DAVID JEREMIAH'S NEW-EVANGELICAL TILT—Popular author and Bible teacher Dr. David Jeremiah was listed in the 1992 Billy Graham Training Center ("The Cove") Program Schedule as a speaker along with an assortment of ecumenicals (2/15/ 92 CC). In his new book, Turning Toward Integrity: "...[H]e quotes the Living Bible (without acknowledging that it is only a paraphrase), and honors liberal/neo-orthodox men like William Barclay (a favorite, seemingly) and Dietrich Bonhoeffer." (8/94 Target). Jeremiah is a product of the GARBC, his father is Chancellor of Cedarville College, and he (David) was a 2/92 Moody Bible Institute Founder's Week speaker.

IBFNA RESOLUTION ON CATHOLIC-EVANGELICAL PACT—"WHEREAS ecumenicism continues to be

advanced by both the National and World Council of Churches, causing Baptists and Protestants to be drawn into the Roman Catholic fold; and WHEREAS Evangelicalism and Neo-Evangelicalism increasingly undermine the authority and trustworthiness of Scripture and its mandate to separate from compromising brethren [and] apostates; and WHEREAS representatives of the NAE, the So. Bapt. Convention, Campus Crusade, Christian Coalition and Int'l Prison Fellowship, including Pat Robertson, Chuck Colson, John White (NAE), Richard Land (SBC), [and] Roman Catholic reps such as Archbishop Francis Stafford, Bishop Carlos Sevilla, and Fr. Richard Neuhaus have signed Evangelicals and Catholics Together..., whereby all parties acknowledge each other as Christians and agree not to proselytize from each other's congregations. BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the members of the Independent Baptist Fellowship of No. America [Merrillville, IN, June 21-23] do hereby denounce this pact & the Ecumenicism it represents as an unholy alliance clearly condemned by the Word of God.[W]e condemn any endorsement of the R. Catholic Church as Christian, either in doctrine or practice..."

JOYFUL WOMAN COZY WITH ECUMENICALS—The Joyful Woman for May/June pictured self-esteem promoter Dr. James Dobson and his wife Shirley on the front cover. Dobson has a long record of collaboration with Roman Catholics. His wife heads the ecumenical National Day of Prayer, promoted in this issue of JW. Popular author and speaker Elisabeth Elliot is the keynote speaker for the Oct. 13-15 National Joyful Woman Jubilee at the Highland Park Baptist Church (Tenn. Temple) in Chattanooga. HPBC Pastor Dr. David Bouler is also a speaker. Ecumenical Howard Hendricks (linked with Dallas Seminary and Campus Crusade) was a recent-year JW speaker. Some Elliot ecumenical associations were listed in the 10/1/89 CC. Included were speaking engagements at liberal, new evangelical and charismatic churches. It is sad that JW leaders seem oblivious to new evangelicalism's danger.

AWANA COMPROMISE—AWANA Clubs are active in over 1,300 churches in 74 countries around the world. A special program honored AWANA Clubs President Art Rorheim last year (2/94 BB). The featured speaker was John Ankerberg (So. Baptist). Special guests included George Sweeting (MBI Chancellor), Jack Wyrzten (Word of Life), and Dave Breese. All of these men closely associate with new evangelicals. Now, just last month we received a letter from ACCC V-P Rev. Mark Franklin, along with eight pages of correspondence he has had with AWANA officials concerning their chartering of churches (American Baptist) affiliated with the National Council of Churches. This violates AWANA's written doctrinal/policy statement. AWANA has also chartered Southern Baptist churches. Pastor Franklin is also president of the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches. We assume his "AWANA & the ABC" correspondence packet is available to CC readers, but would suggest sending \$1 for postage/copying to him at: Hardingville Bible Church, Box 300 RD 1, Hardingville, NJ 08343.

HOVIND A FUNDAMENTALIST?—Dr. Kent Hovind's 1993-4 "Creation Science Evangelism" itinerary shows him speaking on many fundamentalist platforms, but it also has him speaking at: over a half-dozen Southern Baptist churches, new evangelical organizations, a charismatic church, a Vineyard Christian Fellowship church, a Christian Coalition group, and a United Methodist Church. Fundamentalists may want to investigate this further before rescheduling Dr. Hovind.

GRAHAM USES ROCK TO REACH YOUTH—The fourth night of Billy Graham's June Cleveland crusade was a first-ever "Youth Special." (7/18 Chr. Today). Over 65,000 young people jammed the stadium to hear a concert by "Christian" rockers DC Talk and Michael W. Smith, and a message by Graham. DC Talk is the band of former Liberty University students who mix hip-hop and gospel. An unusual alliance featured Catholic and Protestant churches and secular rock stations (two were co-sponsors). Crusade promotion included spots on MTV and the Fox-TV station.

NEW COMPUTER ENCYCLOPEDIA—Culminating a 15-year effort, Rev. David Cloud has just completed a "Way of Life Encyclopedia of the Bible and Christianity." A first of its kind, based on the KJV, and written from a fundamental Baptist perspective. Cost is \$50. Bro. Cloud, who edits "O Timothy", has other literature. His new computer Bulletin Board System has our CC articles plus much more information available on men and movements of our day. Write: Way of Life Literature, 1219 N. Harns Road, Oak Harbor, WA 98277.

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BIG BUCKS FOR BENNY HINN?—"Retired" boxer Evander Holyfield hopes to return to the ring after evangelist Benny Hinn prayed for his heart-problem healing. Holyfield attended a Hinn crusade in June in Philadelphia, reportedly "fell under the power of the Holy Spirit" for over an hour, and donated over \$250,000 to Hinn's ministry (8/94 Charisma). Hinn prayed that Holyfield would earn \$200 million in his comeback attempt. Hinn is a flamboyant charismatic whose bad theology has brought charges of "heresy." Many teachings in his popular books are false and dangerous.

CHARISMATICS CALL IT HOLY LAUGHTER—Charismatics say laughter is a new demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit. People break out in raucous laughter during South African evangelist Rodney Howard-Browne's "laughing revivals." They roll on the floor and laugh hysterically. Some lie on the floor giggling uncontrollably for hours. Some "speak in tongues" when thus "slain in the Spirit." At Oral Roberts University at a recent Howard-Browne meeting, ORU Pres. Richard Roberts "ended up on the floor laughing." His father, Oral Roberts, said Howard-Browne's ministry signaled the arrival of another level in the Holy Spirit. The 8/94 Charisma said "no one doubts that having vast numbers of listeners convulsed in laughter can make whatever is being said from the pulpit irrelevant." Howard-Browne said: "One night I was preaching on hell, and [laughter] just hit the whole place. The more I told people what hell was like, the more they laughed." Hell is no joke. Demonism may be involved here. There is no biblical support for such mass swoonings.

MOODY'S BAD ADVICE ON ROCK MUSIC—The July-August Moody Monthly said secular rock stars such as Bruce Springsteen, Michael Jackson, and Billy Joel "frequently record uplifting, if not spiritually insightful, songs" (p54). It favorably reviewed a country rock "gospel" album by Charlie Daniels, and said he "could certainly use our prayers as he embarks on an adventure of attracting his secular listeners to these new lyrics" (p. 36). An interview with Daniels in the 7/31 Huntsville Times quoted him using profanity. But Moody says: "For Christians to flatly dismiss musicians because they use four-letter words or sexual references, diminishes the likelihood that people will ever hear our message....We have to understand the world's view before we can effectively communicate our view; we have to relate to the people before we can preach to them" (p57). Sad!

HOUSTON'S WORLDLY SBC MEGACHURCHES—In the 8/1/91 CC we reported on the use of Hollywood movies and rock music to lure baby boomers to Dr. Ed Young's Second Baptist Church in Houston. Young just completed a two-year term as president of the SBC, and is scheduled to speak at Jerry Falwell's Super Conference in Oct. We

now see that Houston's First Baptist Church had an Elvis Contest and Beatles music at a recent event in its Solid Rock Cafe. And its 6/17 paper warned that FBC's Sun. P.M. Service might be changed "if there is a sixth game between the Rockets and the Knicks."

ARE WE TRYING TO SAVE, OR DESTROY, HAITI?—The Congressional Black Caucus wants us to invade Haiti, and Pres. Clinton needs their votes to pass Health Care. But the man they want back in power is Rev. Jean Bertrand Aristide, a Marxist Roman Catholic Priest who teaches liberation theology and was moving to run all of the missionaries out of Haiti when he was ousted. (7/25 CVN). Reader's Digest (8/94) said Aristide's Catholic order expelled him, and that he brought neither peace nor democracy to Haiti. It said his movement murdered political opponents and burned religious buildings, that he seemed to favor "necklacing" opponents with gasoline-soaked tires and igniting them.

FBF RESOLUTION ON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS—The FBF believes that the Christian school movement is a positive influence for genuine Biblical Christianity in our nation, but warns local Christian schools and state and national associations of the danger of having on their education platforms those who are not firmly committed to the principles and practices of Biblical separation. We believe it is possible to have new evangelicalism slip in through the back door of our Christian education associations while guarding the front door of our churches from this danger.

WE ARE NOT ANTI-SEMITIC!—One of our readers complained about our reference in the last issue to Judge Breyer being "Jewish." This was how some mainline Jewish-owned papers/magazines referred to him, so we (thoughtlessly maybe) did the same. We intended no racial aspersion. We are not "anti" anyone's race, but are "anti" the Christ-rejecting Jewish religion and Breyer's liberalism

PERSONAL NOTE—We praise the Lord for the slow but sure progress in the healing of our bones. The doctor was very pleased with recent X-rays. There is still a minor problem with the eyes. Please continue to pray. We hope to resume our twice-monthly schedule with the next issue, Lord willing.

NRB '95 SPEAKERS—The 52nd Annual National Religious Broadcasters Convention is set for the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, TN for Feb. 11-14. Featured speakers for this ecumenical event include: Luis Palau (The "Billy Graham of Latin America"), Adrian Rogers (SBC), D. James Kennedy, and Elisabeth Elliot. Billy Graham, Dan Quayle, and Ricky Skaggs are also invited. Bill Gaither will host a Praise Celebration. John MacArthur, Greg Laurie and Fuller Seminary's Archibald Hart are to speak at an Aug. 28-30, 1994 Western Religious Broadcasters Conference in Costa Mesa, CA. To learn how charismatic and ecumenical the NRB really is, order Dr. Ralph Colas's NRB '94 first-hand report. The NRB is an arm of the NAE (Nat'l Assoc. of Evangelicals). The CC editor covered the NAE '94 convention. Both reports are available from the American Council of Christian Churches at: Box 19, Wallingford, PA 19086, \$2 each, or both for \$3.

PICKERING REPLIES TO SWINDOLL—In a new 35-page booklet, "Are Fundamentalists Legalists?", Dr. Ernest Pickering ably responds to Dallas Seminary president Dr. Charles Swindoll's Grace Awakening book. Swindoll's book took the doctrine of grace and liberty to an unscriptural extreme, where Christians are free from "taboos" such as prohibitions against movies, dancing, etc. It left the impression that rules or restrictions upon the believer steal from him the exuberance and joy of the Christian life and relegate him to a morbid and dreary existence. All "rules," according to Swindoll, should be self-imposed and not imposed by others. Dr. Pickering gives the scriptural case for godly living and exposes Swindoll's "legalism vs. liberty" error. Order from Baptist World Mission, P.O. Box 1463, Decatur, AL 35602 (\$1, plus \$1 postage for one copy, 25 cents for additional.)

FURTHER INDICATIONS OF GARBC DRIFT—The speakers at the June 63rd Annual Conference of the General Association of Regular Baptists included Lehman Strauss and ABWE's Wendell Kempton. These men platform-share with evangelicals. It gets even worse for next year--the ecumenical Warren Wiersbe is a featured speaker.

Mark Albertson of the Center for Conflict Management was scheduled to lead a four half-day seminar at GARBC-approved Northwest Baptist Seminary in June, after leading similar events for a cult-affiliated university, a Friends church, etc. A GARBC church was a 1993 CCM "contributor." Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary professor David Turner has questioned the literalness of heaven in similar fashion to the way Michael Van Horn did a year or so ago (Van Horn also questioned the "literal fire" of hell.) Over 100 churches left the GARBC in 1990. Thirty-seven left this year, four new ones joined, leaving a total of 1,472. Dr. Clay Nuttall says most all of the leading conservative churches have left. He sees no hope for the GARBC and says it will never return to its foundation and standard even though it denies it has left it.

TODAY'S EVANGELICALS EMBRACING ROMAN CATHOLICS—This is the title of a new 73 page book by Wilson Ewin (except he rightly called Roman Catholicism "the World's Deadliest Cult".) Perhaps more significantly than its exposure of the evils of Romanism, the book reveals the traitorous shift of new-evangelical affiliation with the papal system. Ewin pointed out that evangelicals working together with Roman Catholics are, almost without exception, involved with the NAE. Get this timely book from Bro. Ewin at: PO Box 180, Norton, VT 05907, \$4.30 incl. postage.

FALWELL & FRIENDS—Dr. Jerry Falwell continues to fraternize with Southern Baptist leaders, and was featured again as a speaker at a June SBC-related event in Orlando. His Super Conference XIII, Oct. 9-12, features Ed Young, O.S. Hawkins, and Bailey Smith. Dallas Seminary pres. Chuck Swindoll is "tentatively scheduled." (5/6 Liberty Flame). Gary Smalley is scheduled to speak at Falwell's church, Aug. 26-27 (8/94 F. On The F.). Yet for all his new-evangelical associations, Dr. Falwell is praised and often welcomed as a speaker at a leading Southwide Baptist Fellowship church--Northside Baptist in Charlotte (host church for Oct. SBF Meeting!).

RBP CATALOG BOOK PROMOTES GRAHAM, LIBERALS—The 1993 Regular Baptist Press (GARBC) catalog has a book by Sherwood Wirt, I Don't Know What Old Is, But Old Is Older Than Me. Wirt is editor-emeritus of Billy Graham's Decision Magazine. He approvingly quotes, with no warning, liberals, neo-orthodox, etc., such as Soren Kierkegaard, John Mott, C.S. Lewis, J. B. Phillips, and John Stott. He says of Graham: "Billy Graham...is setting an example for elderly people everywhere. He [is]...still winning souls in the magnificent world-wide ministry that God has given him. What a man!" (p. 144). This is but another example of why we can no longer trust the GARBC's Regular Baptist Press (James 3:11).

PETER WAGNER, CHURCH GROWTH GURU—C. Peter Wagner joined the faculty of pro-charismatic Fuller Seminary in 1971 and studied under church growth specialist Donald McGavran. He later designed and taught, with John Wimber, the controversial "Signs and Wonders" course, and coined the term "third wave." Wagner, a prominent leader of the Church Growth movement which continues to draw closer to the charismatics, now claims to have the power to heal, including the lengthening of legs. (7/25 Chr. News).

RACISM A MAIN THEME AT PROMISE KEEPERS EVENTS—Racial reconciliation was a central theme at all six regional Promise Keepers (see 7/1 CC) events this summer, per the 8/94 Charisma. The article was entitled, "Promise Keepers Targets Racism". (Racism was also a recurring theme at the 3/94 NAE conference in Dallas.) E.V. Hill and Tony Evans were two of many ecumenical speakers at the events. Others included Campus Crusade's Bill Bright, Bill Hybels, and Moody Bible Institute president Joseph Stowell. (The latter may not be an "ecumenical" but he sadly seems headed that way!) Hybels said many men vastly overrate how good they are in the eyes of a holy God. "But ask yourself," he said, "how you stack up against Mother Teresa and Billy Graham..." (6/21 Ind. Bapt.) Charismatics are featured as speakers, and will publish PK's new men's magazine. Promise Keepers hopes 1 million men will descend on Washington, DC in 1996.

DR. PARKER HOME WITH THE LORD—Baptist World Mission General Director Dr. Monroe Parker died July 17 at age 85. As an evangelist, he had conducted over 1,500 campaigns in 46 states. He served on the board of the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship. He was president of Pillsbury Baptist Bible College for eight years, and was

president of the Minnesota Baptist Convention for four years. Dr. Fred Moritz, as Executive Director, will now head BWM. Dr. Ernest Pickering is Deputation Director, and Dr. Ron Brooks is Field Director. In addition to these three, Drs. Bob Jones Jr., Ed Nelson, and Wayne Van Gelderen also participated in the funeral service. Many fundamentalist leaders attended.

IBFNA RESOLUTION ON CATHOLIC-EVANGELICAL PACT—"WHEREAS ecumenicism continues to be advanced by both the National and World Council of Churches, causing Baptists and Protestants to be drawn into the Roman Catholic fold; and WHEREAS Evangelicalism and Neo-Evangelicalism increasingly undermine the authority and trustworthiness of Scripture and its mandate to separate from compromising brethren as well as apostates; and WHEREAS representatives of the National Association of Evangelicals, the Southern Baptist Convention, Campus Crusade, Christian Coalition and Int'l Prison Fellowship, including Pat Robertson, Chuck Colson, John White (NAE), Richard Land (SBC), as well as Roman Catholic representatives such as Archbishop Francis Stafford, Bishop Carlos Sevilla, and Fr. Richard Neuhaus have signed Evangelicals and Catholics Together..., whereby all parties acknowledge each other as Christians and agree not to proselytize from each other's congregations...**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that we, the members of the Independent Baptist Fellowship of North America [Merrillville, IN, June 21-23] do hereby denounce this pact and the Ecumenicism it represents as an unholy alliance clearly condemned by the Word of God...[W]e condemn any endorsement of the Roman Catholic Church as Christian, either in doctrine or practice..."

WATCHMAN NEE THE MYSTIC—Watchman Nee's writings have profoundly influenced many evangelicals of our day. Nee died in 1972 in a communist prison camp in China. He insisted that none but his "little flock" churches were authentic, and that more than one congregation in any given area is unbiblical. He blended evangelical and liberal views of revelation and Scripture (5/9/75 CT). In a recent Moody Press book, Faith Misguided: Exposing the dangers of Mysticism, Arthur Johnson says Nee's theological position is "deeply mystical." Johnson suggests Nee's writings should be carefully scrutinized for "major errors." (p. 90). He says Nee insists on a secondary place for doctrine, and shows Nee's influence on the modern charismatic movement. He says A.W. Tozer, Pat Robertson, Richard Foster and many others have shown philosophical affinity for Nee's mysticism.

FOSTER DRAWS MATERIAL FROM CATHOLIC MYSTICS—Richard Foster, founder and president of Renovare, has a Quaker heritage. The Spring '94 Mainstream (England) comments on Foster's book entitled Prayer thusly: "[Foster] draws his material from the Catholic mystics, quoting sources such as Julian of Norwich, Thomas Merton, Bernard of Clairvaux, Madame Guyon and... Teresa of Avila. He even draws from St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits..." Denver Seminary (CBA) professors, meeting with Dave Hunt in 1990, admitted to possibly being overzealous in promoting books by Foster and other mysticism advocates (9/15/90 CC).

SOME MISUSE MATT. 18 TO SILENCE 'CONTENDERS'—Why is it that when a "fundamentalist" leader is to speak on a new-evangelical platform, he doesn't seem to mind at all if the new evangelicals publicize the matter in their papers. But, on the other hand, if a fundamentalist paper informs fundamentalists of the scheduled event, he goes ballistic. Just to merely report the engagement can bring a charge of, "You attacked me," or, "You should have followed the Matt. 18:15-17 procedure." But this passage deals with personal offenses, not compromise. And, besides, whose church would you take it to? We do sometimes need to call first, especially when necessary to verify facts. Comments by Jay Adams may help here (see 9/1/92 CC): "Some think that if one Christian differs with the writings or public statements of another Christian on a point of doctrine [e.g., separation], without rancor or any problem between them as persons, he is wrong for stating the differences publicly before going privately to the brother with whom he disagrees. That is a misconception. First of all, there is no unreconciled condition between them; they simply differ. Secondly, therefore, there is no matter of church discipline involved. Thirdly, even if this were a matter of discipline, the first party wrote or spoke publicly--he put it before the church or the world; he did not speak privately. For that reason it is as appropriate for the second brother to write or speak as publicly as the first did in refuting what he thinks is a wrong [action, or] interpretation of the Scriptures and which, therefore, he believes may hurt the church if he doesn't." The propagation of error, and compromising fellowships, require a public warning to the unwary.

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PERSONAL NOTE—The CC editor was involved in a serious automobile accident June 13 en route home from mailing the 7/1 CC (early) before leaving the next day for the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship meeting in Tempe, AZ. Both vehicles were “totaled.” The other driver suffered minor injuries, but the CC editor’s left leg was broken in four places at the top of the femur (thigh) bone, just below the hip. Ribs were fractured and there were bruises and other injuries. The insurance adjuster said he had seen many cars wrecked in a less major way where the driver was killed. He said, “You sure must be tough” But actually it was purely a miracle of the Lord’s mercy that spared my life. The outlook now appears to be about six months of rigorous physical therapy. The retinas of both eyes were “bruised” during the wreck and pose a minor vision problem. Hopefully this will soon clear up. Please pray to this end. I appreciate the many dozens of cards and letters assuring me of your prayers but regret that I will be unable to answer them individually due to the enormous backlog of reading material that is rapidly stacking up. In the over 10 years of publishing, this is the first time we have had to combine two issues. We are hopeful that, Lord willing, we can get back on schedule in a few weeks. Please pray for us in the upcoming months. God in His mercy spared our life--we now trust His grace to sustain us in the arduous months ahead. [Note: We also missed attending the IBFNA late June conference.]

BREYER IS BAD NEWS FOR CHRISTIANS—The appointment of Stephen Breyer to the Supreme Court is of great concern to Christians. He, as was Pres. Clinton’s other appointment (Ruth Bader Ginsburg), is Jewish. He is a member of the one-world Council on Foreign Relations. He has carved out a rather liberal judicial record. Friends and colleagues say he supports abortion rights and ruled against the Bush administration’s ban on abortion counseling at federally funded abortion clinics. The Home School Legal Defense Association opposes Breyer’s nomination “because of his position on religious freedom for private education.” It says he grants virtually no real freedom to private schools and says he explicitly implies it is constitutional to totally ban home education.

SOCIAL SECURITY IN DANGER—Two rather liberal Senators recently said, “The present trend is not sustainable,” referring to our Social Security system. Outlays are expected to exceed revenues in 2013 and to deplete the trust fund by 2029--20 years earlier than was expected a decade ago. By then, there will be only 2.8 workers for each beneficiary (7/4 USN&WR). Since such estimates have almost always erred on the optimistic side, current benefit levels cannot be maintained for many who are now working. Either taxes must rise, or benefits must fall, the article concludes.

PRESBYTERIANS MEND RIFT OVER 'RE-IMAGINING'—In a surprising display of unity, the 206th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) took a major step in June to heal a split caused by its participation last November in the blasphemous “Re-Imagining” conference which turned into a bizarre New Age celebration of lesbianism and goddess worship. The national office had received over 3,000 letters, mostly negative, and top staffer Mary Ann Lundy was forced to resign, after many churches withheld funds and some threatened to leave (6/27 Chr.News). But a resolution from the General Assembly supported Presbyterians who attended “Re-Imagining” but rejected part of the theology it presented. So the feared mean protest ended as a love-fest, as delegates danced in the aisles. One said: “It was wild. It became a Presbyterian Pentecostal prayer meeting.” By a narrow margin, delegates (called commissioners) voted to prohibit homosexual marriage ceremonies.

JIM HENRY IS NEW SBC PRESIDENT—Jim Henry, pastor of First Baptist Church of Orlando, surprisingly defeated Mobile pastor Fred Wolfe by a 55 to 45 percent margin to become president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Wolfe had been backed by SBC conservative leaders, so this ends the 15-year conservative resurgence in the Convention. Though Henry is an inerrantist, he was endorsed by moderate-liberals such as Russell Dilday. Henry is more inclusive. Someone said, “Jim Henry speaks more to the yuppies, Southern Baptists influenced by Willow Creek”, the trendy Chicago mega-church pastored by Bill Hybels. He stresses reconciliation, and says “OK, that battle [over the Bible] has been won. Let’s move ahead.” (6/7 Ind.Bapt.). Henry says he will listen to all points of view. Some perceive that he will try to convince the moderates that they can return to the SBC.

SBC PASTOR’S CONFERENCE SPEAKERS—Liberty University president Jerry Falwell, former HUD secretary Jack Kemp, Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship pastor Tony Evans, Florida State University football coach Bobby Bowden, SBC motivator Zig Ziglar, and Evangelist Jay Strack were some of the speakers for the Southern Baptist Convention’s Pastor’s Conference in Orlando, FL last June. (6/21 Indiana Baptist). Dr. W.A. Criswell was honored for his lifetime of service to Southern Baptists.

LOOK WHO GRAHAM PRAISES—Dr. Billy Graham in recent years has had good things to say about various and sundry religious and political leaders in communist countries where he was being feted. He has praised the Catholic pope. At former president Richard Nixon’s funeral, Graham said Nixon now is in heaven. Graham recently defended Pres. Clinton and urged newspaper editors to support him and ease up on criticizing his character, etc. Graham now says new South African president Nelson Mandela’s victory and the events surrounding the election “are a testimony to us all of this great man’s resiliency. . . and the ultimate triumph of good” (6/13 C.News). The 6/20 CN said: “Nelson Mandela is an atheist, as are the Communists who make up a majority of the South African cabinet.”

GRAHAM’S NEW STRATEGIES—Dr. Billy Graham returned in May to his old alma mater Wheaton College for the dedication of the renovated Billy Graham Center Museum. He said his half-century of ministry has caused him to rethink his strategies (6/20 Chr.Today) . He said for the June Cleveland crusade he will shelve his suit and tie for a more casual look. The golden melodies of George Beverly Shea, Graham’s longtime soloist, also are being temporarily exchanged for the hip-hop rhythms of Christian rap artists DC Talk. He said: “I used to say take a newspaper in one hand and a Bible in the other and go preach the gospel. Today I’d say take a television set and a radio--you have to be relevant.” Pastor John Ashbrook in the May OBF Visitor said the crusade (Cleveland) sponsored a rock concert May 13, and that a Graham staff manager had praised the “unprecedented ecumenical support” the June crusade had gathered. Ashbrook said it is obvious that the Graham Crusade is unashamed of its cooperation with the unbelief of liberalism and the works religion of Roman Catholicism.

REPORT ON FBF MEETING—Though our accident prevented us from attending the FBF meeting this year, we have heard good reports from it, and were encouraged to read the good strong resolutions passed at this meeting. Resolution topics included: Ecumenical Evangelism, Charismatic Movement, Jerry Falwell Ministries, Secondary Separation, Evangelicals and Catholics Together, SBC, Missions and Evangelism, WCC, Tim Lee and CORE, Christian School Associations, Jack Van Impe Ministries, Fundamentalism and its Fight, Morality and Ministry, Clinton Administration, Revival, Euthanasia, National Health Care, Hollywood, Homosexuality, Dealing with the

Government, Church Marketing Methods, Improper Charges of Legalism, Preeminence of Doctrine Within Fundamentalism, Counseling Theory/Methods of Lawrence J. Crabb, Church Planting, Balance, Music, and Personal Responsibility. Dr. James Singleton was the host pastor, and also chaired the resolutions committee. Other committee members: Dave Doran, Bruce Hamilton, Brad Smith, and J.B. Williams. Dr. Rod Bell is FBF president.

REPORT ON IBFNA MEETING—What a sad disappointment to also miss the IBFNA meeting this year. We heard good reports about the preaching, and have a copy of the two good resolutions that were passed. Dr. L. Duana Brown was reelected as Moderator, Dr. Richard Harris as Editor of The Review, Jeff Bailey as Sec./Clerk, and Ralph Weer as Treasurer. Membership now exceeds 400, and about 500 attended the first evening service. Drs. Ernest Pickering and Robert Delnay were featured speakers. The 1995 IBFNA Conference is scheduled for Seattle, Wa.

CHRISTEN DECLINES GARBC NATIONAL REP JOB—In a 5/11 letter to the GARBC's Council of 18, California pastor Dr. Richard D. Christen turned down the proffered position as head of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, succeeding Dr. Paul Tassell who is resigning due to health reasons. Christen cited ongoing GARBC tensions, such as the controversy over the name "Baptist" as the reason for withdrawing his name from further consideration.

FBF RESOLUTION ON THE SBC—While applauding the attempts of conservatives in the Southern Baptist Convention to reemphasize the doctrine of the infallibility and inerrancy of Scripture, we do not believe that these men are "fundamental" Southern Baptists. Our reasoning is twofold: first, they still accept the ecumenical evangelism of Billy Graham which makes them new evangelicals; and second, they do not desire to be known as Fundamentalists. Writing in The Church God Approves, James Draper (SBC conservative), condemns Fundamentalists for their divisiveness, bigotry and unfairness; and says they have a wholly negative approach and show little love and compassion. Those who call for cooperation in pulpit ministries between Fundamentalists and Southern Baptists either misread the nature of the conservative movement in the Convention, or themselves have compromised the cause of biblical separation.

FBF RESOLUTION ON TIM LEE AND CORE MINISTRIES—The FBF believes in revival and evangelism, but contends that the bridge-building advocated by Lee and his ministries is wrong and will result in mass confusion among a younger generation of independent Baptists who consider themselves Fundamentalists. We believe that all attempts to camouflage the issue by attempting to show a distinction between an actual merger of independents and Southern Baptists and having simply a time of fellowship between independents and those in the SBC is a smokescreen for a departure from the principles of Biblical separation and will lead a generation of young Fundamentalists into compromise.

FBF RESOLUTION ON SECONDARY SEPARATION—The FBF believes that the attacks on so-called "secondary separation" are really an attack on first degree or primary separation and come from sources that do not understand the meaning of biblical separation. We do not believe that the word of the Psalmist (119:63), "I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts," can be used to express tolerance toward those who, while sound in the faith themselves, express tolerance and cooperation toward those who deviate from the faith. We believe that the Scriptures do command separation from those who aid and encourage compromise with infidelity.

IBFNA RESOLUTION ON MUSIC—...Charismatics and others have sought to contemporize Christian music...and promote Gospel Rock as a morally neutral means to the end of building evangelistic bridges to young people preoccupied with rock music, heavy-metal bands and MTV; CCM and Gospel Rock serve to blur the distinction between secular entertainment music and Christian worship music, resulting in confusion...We the members of the Independent Bapt. Fellowship of No. America...do hereby condemn CCM and Gospel Rock as attempts to blend the holy with the unholy, and declare that the message/lyrics cannot justify or excuse the music that conveys it...The music is an integral part of the message..

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DISNEY WELCOMES HOMOSEXUALS—The Walt Disney Co., the "family entertainment" company, welcomed thousands of homosexuals to its Magic Kingdom Park (Orlando) last month for their Fourth Annual Gay & Lesbian Day celebration, called "A Day of Magic, A Night of Pleasure." Disney made lame excuses, but this is but the latest of many pro-homosexual actions it has taken in recent years as it helps push the homosexual agenda (6/94 AFA Jrnl.). Disney has also produced its most sexually explicit movie ever, which features "steamy sex scenes, a lesbian encounter and frontal nudity."

HOMOSEXUAL HEADS HAWAII COUNCIL OF CHURCHES—The Hawaii Council of Churches' new head is a homosexual minister (Spr. '94 Record). Jon Bullock, co-pastor of a Honolulu congregation of the pro-homosexual Metropolitan Community Church, was selected recently to become the first openly homosexual to head a state council of churches. However, Zimbabwe's council of churches is supporting a government crackdown against homosexuals, prompting the World Council of Churches (WCC) to consider moving its 1998 50th anniversary assembly, now scheduled for Zimbabwe, to another site.

UN AIMS AT GLOBAL GUN CONTROL—The United Nations is quietly starting to set its sights on global gun control. The UN Disarmament Commission has adopted a position paper calling for world-wide "harmonization" of gun control laws, which would include "tighter controls on the gun trade in the U.S. and other member nations..." (6/13 New Am.). The recent "assault weapons" ban passed by the U.S. House was an assault on the Second Amendment. And driving gun dealers out of business will not necessarily reduce crime (1/17 USN&WR). Florida, with 8.6 licensed dealers per 10,000 people, has America's highest violent crime rate. No. Dakota, with 25.8 dealers per 10,000, has the lowest.

MARITAL STATE OF UNION—Since 1970 the American marriage rate has dropped 30 percent while the divorce rate has climbed 50 percent. The average age for first marriage has climbed to 26.8 for men and to 24.5 for women (6/94 Chalcedon Rpt). One in eight remains unmarried for life. Only 55 percent of adults are married today--the lowest figure in U.S. history. Cohabitation has increased by 600 percent since 1970, and the majority of all marriages in America are preceded by cohabitation despite the fact that premarital cohabitation increases the odds of divorce by 50 percent. Divorces have soared by 300 percent since 1960 and six out of ten new marriages are failing.

DANGEROUS NEW ABORTION LAW—Pres. Clinton has signed a new law, the Freedom of Access to Clinic

Entrances (FACE) Act, that pro-lifers say will criminalize peaceful sidewalk counseling and last-minute appeals to women to choose life. It levies hefty fines and prison terms for "vague" violations (6/4 World). Dr. R.L. Hymsers says: "Sex-worshipping Americans have now given away our Constitutional right to freedom of speech, so they can continue to have unrestrained sex with each other and kill the babies they produce through their sin. Fornicator Bill Clinton smiled as he signed legislation making it a federal crime to stand against baby-murder outside an abortuary."

LIBERALS BLAME CRIME ON POVERTY—Many liberals say poverty is the basic cause of crime. They ignore the reality that crime and corruption are rife in every economic segment of society and are common in both capitalist and socialist countries--and among both rulers and ruled. "During the great depression, poverty was much more widespread and intense than it is now, yet crime was much less prevalent. While poverty may be a contributing cause of crime, it is obviously not the primary cause."(5/1 CACC). Sin, and lack of swift and sure punishment are main factors (Eccl. 8:11).

NEW BOOK BY DR. CATHY BURNS—This 496-page book Hidden Secrets of the Eastern Star has over 100 pictures and 1453 footnotes, and chapters on Eastern Star's brief history, the Masonic connection, E. Star symbolism, The Pentagram, E. Star goddesses, & the Rainbow Girls. It peeks into the Lodge Room at the 5 degrees. Order from: SHARING, 212 E. 7th St., Mt. Carmel, PA 17851, \$13.95, 1-800-395-5599.

WURMBRAND'S STRANGE THEOLOGY, DISCERNMENT—In his 6/94 Voice of the Martyrs, underground church patriarch Richard Wurmbbrand says: "The least that can be said about modern Muslims is that they are not against Jesus. They honor Him...." This of course is unscriptural and wrong. To reject His Deity dishonors Him. Earlier this year Wurmbbrand referred to "India's great Mahatma Gandhi" and said "Shevardnadze, Yeltsin, and many other Communist leaders have become Christians. Hot love ended the cold war." Other examples of his strange teachings: "...[C]arnal Christians will go to hell.", "One who debates religious matters is as guilty as a killer or a crook." (12/80), and "[God] is Father of all men in all nations...He calls each person to be His temple. Whoever denies Him this privilege is not fully mature as a Christian." (6/94). Be warned, be wise, beware!

BRAZIL'S CATHOLICS LAUNCH 'HOLY WAR'—Stunned by the staggering growth of evangelical "sects" in Brazil, Roman Catholic Church leaders have threatened to launch a "holy war" against Protestants unless they stop leading people from the Catholic fold (5/94 Charisma). Some bishops have issued a stern warning: Stop evangelizing Catholics, or else. One bishop said, "The Catholic Church has a ponderous structure, but when we move, we'll smash anyone beneath us." He said an all-out holy war can't be avoided unless the 13 largest Protestant churches sign a treaty, similar to treaties signed by nations to end wars. He said it would require Protestants to stop all evangelism efforts in Brazil. In exchange, Catholics would agree to stop all persecution directed toward Protestants. So. Baptists and other U.S. new evangelicals signing agreements with Catholics should take note.

LIBERAL PRESBYTERIANS FACE CRISIS—The Presbyterian Church (USA) now estimates that about \$3 million will be lost over 18 months as contributors withhold funds, reacting to the "Re- Imagining" women's conference in Minneapolis last November and a decade-long bitter dispute over the place of homosexuals in church and society. Re-Imagining affirmed paganism, lesbianism, and other serious deviations from traditional Christian theology. A top PCUSA staff official says the 2.8-million-member WCC church now faces a crisis that could "create permanent change," as members leave the church in droves.

PCA ELECTS NEW LEADER, CONSIDERS MERGER—The Presbyterian Church in America elected William S. Barker II, academic dean and professor of religious history at Westminster Theological Seminary, as its new moderator. The PCA merged with the Reformed Presbyterian Church Evangelical Synod in 1982 (6/8 HT). It is now debating whether to merge with the Christian Reformed Church. The CRC tolerates beliefs in homosexuality, the teaching of theistic evolution, including the denial of a world-wide flood in Noah's day, and is now proposing the opening of all offices to women."(11/22 & 3/14 Chr. News).

PUBLIC REBUKE OF ELDERS WHO SIN—An Indiana pastor rightly says Matt. 18:15-17 applies to personal offenses (Mar-Apr PsychoHeresy Awareness Letter), and says of 1Tim. 5:20: "[Paul] talks about leaders (elders) who sin. It is not sufficient just to critique but rather Paul calls on us to rebuke. That rebuke MUST BE DONE BEFORE ALL, THAT OTHERS ALSO MAY FEAR. It makes no mention of public or private sins...." Good advice, but care must be taken concerning when and how to do this within its intended context.

A NEW FUNDAMENTALIST SOCIETY—Foundations Bible College President Dr. O. Talmadge Spence has launched the "Society for Fundamental Studies" dedicated to the preservation and advancement of Biblical fundamentalism. Write him for how to possibly become a contributing writer for the Society: P.O. Box 1166, Dunn, NC 28335, or call 1-800-849-8761. Dr. Spence has spoken at recent World Congresses on Fundamentalism, and has written several books. His latest book, Fundamentalism: Not A Cult is \$2.00 + postage.

RBP TO CORRECT A QUARTERLY—In July 1993, Rev. Lloyd Streeter (La Salle, IL) wrote Regular Baptist Press about "theological errors" of Wallace Alcorn in RBP's adult Sunday School quarterly The Book We Love. Exec. Editor Vernon Miller replied that RBP has decided to reprint the teacher's manual clarifying an area of concern.

EVANGELICAL-CATHOLIC LINK DENOTES APOSTASY—Rev. David Cloud, in the 10/93 O Timothy said, concerning Drs. Falwell and Graham's collaboration with Catholics: "As we have so often said, it is foolish to yoke together with Roman Catholic priests or other false teachers for the sake of curing the ills of our nation, because apostasy is one of the chief causes of our ills. Our key problems are not political or economic, but religious. In the days of Israel, God said the apostate prophets were the chief cause of national decay: "...for from the prophets of Jerusalem is profaneness gone forth into all the land" (Jer. 23:15). This is certainly true of North America. Most preachers have turned from the Word of God, and God is judging the land. Polls show that the most popular television preacher is Modernist Robert Schuller who has redefined and twisted the Gospel, and who says the worst thing that can be done to a man is to call him a sinner. The most popular evangelist is Billy Graham who is chummy with the blasphemous Pope of Rome and who turns his converts over to the wolves. The fact that men such as these are our popular preachers demonstrates the spiritual degradation of the hour. It is insanity to band together with the wolves in order to save the sheepfold."

BILLY GRAHAM IS 'MR. ECUMENICAL'—Atlanta pastor Dr. Norman Pyle comments as follows on Dr. Billy Graham who brings a crusade to Atlanta in October: "This spring the Chinese Communists used him just as the Russian Communists did in the past. They both 'conned' him into believing the persecutors rather than the persecuted. This is the same lack of discernment that has caused him to 'hobnob' with the World Council of Churches that put on the big feminist conference last fall in which they worshiped the goddess Sophia and honored lesbians. Further evidence of his naiveté is his recent advice not to criticize President Clinton for 'Troopergate' and 'Whitewater' but allow him to 'do his job.' This is the same advice he gave for Richard Nixon over twenty years ago when he was embroiled in 'Watergate.' Graham favors working with a new National Council of Churches ecumenical program of evangelism, as though these apostates would know anything about real evangelism. The NCC group will meet at the Billy Graham Training Center in December...The WCC, the NCC, and the Roman Catholics are the groups that Dr. Graham regularly associates with and insists on their support. Here in Atlanta the new evangelicals, R.C.'s, and charismatics will be the big backers of his crusade."

SWINDOLL'S NEW TEAM AT DALLAS—Dr. Charles Swindoll becomes president of Dallas Seminary July 1, and Dr. Wendell Johnston becomes exec. vice-president. Other vice-presidents are: Kenneth Gangel, William Barnard, and David Cotton. The new Kindred Spirit said: "With Dr. Swindoll's resignation from his church, his plans to build a home in Dallas, and the anticipation of his greater presence on the DTS campus, Dr. John Sailhamer withdrew from his appointment as provost-elect, feeling that the Office of Provost as originally planned was no longer necessary." Swindoll is to speak at the upcoming ecumenical Promise Keepers conference. Dr. Haddon Robinson (Gordon-Conwell) was the April 29 commencement speaker. Dallas hosts a dialogue in September that will feature such speakers as Drs. Vernon Grounds and James M. Boice. Dallas faculty are scheduled summer speakers at such

places as Moody Bible Institute, Word of Life, a Charles Stanley cruise, and Billy Graham's "The Cove."

SOME MISUSE MATT. 18 TO SILENCE 'CONTENDERS'—Why is it that when a "fundamentalist" leader is to speak on a new-evangelical platform, he doesn't seem to mind at all if the new evangelicals publicize the matter in their papers. But, on the other hand, if a fundamentalist paper informs fundamentalists of the scheduled event, he goes ballistic. Just to merely report the engagement can bring a charge of, "You attacked me," or, "You should have followed the Matt. 18:15-17 procedure." But this passage deals with personal offenses, not compromise. And, besides, whose church would you take it to? We do sometimes need to call first, especially when necessary to verify facts. Comments by Jay Adams may help here (see 9/1/92 CC): "Some think that if one Christian differs with the writings or public statements of another Christian on a point of doctrine [e.g., separation], without rancor or any problem between them as persons, he is wrong for stating the differences publicly before going privately to the brother with whom he disagrees. That is a misconception. First of all, there is no unreconciled condition between them; they simply differ. Secondly, therefore, there is no matter of church discipline involved. Thirdly, even if this were a matter of discipline, the first party wrote or spoke publicly--he put it before the church or the world; he did not speak privately. For that reason it is as appropriate for the second brother to write or speak as publicly as the first did in refuting what he thinks is a wrong [action, or] interpretation of the Scriptures and which, therefore, he believes may hurt the church if he doesn't." The propagation of error, and compromising fellowships, require a public warning to the unwary.

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BETTY EADIE'S BOOK IS SUBTLE MORMONISM—Betty Eadie, a Mormon, in her best-selling book, Embraced by the Light, claims to have a message from Jesus. But her near-death experience narrative is full of covert Mormon or New Age-style teachings. Baptist Book Stores have been told to pull it. Near-death experiences should be interpreted in light of Bible teachings, not religious beliefs.

A PARENT'S VIEW OF OBE—The following are excerpts from a letter by a W. Chester, Pa. parent: "For the past two years, my children have been exposed to the Outcome-Based Education monster. Disguised as intervention programs, OBE and [my] School District have robbed my children of valuable academic time--instead concentrating on feelings, self-esteem, acceptance of others, and family living programs. [Using] relaxation tapes, chanting exercises, group encounter situations...schools... have been watering down academic curricula for years. Since OBE's inception in our school district five years ago, parents and taxpayers have watched SAT scores decrease by 2.5 percent and taxes increase by 68 percent...OBE is an expensive psychological experiment." (5/94 Blum. Ed. Ltr).

GAITHER SINGER MICHAEL ENGLISH QUILTS AFTER AFFAIR—CCM singer Michael English, gospel music's artist of the year, left The Gaither Vocal Band in April. Then in May, he returned his six Dove awards after confessing to an adulterous affair with another CCM performer, First Call's Marabeth Jordon, who is now expecting his child (5/21 World). This is a wake-up call, and may just be the tip of a long-rumored scandal-ridden "gospel" entertainer iceberg. English, citing human failings, quits as a Christian singer, but may pursue plans with Bill Gaither to form a new record label. (5/6 H.T.). The Gospel Music Association says he can have his awards back anytime he wants them.

PSYCHOBABBLE DANGER—Thousands of families have been torn asunder by so-called memory recovery therapy. A jury recently ruled that therapists had planted false abuse memories in the mind of a woman who accused her father of raping her as a child. Psychologists have made alarming inroads into churches, helping us "learn to accept ourselves and to get in touch with our unconscious or the child within." (5/16 CT). The main tone of many therapies is that the client is a victim of his society and unjust upbringing. Responsibility and sin imply guilt, and so are anti-therapeutic. Psychiatry has been unable to prove that it cures anything. A danger is that unscriptural psychologies may, to some degree, replace Christianity without most people noticing the substitution.

HEALTH CARE CONCERNS—The Clinton health plan sounds so nice, yet it would endanger Americans by

reducing the quality and availability--but increase the cost--of medical care. It would force Christians to pay for abortion services, mental health care, and counseling for drug and alcohol abuse--and require doctors to act as "social agents" instead of healers. Joni Eareckson Tada says it would jeopardize people with disabilities: "If [it] decides certain disabled people don't merit life-sustaining treatment, then a further step may be taken to terminate their lives." A surgeon said: "If you use up your money and you're still on the respirator, that's it, you're shut off." (4/25 CT). We suggest that Congress delete pages 1 through 1,342 of this 1,342-page bill.

UNTOUCHABLE ENTITLEMENTS: DARE WE CALL IT SOCIALISM?—Welfare spending from its 1965 inception to the present has cost taxpayers \$4.9 trillion in constant 1992 dollars. It is now 5 percent of our GNP compared to 1.5 percent when Pres. Johnson declared war on poverty (4/23 World). In 1968, 2.2 million Americans received food stamps at a cost of \$173 million. Today, 27 million are enrolled in a food-stamp program that costs taxpayers \$24 billion a year. And fraud is rampant, as recipients trade the stamps for cash or drugs. (2/94 R. Digest). These are but two of the large number of "legal plunder" government giveaway programs. For government to GIVE (spend) something, it must first TAKE (tax). "Entitlements" imply that a vast number of people have a legal claim to the property of others. To take (steal?) from the haves to give to the have-nots is socialism

CATHOLICS EXALT MARY—Many Catholics today ascribe to Mary attributes of God--even the power to save. The Winter'94 Fatima Crusader (published by Roman Catholics) had the following quotes: "The Madonna has a share in the royalty of God...One rightly calls her Jesus' Queen-Mother, and...She now takes Her place in glory at Her Son's right hand." *** "Yes, O Mary, Mother of God, Sovereign Virgin, God's most glorious creature, we want to follow You as our Queen of love, who art all-powerful..." *** "The Holy Mother of God revealed...: 'I am She who is in the Divine Trinity... Submit yourself to the authority of the Pope...'" *** "The Madonna brings Jesus to us and takes us to Jesus. That is why we call Her Mediatrix..." *** "Mary came to Fatima to save souls from Hell." *** "Mary said, 'Through the Rosary and Scapular I will save the world.'" Read 1Tim. 2:5.

JOHN HAGEE A HERETIC?—Dr. Jerry Falwell's 5/6 Liberty Flame quoted Southeastern Baptist Seminary Pres. Dr. Paige Patterson (from 4/30/88 Houston Chronicle) as saying John Hagee's "Two Covenant teaching is "heretical." The article said Hagee believes that Jews are saved by keeping the Mosaic law, while everyone else (Gentiles)--whether Buddhist or Baha'i--needs to believe in Jesus. Former SBC pres. Dr. Jerry Vines said: "Most [evangelicals] do not know John Hagee very well...not aware of his 'Two Covenant' theological position nor his marital difficulties." In 1975 Hagee resigned as pastor of a charismatic church saying his marriage had collapsed and he had become "immoral" in his personal conduct. After leaving that church, he immediately became pastor of Cornerstone Church (San Antonio) where he is now. After a 1975 divorce, he married a young woman from the former church. Hagee is popular on Paul Crouch's TBN, and, in the past year he has spoken at National Religious Broadcasters, Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship, and Oral Roberts University conferences. (See 3/1 CC).

MORE EVIDENCE OF FULLER SEMINARY APOSTASY—In recent-year books, Drs. Harold Lindsell and George Marsden have documented the sad apostasy of Fuller Seminary, its failure to affirm inerrancy, its movement toward neo-orthodoxy, etc. Recent-year speakers have included Roman Catholics, charismatics, David Yonggi Cho, etc. Robert Schuller Crystal Cathedral Co-pastor Bruce Larson is scheduled to teach a Jan. 9-20 course at Fuller. Fuller is deeply enmeshed in social concerns, and is about as ecumenical as they come. Even its new office receptionist is Seventh-Day Adventist minister Bertie Degraphenreed. Of the Fall 1992 student body, 35 percent were female. There were only 86 doctoral students in the School of Theology, but 271 in the School of Psychology. A Fuller brochure says roughly one student out of two is from a mainline church. Presbyterians are most common, followed by nondenominational, Assemblies of God, Methodists, and American Baptists. Over one-third are charismatics or Pentecostals. Richard J. Mouw recently succeeded David Allan Hubbard as president of Fuller. He says: "I borrow unashamedly from the teachings of the Roman Catholics and Eastern Orthodoxy in my attempts to grow in holiness." (4/4 USN & WR).

ASBURY GETS NEW PRESIDENT—Dr. Maxie Dunnam, senior minister at Christ United Methodist Church

(Memphis), succeeds Dr. David McKenna as the fifth pres. of Asbury Seminary (Wilmore, KY). Dunnam is a member of the Roman Catholic-Methodist International Dialogue Commission. McKenna was presented the J. Elwin Wright Award at the recent NAE convention, for "significantly influencing the worldwide evangelical movement..." The Fall '93 Asbury Herald pictured Wolfhart Pannenberg and Jurgen Moltmann and praised their "high-caliber lectureships", "cutting edge theology," and "doctrinal distinctives." Pannenberg does not acknowledge the personality of the Holy Spirit, accepts evolutionary assumptions (11/4/88 CT), and rejects any special inspiration/authority of Scripture. (6/22/92 CT). Moltmann, a liberal German Lutheran, rejects historic Christian doctrines(2/15/93 CC).

SEPARATION DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN ISOLATION—It is hard to separate from disobedient brethren. Paul, at last, had to stand alone. Elijah, however, thought he stood alone, but God revealed 7,000 others. We need to stand fast, but not be too fast to dwindle the number down to ONE.

SBC REACTION TO CATHOLIC-EVANGELICAL PAPER—Two Southern Baptist leaders, Larry Lewis (head of Home Mission Board) and Richard Land (head of Christian Life Commission), signed the 25-page Colson/Neuhaus Catholic-Evangelical document released March 29 (see 4/15 CC) which called for avoidance of proselytizing each other's converts. Charles Colson is also a So. Baptist--a pro-Catholic ecumenical one. Reaction within the SBC that we have seen thus far is mixed but mostly mild. An editorial in one of the SBC's most conservative papers, the Indiana Baptist (4/26), offered cautious praise. It stated: "Initiatives such as this might be helpful in our state in several ways. First, we can multiply and unify our influence on our culture.... Second, division for its own sake is very hard to justify...." Conservative SBC author James Hefley said he might sign it if asked. He said: "If put on the spot, I'd have to think about it for awhile." (5/24 IB). But Foreign Mission Board trustees approved an expression of concern that the document is "subject to interpretations harmful to the work of foreign missions." (5/10 IB). What good does it do if SBC conservatives clean out some liberals, then rush to help Rome build the one-world ecumenical church of the Antichrist? Dr. Tim Lee calls SBC conservative leaders "fundamentalists" on the basis of their belief of the "5 fundamentals."

CEDARVILLE HELPS ELWA—GARBC-approved Cedarville College has in recent years edged closer to a new-evangelical stance. Speakers such as Drs. Vernon Grounds and Warren Wiersbe are indications of this. Now the 5-6/94 Ohio Independent Baptist says a Cedarville engineering team "will design and build an electrical control system for ELWA, a Christian radio station in Monrovia, Liberia." ELWA was set up by the Sudan Interior Mission (SIM International) in 1954 but was destroyed in the 1990 Liberian civil war. SIM has long positioned itself in the new-evangelical camp and became a 1917 charter member of the IFMA which has indirect links to the WCC and cooperates with WCC groups. In recent years it has weakened toward charismatism.

FREEDOM FROM JUDGING, REPROOF?—Subtle subverters of the faith hate those who expose their error. Compromisers sometimes explode in anger at those who warn and inform others of their pattern of unscriptural associations. They often misapply Mat. 7:1-5 and 18:15-17. The Mat. 7 passage condemns hypocritical judging. But Jn. 7:24 commands "righteous" judging. (Also, see 1 Cor. 6:1-5 and Rev. 2:2.) 1 Cor. 2:15 says, "He that is spiritual judgeth all things." We all make judgments every day. We have a scriptural duty to judge/examine apostates and compromisers' practices/associations and to identify/ expose them, but not in a hypocritical or mean-spirited way. Rom. 16:17 says: "...mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them."(1 Jn. 2:10 indicates disobedient brethren cause "divisions.") We are to "rebuke," "exhort," "reprove," and "contend." But some "fundamentalist" leaders today act as if they are above scriptural reproof, and can fellowship with whom they please. Dr. Tim Lee's "fraternity of the free" seemingly gives license for pulpit-sharing with Southern Baptists and other new evangelicals. "Judge not," "strive not," and "speak the truth in love" commands are to be interpreted in their context and are not to be unscripturally misused to excuse a softness or disobedience to Biblical separation commands, or to silence "contenders for the faith."

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GOVERNMENT PRESSURE TO PUSH HOMOSEXUALITY—Radical homosexual activist and open lesbian Roberta Achtenberg is Pres. Clinton's assistant secretary for fair housing and equal opportunity at the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). She has issued a mandate and new guidelines requiring supervisors and managers who seek an "outstanding" rating to partake in "culturally diverse" activities such as participation in homosexual groups (5/94 AFA Jrnl). This means: To advance your career, do everything you can in and out of the workplace to promote homosexuality.

CATHOLICS 'HONOR' AMY GRANT—St. John's University gave its highest award to rock star Amy Grant last month (5/7 Houston Chron.). She is the third woman to receive the Pax Christi award, often called a jewel in the crown of the Roman Catholic Church. Pax Christi is the radical International Catholic Peace Movement. Grant, a charismatic, was called "a contemporary Christian role model for today's generation" and praised for the "Christian values" in her life and music career.

FALWELL REVIVES MORAL MAJORITY?—Richard Sumner in the 4/94 Target says: "Dr. Jerry Falwell has recently announced the formation of a new organization, MISSION AMERICA, to be used as a vehicle to inspire concerned Americans to get involved...to save our country from moral self-destruction. MISSION AMERICA is the new replacement for Moral Majority (started in 1979...disbanded in 1987)."

SOUTH AFRICA TILTS TOWARD COMMUNISM—Joe Slovo is chairman of the South African Communist Party (SACP) which controls Nelson Mandela's African National Congress (ANC). Slovo is a white Lithuanian and a colonel in the Russian KGB. (McAlvany). He is the new minister of housing and welfare in Mandela's cabinet. The communist terrorists who have butchered over 60,000 So. Africans since 1990 are now to be merged with the security forces who have been trying to stop their slaughter. South Africa is the largest gold producer in the world, and also has the largest known deposits of chrome, platinum, etc. The SACP will soon control 60% of the world's gold supply, and a big share of other vital metals/minerals- -making it the wealthiest Communist Party in the world. The U.S. government has supported the ANC/SACP alliance for over 20 years. Pres. Clinton now offers South Africa a \$600 million aid package. Mandela now must deal with the Zulus; allay the fears of businessmen, etc., by going slowly in redistributing the wealth and socializing the economy/ industry; at the same time he must meet the high expectations of his followers. Donald McAlvany says the communists will ultimately self-destruct, destroy the economy and the people's freedom.

THE NEW WORLD ORDER—Donald McAlvany in his 4/94 44-page paper says South Africa is in the first stage of a Marxist-Leninist pattern of two-step revolutions. It has been delivered to communism all in the name of democracy by traitors in the National Party government, by the West, by the New World Order establishment, and by powerful interests who want to exploit the vast mineral wealth. The New World Order (NWO), he says, “is a world/global government under the United Nations which international elitists in the financial and power corridors of America, Europe, Japan, So. Africa, etc. believe they can install by the turn of the century. [It] is being pushed by the world’s most powerful socialists, communists, internationalists, occultists, and New Agers.” Some of the elements would be a global taxation system, a world court, a world army, a world central bank, a world welfare state, abolition of private firearms, mandatory population and environmental control, centralized control of education, and a world police force (under the UN, with the U.S. and Russian militaries as the core). The New World Order will have three major regional governments: (1) The United States of Western Europe, (2) The North American Common Market (U.S., Canada, and Mexico) - launched by NAFTA, and (3) A Pacific Rim regional headquartered in Japan or Singapore. The NWO will have four secondary regional governments (Latin America, Middle East, So. Pacific - Australia, New Zealand - and Africa anchored by ANC government in Pretoria. The NWO’s cornerstone is the merger/convergence of the common interests of America and Russia into a strong alliance.

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT UNDER ASSAULT—Recently Joseph Coe was arrested and charged with spanking his “out of control” 23-year-old retarded daughter with a belt. Coe is a Bible-believing Christian and member of Harvest Baptist Church in Torrington, CT. The state’s attorney decided not to prosecute, due to lack of evidence, but the judge refused to grant a motion to dismiss the case, and the Department of Mental Retardation commissioner, clergy, and social welfare proponents seem intent on getting the law changed regarding spanking children. A movement is underway to amend or repeal that section of the law which rendered Coe’s alleged conduct legally privileged. The popular sentiment there seems to be that corporal discipline is always improper. For more info on this issue, contact: Pastor Dave Reinhardt, 14 Granville Ave., Danbury, CT 06810, 203/743-5184.

DOBSON SAYS HE LOVES AND LISTENS TO ROCK MUSIC—Dr. Ed Dobson in a 1993 book, *Starting a SEEKER SENSITIVE SERVICE*, describes the music used in a Saturday night service he began in his church five years ago: “The style of ‘Saturday Night’ is basically late sixties and early seventies rock. We have a lead guitar, a bass guitar, a synthesizer, a piano, drums, and sometimes a saxophone...(We wanted a style of music that communicated to people aged twenty to forty-five. That style of music, without question, is rock. It is the language of my generation. It is the musical style that I love and listen to. It communicates in a language that I understand.” [p42]. At the front of this book [p10] is a one-page “testimonial” by a young man who attends “Saturday Night” and who tells of “inviting Jesus into his life again” in 1992. He said: “And I know he heard me because a beautiful butterfly landed on my shoulder and stayed there for a few minutes.” Salvation based on a butterfly instead of the Bible? This was an interesting, but sad, book. Dobson pastors Calvary Church, Grand Rapids, the old De Haan church which hosted the 1988 IFCA convention. He was named 1993 “Pastor of the Year” by Moody Bible Institute, and MBI Pres. Joseph Stowell, on the back cover, “highly recommends” this book.

RADIO BIBLE CLASS TAKES PSYCHOLOGICAL TURN—Radio Bible Class was started over 55 years ago by outspoken fundamentalist Dr. M. R. De Haan. Rick Miesel says: “It is currently run by Dr. De Haan’s three ecumenical, neo-evangelical, psychologically-oriented sons: Richard, Dennis, and Martin II....Sometime in the mid-1980s, RBC took a decidedly psychological turn, incorporating the world’s pop psychology into almost every area of its vast media empire.” [Miesel’s 10-page detailed report on RBC’s teachings is available for \$1.00 from: BDM, P.O. Box 6154, Bloomington, IN 47407.] RBC programs feature new-evangelical speakers. RBC’s “Our Daily Bread” has new-evangelical writers (e.g., Vernon Grounds) and favorably cites liberals and new evangelicals (1/15/91 CC). RBC editor Herb Vander Lugt, in RBC booklets, has classified Catholicism as a Christian denomination, and implied that Hell is not a place of literal fire.

‘1994’ THE END FOR FAMILY RADIO?—Family Radio founder Harold Camping claims in his 1994? book that the Lord will return in September, 1994, and that no one can become saved after Sept.6. He has now produced a

second book to provide more evidence that the Rapture will occur this year. For such foolish date-setting he is being called a "heretic" and "false prophet." Family Radio officials try to convince him that his rigid views and unteachable spirit will mean the demise of the ministry. "Harold believes so intently that Christ will return in 1994 that everything else holds no meaning. His family has turned against him, the church community doesn't support his views, and the majority of staff members here at Family Radio fear that the end just might be near...not for the world, but for Family Radio." (3/14 Chr.News). [Dr. D.A. Waite has an analysis of Camping's book for \$1.50 from: BFT, 900 Park Av., Collingswood, NJ 08108]

IBFNA SPEAKERS—Speakers for the Independent Baptist Fellowship of North America's annual conference, June 21-23, Merrillville, IN, include Drs.: Ernest Pickering, Ed Nelson, Robert Delnay, Richard Harris, Tom Nieman, and Lee Taylor. Dr. L. Duane Brown is moderator. Dr. Harris is editor of IBFNA's The REVIEW. For more info, contact Dr. Clay Nuttall, Hobart, IN.

PROMISE KEEPERS IS ECUMENICAL—Promise Keepers was founded by University of Colorado football coach Bill McCartney in 1990 to target men of all denominations and ethnic groups who desire to promote integrity and moral accountability. But a 12/8/93 "Promise Keepers Statement" says they support homosexuals "being included and welcomed in all our events." Their present or past conventions have featured some pop psychologists and most notorious ecumenicals, such as E.V. Hill, Luis Palau, James Dobson, Jack Hayford, Howard Hendricks, and Gary Smalley. A hypercharismatic influence is seen in Promise Keeper's recent partnership with Charisma editor Stephen Strang to publish a new men's magazine titled New Man, and in the fact that McCartney is a member of a John Wimber "signs and wonders" Vineyard Christian Fellowship church. (BDM has a 5-page report on Promise Keepers for \$1.00: P.O. Box 6154, Bloomington, IN 47407).

LIFE ACTION CONTINUES NEW-EVANGELICAL DRIFT—The "Contents" and Itinerary pages of Life Action's 4/93 Spirit of Revival paper clearly indicate the new-evangelical course being pursued. There were articles by pro-Catholic ecumenical Charles Colson, John MacArthur, Church of Christ pastor Max Lucado, and one each from Broadman Press and NavPress. Southern Baptist, Evangelical Free, and Assembly of God churches were on the itinerary--and Bryan College also. Life Action Singers performed at the 6/91 Southern Baptist Convention. Life Action proclaims a message of revival, but sadly routinely fellowships with ecumenicals and new evangelicals.

EVELYN CHRISTENSON'S ECUMENICAL PRAYER SEMINAR—Popular author Evelyn Christenson has led prayer seminars since 1968. The 4/94 Charisma, the charismatic movement's main paper, had a long article on reconciliation by Christenson where she said one prerequisite for her to come for a prayer seminar was that "all the churches of the community had to be welcome." She later said, "[Our Lord's] credibility in the world hangs on our unity." She approves of demon deliverance ministries for today. Her ecumenical pro-Catholic "friend" Charles Colson wrote the "Foreword" for one of her books. She sometimes speaks in charismatic and So. Baptist churches.

TILTON FOUND GUILTY OF FRAUD—Charismatic TV evangelist Robert Tilton was taking in \$65 million a year in 1991 when ABC-TV's "Prime Time Live" exposed his lavish lifestyle and deceptive fund-raising methods. Since then, it has been downhill all the way. Income plummeted, causing him to lose his TV program. Last year, he divorced his wife of 25 years. And now last April, a jury found him guilty of fraud and awarded a suing couple \$1.5 million in damages.

FBF SPEAKERS—Speakers for the Fund. Baptist Fellowship's 74th annual national meeting, June 14-16, at Dr. Jim Singleton's Tri-City Baptist Church, Tempe, AZ, include Drs.: Singleton, FBF Pres. Rod Bell, Bob Jones, John Vaughn, Mark Minnick, Doug McLachlan, and Brian Green. Workshop speakers include Drs.: Dave Innes, Frank Bumpus, J.B. Williams, R.L. Hymers Jr., and Phil Shuler.

PASTOR McLAUGHLIN EARNS DOCTORATE AT BJU—Dr. Greg McLaughlin received a doctor of ministries degree May 7 from Bob Jones University. He has a degree in business admin. from Illinois State U., a master of

divinity from Tenn. Temple Seminary, and an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Maranatha Baptist Bible College. August 1 marks 15 years as pastor at Calvary.

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GAMBLING CRAZE—Americans legally gambled an astounding \$330 billion in 1992--over \$1,200 for every man, woman, and child. Casinos are legal in 23 states, lotteries operate in 37. State lotteries cause more harm than good. They raise little tax revenue, create few jobs, hurt the poor, encourage crime, and create compulsive gamblers (4/18 Chr.News) . Gambling is morally wrong, a social evil, and degrading. It appeals to greed, sloth, and selfishness--sins condemned by Scripture (5/94 Moody). The gambling industry hopes to help gamblers lose a record \$35 billion in 1995 (3/14 USN&WR). People forget that every winning dollar is plucked from the pockets of vulnerable losers.

EUTHANASIA, DOCTORS WHO KILL—Jack Kevorkian, "Dr. Death," tries to make physician-assisted sui-cide seem compassionate, but there are dangers. Dating back 2,500 years to Hippocrates, the fore-most rule of medicine is that "doctors shall not kill." Healing is the physician's priority. The "right to die" can too easily become a "duty to die." Pres. Clinton last Nov. said there are a lot of extra costs in medical care at the end of life, and getting more Americans to sign living wills is "one way to weed some of them out." (4/25 USN&WR) . "Death with dignity" seems at times now to mean "killing the sufferer instead of relieving the suffering." Be warned, be wise, beware!

ELDERS ENDORSES HOMOSEXUAL ADOPTION—Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders says maybe we should legalize drugs, and that sex education should be taught to pre-kindergarten children in daycare centers. She has demanded public funds for abortion, and distribution of condoms in schools. Now, in an interview with the homosexual magazine The Advocate, she endorsed homosexual adoption, implied that gay sex is healthy, attacked as hateful Christians who oppose the gay rights movement, advocated pro-homosexual school programs, and called the Boy Scouts' policy of excluding gays "unfair." (4/2 World) .She said: "I feel that if gay or lesbian couples feel that they want children enough to adopt, well, then they are probably just as capable of being good parents as heterosexual parents who choose to adopt." She added: "We have to be more open about sex.. tell people that sex is good.. .It's a normal and healthy part of our being, whether it is homosexual or heterosexual."

CLINTON: SAINT, OR SOCIALIST?—In the 4/25 Chr.Today, Pat Robertson said: "America has become a predominantly anti-Christian pagan nation--and our government has become a weapon the anti-Christian forces now use against Christians and religious people." Pres. Clinton attends a Southern Baptist church, is married to a liberal Methodist, and is our first president to graduate from a Catholic college. Apart from his CFR/Trilateral connection, his alleged extra-marital affairs and draft-dodging, he has appointed over a score of homosexuals to his staff. To millions of Americans, his support for abortion rights makes him a mass murderer. On the character issue,

he is a disaster. James Dobson recently listed 53 separate developments in 1993 that "served to undermine traditional moral values." His socialist agenda keeps expanding. The media protect him in many ways. Yet, Billy Graham says, "I believe Bill has gone to his knees many times...." And Ed Dobson amazingly says (4/25 CT): "...I believe [Clinton's] more deeply spiritual than any president we've had in recent years." Sadly, that's not saying much, but where is the basis for even that?

CAMPOLO: CLINTON'S 'SOCIALIST' FRIEND—Pres. Clinton in his State of the Union address called Eastern Collage sociologist Tony Campolo his "good friend." Rick Miesel in his Mar-Apr BDM Letter said: "Campolo is a theological liberal, a New Age pantheist, and a radical political socialist, whose teachings are heretical at best and blasphemous at worst!" A 2/5 World article said: "...Campolo views the government as nothing more than a tool to bring about desired ends. Are people lacking in health care? Then let the government make it illegal for doctors to offer to serve people in exchange for other goods and services. Are people poor? Then let the government give them other people's money. The irony of this is that Clinton, Campolo, and others think that such actions constitute 'justice.'" They really constitute theft, extortion, bribery, and slavery.

GALAXY DRIFT CHALLENGES EVOLUTION IDEA—The Marshall Space Flight Center's (NASA) 4/6 Marshall Star says: Two astronomers have discovered that the Milky Way galaxy and most of its neighboring galaxies, contained within a huge volume of the universe, one billion light-years in diameter, are drifting with respect to the more distant universe. This startling result may imply that the uni-verse is "lumpier" on a much larger scale than can be readily explained by any current theory. Dr. Tod Lauer (NOAO) says: "The new observations thus strongly challenge our understanding of how the universe evolved." He and Dr. Marc Postman (Space Telescope Science Inst., Baltimore) have studied galaxy motions over the entire sky out to deepest-ever distances of over 500 light years.

NCC TO 'BE NO MORE'—National Council of Churches head, Rev. Joan Brown Campbell, says the NCC may disappear by the year 2000. She says: "There will be a new ecumenical structure formed that will include Pentecostals, Roman Catholics, Evangelicals." (4/18 C.News). She added: "They will come into some new configuration and the NCC will be no more as we know it now." Meanwhile, ecumenism among Catholics, charismatics, and evangelicals is accelerating, as evidenced by the recent signing of the Colson/Neuhaus "Evangelicals and Catholics Together" document.

GRAHAM & NCC ECUMENICAL EVANGELISM—Dr. Billy Graham has indicated interest in being part of the discussion of a new National Council of Churches "more intentionally ecumenical program of evangelism" in the U.S. (Spring'94 EcuLink). Participants in developing this proposed NCC evangelization policy statement will meet in Dec. at the Billy Graham Training Center (NC).

WHITE CALLS CATHOLICS 'CLOSEST FRIENDS'—Geneva College President and former NAE Pres. Dr. John White signed and praised the Colson/Neuhaus "Evangelicals and Catholics Together" statement (5/1 CC). White now says this document "has the potential to recast all the ecumenical discussions that have gone on through the years. This is a new day. Our closest friends as evangelicals, in the cultural task and in the fundamental theological task, are Roman Catholics. It's not liberal Lutherans; it's not liberal Presbyterians. The old friends are no longer friends." (5/94 Moody). Calling Catholics "closest friends.. in the theological task," would seem to end further evangelizing of Catholics. Indeed, the document condemns proselytizing.

ACCC RESOLUTION ON EVANGELICALS AND CATHOLICS—An ACCC resolution quoted from the recent Colson/Neuhaus "Evangelicals and Catholics Together" statement (see 4/15 CC), and said: "Be it known that we, the Executive Committee of the American Council of Christian Churches meeting at the Bible Church of Westville, NJ on April 26, 1994 firmly contend that the Word of God, as well as 'the ancient creeds and core beliefs' of Christians are diametrically opposed to the teachings of Roman Catholicism. True Bible-believing Christians should not join hands with Roman Catholics in evangelistic endeavors. We do not believe that evangelicals and Catholics are 'brothers in Christ,' nor that there are 1.7 billion Christians in the world and that 1 billion of these are Roman

Catho-lics' as this 25-page statement claims. ..."

RABBI ECKSTEIN A BRIDGE-BUILDER TO EVANGELICALS—Orthodox Jewish Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein has lectured at such evangelical strongholds as Criswell College, Wheaton College, and Trinity Seminary (2/15/88 Chr.News). He has been praised by Paul Crouch, Pat Boone, Sandi Patti, David Hubbard, Brandt Gustavson, and Jerry Falwell for his ministry of building bridges between evangelicals and Jews. Pat Robertson says of Eckstein: "He is a dedicated believer in the Bible and in the God of the Bible. . .I believe his work is worthy of support by those of his own faith community as well as evangelicals." (5/94 Charisma). It is rather incredible that evangelicals would even consider supporting a Jewish rabbi who defends the ancient Pharisees, says modern Judaism is Phariseism, and claims Jesus never said the words recorded in John 8:44, "Ye are of your father the devil" (1/30/89 CN). In the 5/94 Charisma article, Eckstein said: "I'm not a Christian, I'm still a Jew..."

JIM BAKKER A LIBERAL DEMOCRAT?—PTL founder Jim Bakker will preach a different message when he gets out of federal prison next fall. His lawyer, James Toms, says: "It won't be a right-wing Republican commitment. . . There will be a strong core of calling for justice and equity as part of the gospel. You'll see a Bible-believing liberal Democrat." (4/18 NIRR). Bakker earlier renounced his "prosperity gospel" teachings.

CRISWELL NO LONGER A MASON—Dr. W.A. Criswell in a letter to this editor last month said he was initiated into the Masonic Lodge in 1931, but was released from membership soon after. Dr. James Holly (SBC) last week said Criswell has maintained a sympathy toward Masonry, defended Masons, evidently been enriched by his Masonry ties, and has not renounced Freemasonry.

STANLEY'S TROUBLED MARRIAGE—Radio-TV preacher and Southern Baptist leader Charles Stanley is pastor of 13,000-member First Baptist Church in Atlanta. He informed his church last July 4 that his wife of 38 years had filed for legal separation. His Atlanta "In Touch" office last week told us that the Stanleys are now "working toward reconciliation" and "need prayer."

TEMPLE SEMINARY SUMMER SPEAKERS—We keep hoping at each new change in leadership at Tennessee Temple University to see a turn to a stronger separatist stance. But, alas, time and again, we see a similar slate of speakers from the world of new evangelicalism. The TTU Baccalaureate speaker is Dr. Tim Lee's pastor, Dr. Gary Coleman. Temple Baptist Seminary summer courses in June are taught by: Liberty University Prof. Dr. Gary Habermas who defends the Shroud of Turin hoax, Dr. Kenneth Gangel (Dallas Seminary), Dr. Michael Anthony (Talbot), and Dr. Walter Kaiser who was the former academic dean at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and is now a Gordon-Conwell Seminary professor, and others.

WIERSBE PRAISES DISTORTED BIBLE VERSION—Dr. Warren Wiersbe is a popular author and conference speaker. He has pastored Moody Church, served as Gen. Dir. of Back to the Bible, and with YFC. We now see him endorsing Eugene Peterson's The Message, "N.T. in Contemporary English," released by NavPress last July. Wiersbe calls this "the boldest and most provocative rendering of the New Testament I've ever read." The 2/94 Chr. World Report shows several alarming textual deletions, distortions, and additions. Wiersbe often speaks at TTU and GARBC schools. He was listed to speak at First Baptist Church (SBC), Jacksonville, 2/94; at MBI, 5/94; and at the Billy Graham Training Center in August.

A NEW NEW EVANGELICALISM—Fundamentalism has some problems. It would be foolish to deny this. Sometimes older fundamentalists fought the wrong battles with the wrong weapons. Sometimes they hit beneath the belt. But a younger group of fundamentalists need to realize that they did fight. Developing today is a younger breed of fundamentalists who are the same as the type that produced the new evangelicals. Our books on fundamentalism are excellent Scriptural expositions, but fail to mention new evangelicalism or name names of those who would dilute or destroy the faith through the lack of separation. A younger group of fundamentalists resists the naming of names in resolutions. They want to be fundamentalists without any contending. This is not possible! In another day it

pro-duced new evangelicalism. It will produce today a new new evangelicalism. (Dr. James Singleton)

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HOMOSEXUALS CONTINUE ATTACK ON CHURCH—Radical homosexual activists continue to attack the Hamilton Square Baptist Church, San Francisco (see 10/15 CC). They organized a March 9 march from the State Building to the church. In response, a four-hour service was held at the church beginning at 5 pm. Some 60 protesters arrived about 6:30 seeking to disrupt the service, but police quickly contained/controlled them. Local media coverage was kept to a minimum, and was mostly favorable to the church. For the first time, the radicals were on the defensive, though the San Francisco Board of Supervisors continues to support them in their assault upon churches. The Calif. Attorney General met with 60 local pastors Jan. 27. Lawsuits and other legal remedies are being considered Pastor David Innes is now seeking to raise funds to produce a \$30,000 video regarding the Sep. 19 riot and to combat the frightening progress of the homosexual agenda. To assist in this project, make checks (tax exempt) to CITIZENS FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, 1212 Geary St., San Francisco 94109.

SINGAPORE CANING CASE—Our president and other liberals are now complaining to Singapore that their sentencing of an 18-year-old American--who committed acts of vandalism--to four months in prison, a \$2,245 fine, and six lashes with a rod is excessively harsh. Maybe it is, but we should not be surprised at Singapore's reluctance to be lectured by a country where gangs, shootings, and bloodshed are daily fare in its cities. If Singapore is excessively hard on criminals, we are excessively lenient with them, and our "excess" causes much more terror and suffering of innocent people. Our criminal courts accept a high-priced psychiatric diagnosis that says the criminal is a "victim," and excuses his violent behavior. It is time to end our permissiveness, and make punishment for crime swift and certain (Eccl. 8:11). Until then, it is safer to live in Singapore.

SPONG STILL BLASPHEMES—Episcopal Bishop John Spong is at it again. He who in 1989 ordained a homosexual activist as a priest, and in 1988 worshipped in a Buddhist temple, is now saying the Gospel accounts of the virgin birth and resurrection of Jesus are "pure legend" (3/26 Ind. Star). Other of Spong's radical anti-Christian ravings have been widely publicized over the past decade.

AMERICA DISARMS AS WORLD DANGER INCREASES—America is rapidly and unilaterally disarming, slashing our defense budget, under the illusion that communism is dead. Soon, in a military partnership, troops from Russia and the U.S. will participate in joint military exercises on American soil (4/ 18 New American). John Stormer, in his 2/94 paper, warns of recent dangerous legislation that repealed 40 years of anti-communist legislation and policies. He reported a Pentagon plan to aim U.S. nuclear missiles at desolate spots in the open seas instead of

strategic targets in Russia. He quoted from a 1930 communist blueprint for defeating America: "War to the hilt between communism and capitalism is inevitable. Today, of course, we are not strong enough to attack. Our time will come in 20 to 30 years. To win, we shall need the element of surprise. The bourgeoisie will have to be put to sleep. So we shall begin by launching the most spectacular peace movement on record. There will be electrifying overtures and unheard of concessions. The capitalist countries, stupid and decadent, will rejoice to cooperate in their own destruction. They will leap at another chance to be friends. As soon as their guard is down, we will smash them with our clenched fist."

DEWEY'S 'PROGRESSIVE EDUCATION'—John Dewey is called "the father of progressive education." The goal of his followers, including the behavioral psychologists, is to change the belief system of every child to conform to a new world order by assessing their attitudes, behavior and emotions. The 3/94 *FWR Report* says: "The group is the nucleus of progressive education. No child is permitted to forge ahead of another. This would hurt the group. Promotions become automatic. Nobody is left behind because of poor work, even if they cannot read, write or compute. This would disrupt the group. Grading and report cards are frowned upon because it promotes competition, which breeds rivalry and encourages students to excel and rise above the group. When competition is not permitted, children get the idea that personal excellence and trying to get ahead is not worthwhile. The group, not the individual child, is the quintessence of progressivism. The child must always be made to feel part of the group, indulge in group thinking, in group activity, and finally reach a group consensus. This is the very foundation of collectivism." This is like the outcome/performance-based-education (OBE) being forced on our schools today (by Goals 2000, etc.).

HOMOSEXUAL LIBERTARIAN PARTY DIRECTOR RESIGNS—A letter in the 4/18 *New American* from the Secretary of the Libertarian Party of Ohio said Gene Cisewski, an avowed homosexual, has resigned as national director of the Libertarian Party following certain comments he made regarding the institution of marriage (see 4/1 CC). Steve Dasbach, the LP's national chairman, is married.

NAE CONVENTION—This editor attended the 52nd annual meeting of the National Association of Evangelicals in Dallas, March 6-8, representing (with press credentials) the American Council of Christian Churches. The NAE began in 1942, and today represents over 50,000 churches from 75 denominations (Assemblies, Nazarene, Conservative Baptist, PCA, etc.). It is composed of new evangelicals and charismatics. Its "middle-of-the-road" inclusivist stance allows it to accept local churches into membership from liberal National and World Councils of Churches denominations. The NAE plans a massive reorganization over the next two years. Our 4-page review of the NAE convention is available for \$2 from: ACCC, P.O. Box 19, Wallingford, PA 19086. ACCC Executive Secretary Dr. Ralph Colas has gratuitously called it, "an excellent report, revealing the author's keen discernment...."

RAMBO IS NEW NAE PRESIDENT—Incoming NAE president, Dr. David Rambo, heads the Christian and Missionary Alliance (since 1987). He was 1st Vice President of the NAE, and had served five years as head of Nyack College and Alliance Seminary. He has degrees from Gordon-Conwell, Fuller, and NYU. In his acceptance speech he said there is too much racism in the church, and the NAE is too old and too male. He said the new NAE allows room for greater inclusion of "baby boomers" and parachurch groups. He said the "restructuring of the NAE is meant to say, among other things, 'Women of the evangelical community, we not only need you, but we intend to open our doors for your greater involvement.'"

NAE SPEAKERS—**Paul Cedar:** President, The Evangelical Free Church of America, guest dean of the Billy Graham Schools of Evangelism, chairman of U.S. Lausanne Committee and the AD2000 and Beyond Movement. **Joseph Aldrich:** President of Multnomah Bible College, Dallas Seminary grad & former professor, and author of the unscriptural 1986 *Life-Style Evangelism* book. He and Multnomah were vitally involved in the 9/92 Portland Billy Graham Crusade. **David Wells:** Gordon-Conwell Seminary professor. Issued a provocative challenge to evangelicals to return from their "marketing emphasis" to a biblical theology. **Knute Larson:** Akron, Ohio megachurch pastor. Defended modern marketing methods. **O.S. Hawkins:** Pastor of the 25,000-member First Baptist Church in Dallas,

the W.A. Criswell SBC church. Hawkins substituted for Morris Chapman who could not speak due to a death in his family. **WORKSHOP/LUNCHEON SPEAKERS:** Kay Arthur: Co-founder of Precept Ministries, a dynamic speaker, listed to speak at a 1/94 cruise with Charles Stanley and other SBC leaders, speaks at the Billy Graham Training Center in Nov., and is on the National Religious Broadcasters Board of Directors. Julia Williams: President of The Mission Society for United Methodists. She spoke at the Evangelical Fellowship of Mission Agencies session and has served on the EFMA Board. Clive Calver: general director, Evangelical Alliance of Britain. J. Richard Chase: pres.-emeritus, Wheaton College. Joni Eareckson Tada: JAF Ministries. Robert Choun: Dallas Seminary professor. Richard Land: Exec. Dir., SBC's Christian Life Commission. J. Philip Hogan: Assemblies of God. David Clark: Recent Chairman, National Religious Broadcasters. NAE Exec. Dir. Billy Melvin, NAE outgoing president Don Argue, and others addressed the NAE. Paul Toms, Robert Cooley, Art Gay, and Jerry Ballard spoke at the World Relief's 50th Anniversary luncheon. Virtually all NAE speakers are ecumenical in their orientation and associations.

NAE'S JOHN WHITE PRAISES ACCORD WITH CATHOLICS—Dr. John White is president of Geneva College and was president of the National Association of Evangelicals from 1988 to 1990. He currently chairs the search committee to find a successor to NAE Exec. Dir. Dr. Billy Melvin who retires next March. White succeeds Dr. Robert Cooley as Chairman of World Relief's Board of Directors. We now see that White was one of the 40 evangelicals and Catholics who in late March signed the Colson/Neuhaus declaration ("Evangelicals and Catholics Together..."--see 4/15 CC). He said it represented a "triumphalistic moment" in American religious life. He said: "I don't know of any other time in history when these two communities have stood together, spoken together" on matters of faith.

SWINDOLL, DALLAS SEMINARY PLANS CHANGE—Dr. Charles Swindoll's new home in Dallas is being designed and built and he still plans to be on board as President of Dallas Seminary July 1. But his plans for relocating his radio and publishing ministry to Nashville, and starting a church there, have been put on hold and are now "long-range goals." Also, Dr. John Sailhamer of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School won't be going to Dallas as Provost (nor returning to TEDS), but Dallas's current vice-president Wendell Johnston will become Exec. V-P and be responsible for day-to-day operations. Both Swindoll and Dallas have increasingly moved toward a new evangelical stance in recent years (see 6/15/93 CC). Pro-Catholic ecumenical Charles Colson was Dallas's 1990 Commencement speaker.

LCWE REORGANIZES—The Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization has held global meetings in 1974 and 1989. Billy Graham's brother-in-law, Leighton Ford, was chairman of Lausanne II which met in Manila. Catholics and charismatics participated. After this 1989 meeting, Tom Houston became international director, and Paul Cedar in 1992 succeeded Ford as chairman of the U.S. committee (6/6/92 *World*). Now, the LCWE in a February meeting in Germany, voted to revamp and decentralize, and reduce staffing from 80 members to 30 (4/4 CT). Fergus Macdonald (Scotland) becomes executive director in June.

REMINDER FOR FBF & IBFNA CONFERENCES—The Fundamental Baptist Fellowship's 74th Annual National Meeting is set for June 14-16. The host church is Tri-City Baptist, 2150 E. Southern Av., Tempe, AZ 85282, Dr. James Singleton, Pastor. The Independent Baptist Fellowship of No. America's meeting is set for June 21-23, at Merrillville, IN. Contact is Dr. Clay Nuttall, Central Baptist Church, P.O. Box 316, Hobart, IN 46342.

ACCC/WCBC MEETINGS—Please pray as we plan to attend executive committee meetings of the American Council and World Council of Biblical Churches April 26 in Westville, NJ. Exec. Secretary Dr. Ralph Colas will speak at a rally open to the public that night at the Bible Church of Westville, Rev. Glenn Doughty, pastor. Dr. Colas recently attended the NRB convention as a member of the press, and in March spoke at several Fundamental Congresses in India.

A BIG 'THANK YOU' TO ANNETTE LOZENSKY (Calif.) for the effort she has undertaken to print all CC article titles (for past 10 years), first by year, then sorted by name/organization/etc., and eventually the articles themselves sorted by subjects, perhaps in book or booklet form. Don't contact us, we'll let you know if anything becomes

available. Just pray for Annette!

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CATHOLICS, EVANGELICALS COME TOGETHER—Last month, 40 evangelicals and Catholics signed "Evangelicals and Catholics Together: The Christian Mission in the Third Millennium." The consultation was begun in 1992 by ecumenicals Charles Colson and Richard Neuhaus (a Lutheran who became a RC priest). Evangelical endorsers included: Campus Crusade's Bill Bright, Pat Robertson, the heads of the Home Mission Board and Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, and several Catholics (3/30 HT). The coalition specifically called for an end to aggressive proselytizing of each other's flocks, and confessed their past sins against unity. The declaration said: "All who accept Christ as Lord and savior are brothers and sisters in Christ." But Catholics espouse a works-salvation false gospel! In a revealing admission of what brought these groups together, some signers said it was the experiences of worshipping together in the charismatic movement and working together in political causes such as anti-abortion[Moral Majority]. Fundamentalists and other discerning believers predicted such an ecumenical outcome a decade or two ago. The race to Rome has long been on, but there's no hope in the Pope, and Catholicism's wrong!

LIBERALS WANT TO CONTROL GUNS—"What liberals fear is privately owned guns--not guns owned by the Government. The liberal position on privately owned guns is consistent with the liberal position on all private property: there shouldn't be any. All private property should be controlled, regulated or confiscated by the omnipotent state. Liberals have no objection to guns--only to guns they don't control. They seek a legal monopoly on guns...to eliminate any final opposition to a socialist government."(4/4 New Amer.). Reduction of crime is not the goal--sure and harsher penalties would do that. Less than 0.02 percent of the total firearms and less than 0.4 percent of handguns are used in crimes. Thus, 99.98 percent of U.S. guns are not involved in criminal use.

LARRY CRABB'S FLAWED COUNSEL—Popular author Larry Crabb is chairman of the Graduate Department Biblical Counseling at Colorado Christian University. His new book, Finding God, is favorably reviewed in the 4/4 Christianity Today. Miles J. Stanford (840 Vindicator Dr., #111, Colo. Springs, CO 80919), in a 10-page review of this book, quotes Dr. John Whitcomb and others concerning the "damaging impact" of Crabb's teachings. Dr. Jay Adams says that in a 117-page critique in Martin & Deidre Bobgan's PsychoHeresy I book, they "explode the claim that the system is biblical, demonstrating Crabb's...dependence on Adler, Maslow, Ellis, and--especially--Freud." Crabb "uses the Scripture out of context." In his works "pagan theorists are praised," and he seeks to combine psychological theories and therapies with the Bible. Dr. Wendell Miller (IFCA's Voice) reviewed Crabb's Inside Out book, called it "confusing," a "mixture of errors of 'need' psychology and 'rational therapy'," and could not

recommend the book "because of its conflict with biblical truth." Rick Miesel, in a 3-page analysis, said Crabb's model effectively denies some biblical teachings.

PROTEST OF WOMEN'S CONFERENCE ESCALATES—As more weird details of last November's unorthodox "Re-Imagining" feminist conference (see 2/15 CC) unfold, the concern within the mainline denominations mounts. It was held in conjunction with the World Council of Churches' Decade of Churches in Solidarity, and a controversial incantation to "Our maker, Sophia" was used. The 4/4 Chr. Today said: "[F]rom a basis in feminist theology, conference participants looked to pantheistic religions and the heretical gnostic gospels to 'reimagine' a new god and a new road to salvation. The attendees blessed, thanked, and praised Sophia as a deity. Organizers claimed Sophia is the embodiment of wisdom...[who] was with God at Creation." Many of the 34 major speakers objected to the doctrine of the Atonement. The ecumenical Church Women United helped finance the event.

WAR AGAINST WOMEN—A 1980 U.N. report said: "Women, half the world's population, did two thirds of the world's work, earned one tenth of the world's income and owned one hundredth of the world's property. (3/28 USN&WR). There were many gains in the past decade, but a 1993 U.N. report found that there still is no country that treats its women as well as its men. Bride burnings ("dowry deaths") still occur in India. China and India still value sons above daughters, and dispose of unwanted baby girls. Girls and women in some parts of Africa face a painful ancient ritual where all or part of their external genitalia is removed (4/4 USN&WR). Meanwhile, a 1991 survey concludes that men lie, steal, drink, abuse drugs and commit adultery more than women (4/94 Charisma).

GARBC ENDORSES ECUMENICAL EVENT—Larry Fetzer, State Rep. of the Ohio Assoc. of Regular Baptist Churches (GARBC-affiliated) says: "Once again the OARBC is suggesting that our churches take part in the National Day of Prayer on May 5." (4/94 OIB Newsl.). Mrs. James Dobson is chairman of the event; Pat Boone and Mrs. Bill Bright are co-chairmen. A Rabbi and RC Cardinal are "Liaisons."

IS W.A. CRISWELL A MASON?—We ran an article in the 3/15 CC entitled, "Criswell A Mason?," and quoted a 1/31 Christian News article which said he is. But a pastor on our mailing list sent us a copy of a reply from Criswell which stated, "No, I do not belong to the Masonic lodge." Due to past experience with deceptive new-evangelicals and their word games, we immediately wrote Dr. Criswell and asked, "Have you ever been a Mason? If so, when did you withdraw (or whatever)?" It's been almost two weeks and we have had no reply. Meanwhile, we called James Holly, M.D., Beaumont, TX, who is perhaps the SBC's foremost authority on Freemasonry and who has written 3 volumes of books on the SBC & Freemasonry, and has led the battle against Freemasonry in the SBC. He told us that while Criswell does not attend meetings nor pay dues he is nonetheless still a Mason, albeit an in-active one. He said Criswell has not denied he was a Mason, nor denounced Masonry, and probably sincerely believes he can say he does not belong to the Masonic lodge. Dr. Holly gave us names of other former Criswell associates who can verify these and other facts. For example, Criswell had ordered Dr. Paige Patterson not to use anti-Masonry materials on the Criswell radio station, KCBI. Patterson is now president of the SBC's Southeastern Seminary in N.C.

ED DOBSON'S 'SEEKER SERVICE'—In the preface of his 1993 book, Starting a Seeker Sensitive Service, Dr. Ed Dobson, pastor of Calvary Church Grand Rapids and former assistant to Dr. Jerry Falwell, says: "....Five years ago we began a service on Saturday night that we called 'Saturday Night--A Place to Answer Questions.' The format is non- (almost anti-) traditional. The music is contemporary rock and roll. We use drama. The dress code is blue jeans and T-shirts...I give a talk (sermon) while sitting on a bar stool (renamed a church stool), and at the end of the talk I receive written questions from the audience..." Dr. Robert Sumner in a re-view of another Dobson book in the 3/93 Target, says: "...Our only objection relates to the author's low standards in worldliness areas. He both presents Hollywood movies in a positive light and openly confesses to being 'a rock-and-roll enthusiast.' The latter undoubtedly explains his informal Saturday night services when he dons blue jeans, sits on a bar stool to speak, and rock 'n' roll music pulses through the church sanctuary." Dobson's church hosted the 1988 IFCA convention, and he was named 1993 "Pastor of the Year" by Moody Bible Institute.

VAN IMPE'S DEFECTION, VIDEO—Dr. Jack Van Impe now praises the Pope and accepts as brothers those of whom he formerly warned. In 1976, he spoke at the World Congress of Fundamentalists in Edinburg, Scotland and said the preacher and evangelist "is to contend with false religionists in order to show them the error of their way." But now he, Billy Graham and others, are cozying with false religionists and enemies of Christ. He makes inflated pompous claims concerning his videos. In a letter to supporters promoting his new video tapes on the book of Daniel, he wrote: "The book of Daniel is now explainable and understandable. There is not one iota of truth that I was unable to exposit under the guidance of the blessed Holy Spirit." (10/93 Foundation). In a 3/21 letter he says: "The most stunning news in 2000 years of Christendom is about to be exposed by the 264th Pope on our new video..." We grieve to see Van Impe and others repudiate fundamentalism and become so abysmally bereft of Biblical discernment.

LEE'S DANGEROUS STANCE ON SEPARATION—Dr. Tim Lee in his 3/94 Target says there can be more cooperation and fellowship with Southern Baptists, but no merger. He said: "[T]he lines of separation in Scripture are clear, and they do not include separating from our Bible-believing brethren." This strikes at the heart of our disagreement with him. He calls Dr. W.A. Criswell and other brethren, "fundamentalists," by virtue of the fact that they believe the five fundamentals he lists. SBC seminaries and colleges have professors who teach false doctrine. For decades, SBC conservatives have been unscripturally yoked with these unbelievers and have helped pay their salaries. Pseudo-fundamentalists such as Lee share platforms with these disobedient brethren instead of separating from them as 2 Thes. 3:14 (and other Scripture) commands. Would Lee platform-share with worldly, adulterous [Dave Hyles?], homosexual, charismatic, and other preachers who say they believe those five fundamentals (and thus are fundamentalists by his definition)? Then, how can he seem to treat so lightly the sin of SBC conservatives? Are they not under the "wrath" of God for "helping the ungodly"? (2 Chr. 19:2).

DR. G. ARCHER WENIGER ON THE 'FIVE FUNDAMENTALS'—The five fundamentals have only to do with the Presbyterian aspect of the struggle with modernism....The bulk of Fundamentalism, especially the Baptists of every stripe who composed the majority by far, never accepted the five fundamentals alone. The World's Christian Fundamentals Association, founded in 1919, had at least a dozen main doctrines highlighted. The same was true of the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship, which originated in 1920. A true Fundamentalist would under no circumstances restrict his doctrinal position to five fundamentals. Even Dr. Carl F.H. Henry, a New Evangelical theologian, listed at least several dozen doctrines essential to the Faith. The only advantage of reducing the Faith down to five is to make possible a wider inclusion of religionists, who might be way off in heresy on other specific doctrines. It is much easier to have large numbers of adherents with the lowest common denominator in doctrine....(From The Fund. Phenomenon, or Fundamentalist Betrayal, Ed. by Dr. James Singleton)

GRAHAM A 'BRIDGE-BUILDER' BETWEEN CHINA & U.S.—Red China is cracking down harder in "prohibiting foreigners from making disciples, distributing religious literature, and establishing religious schools or organizations." (4/4 C.T.). But Billy Graham in his recent visit told the Chinese communists that: "For the rest of my life I want to be a bridge-builder, especially between [Red] China and the United States." (2/5 World). We are to contend with God-haters, not build bridges to them. In his 3/94 letter, Graham praises the "contagious optimism" in China, tells of being feted at a banquet, and seems to gloss over their human rights problem. As he did in Russia, Graham, instead of solely helping the persecuted, praises the persecutors.

KAREN MAINS INTO NEW AGE SHAMANISM?—Karen Mains, wife of Chapel of the Air radio host David Mains, is a popular speaker at women's conferences. She chairs Intervarsity Christian Fellowship's USA board of trustees. In a new book, Lonely No More, she tells of acquiring a personal spirit guide and contacting, through visualization, what occultist Carl Jung calls "the idiot child within," whom she identifies as "Jesus Christ." (2/94 TBC). Many evangelicals today seem open to psychological delusions.

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LIBERTARIAN PARTY HEADED BY HOMOSEXUAL?—The 1/94 *Amer. Infor. Newsletter* said Gene Cisweski, the new director of the Libertarian Party, is an active homosexual who opposes all sodomy laws and will move the party toward a sodomite agenda. He favors taking away laws that give heterosexual rights. He says marriage licenses give heterosexuals special privileges by virtue of who they are.

CHINESE COMMUNISTS USE GRAHAM—Over 1,700 people are known or believed to be in China's prisons because of their religious, political or ethnic views (3/14 *Chr. News*). There is a large and growing underground church in China with perhaps 70 to 80 million Christians (3/5 *World*). There now begins a campaign against these "house church" Christians. Billy Graham, just prior to his North Korea visit in January spent ten days in Red China and held private discussions with political and religious figures (3/7 *Chr. Today*). He met with China's top religious leader, K.H. Ting, a master deceiver under the control of the communist government. He preached in one of Ting's official TSPM churches. But just days after Graham touted China's new openness to Christian activity, China issued edicts forbidding house churches and all other congregations not sanctioned by the government and making proselytizing within China a crime (3/5 *World*). Last Oct. Graham's son Ned disappointed house church supporters by sponsoring a U.S. visit by Chinese dignitaries who told Americans the brazen lie that Chinese people are never arrested for religious reasons (3/94 *Charisma*).

RUSSIA'S MAFIA GANGSTERS—Day-to-day life in Moscow and other major Russian cities is now dominated by Mafia-type organized crime groups. About 150 criminal gangs control some 40,000 private and state-run companies. About 80 percent of all Russian businesses are forced to pay protection money to these gangs--as high as 20 percent of revenue. The gangsters control food distribution, and work with former communist party bosses and the successor to the KGB (3/7 *USN & WR*). Russian crime groups are all over Europe, and are increasingly forging ties with criminals in the U.S. U.S. missionaries in Russia are special targets of the racketeers (3/94 *Charisma*). Pastors say if Mafia extortionists come wanting a percentage of church donations, pastors will either have to pay protection money to maintain peace, or put their lives in jeopardy and stand against evil.

EEOC RULES BAN 'RELIGIOUS HARASSMENT'—Recent guidelines from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission extend, for the first time, the law of sexual harassment to other civil rights categories, including religion. The Family Research Council says that in recent years, representations of God have been driven from the schoolroom and public square, and the EEOC scheme could now drive religion out of the work place. Under the

proposed guidelines, you could be charged with violating federal civil rights law if: 1. You display a calendar with a religious theme on your bulletin board at work, 2. You sometimes share your faith with others during work breaks, 3. During work hours, you invite someone to your church or Bible study, or 4. You have religious books or jewelry on your desk. Attempts are being made to get the EEOC to exempt religion from the new rules.

'BENEFITS' OF SMOKING—At the big pro-smoking rally in Washington in March, the tobacco tax protesters failed to mention that smoking provides jobs in health care by making millions of people sick. And for morticians by killing 419,000 people each year (3/20 *HT*). Or that smoking saves the Social Security system money by causing millions to die before collecting benefits. Really, it is incredible that after 30 years of solid scientific evidence linking smoking to premature death and horrid diseases, the tobacco industry can still persuade new volunteers to take deadly risks.

ACCOMPANIMENT TAPES, SOUND TRACKS—Pastor Mike Doney, writing in Dr. James Singleton's *Builder*, says he does not oppose them but lists some points of concern: First, they take away from the use of "real" people in the ministry. God gives to each church those members He wants them to have. We ought to be willing to work with the people that God gives us. Those with limited abilities need time to develop their talents. The church should help them. It is better to worship and serve the Lord with "live" instruments than artificial electronic recordings. Second, they restrict musicians to someone else's interpretation of a piece of music (tempo, dynamics, phrasing). Third, many of the "tracks" for churches today were recorded by worldly/unsaved studio musicians and professional bands and orchestras. Fourth, the use of "tracks" is mere entertainment--accompaniments used to make the music more "exciting." Many "tracks" today are nothing more or less than rock music. Fifth, the church that lives on a steady diet of professionally recorded accompaniments will have a hard time being satisfied with the musical arrangements played by the pianist and organist. People grow by interacting with other people, not by artificial taped accompaniments

TIM LEE'S CORE CONFERENCE—We were only able to attend one-and-a-half days of Dr. Tim Lee's five-day Conference On Revival and Evangelism in Montgomery last month. First we heard Dr. Jerry Falwell speak on why God has blessed the U.S., and his vision for America. He also gave "worldly fame" goals for his Liberty University (e.g., beating Notre Dame in football). Billy Graham's grandson attends Liberty. His son Franklin spoke on Falwell's TV program recently. See 8/1 *CC* for LU's "sell-out" of convictions. Even liberal Barry Lynn (9/13 *Chr. Today*) said: "Falwell clearly has compromised the Christian character of Liberty U. in an effort to retain public funding." In his CORE address Falwell repeated the worn-out dig: "A Fundamentalist is an Evangelical who is mad about something," and said there is "very little difference in what they believe." Perhaps, but the "little difference" (lack of separation) "leavens the whole (evangelical) lump." He said, "I don't care if you're Southern Baptist, independent, GARBC...." Then Tim Lee, in introducing So. Baptist Adrian Rogers said it used to be ok to have Southern Baptists in independent pulpits, and added, "It still is!" The dissimulation here, however, is in equating the situation before the SBC became so infiltrated with liberals with the way it is today. Many SB leaders such as Rogers are great pulpiteers, but have for decades remained so entangled with and financially supportive of liberals. Yet Lee and Falwell crusade to unite fundamentalists with new-evangelical SBC conservatives. We are grieved that Southwide Baptist Fellowship men like Dr. Randy Ray follow Falwell and Lee. Ray, in his mostly good CORE message, said he had "wonderful people such as Jerry Falwell and Adrian Rogers" on his Christian radio station in Tallahassee. A panel of SBF preachers (Drs. David Boulter, Bradley Price, and Gary Coleman), moderated by Lee, dealt with mostly non-controversial questions from the audience. Much of the CORE music was rather charismatic/pentecostal--loud, trendy--some CCM or religious rock. Drums and sound track tapes were used. More than once the "apology" given, that if you don't like such "enthusiastic" music, implied that the only alternative was the other extreme of "dead music, dead church." But those who think they can sanctify the world's music by using Christian lyrics with it deceive themselves. Instead of sanctifying the evil music, they are defiled by it. It feeds the flesh, exalts the performer. Lee on the platform and the crowd repeatedly raised their hands, frequently applauded, and gave standing ovations.

MANY INDEPENDENT BAPTISTS JOINING SBC?—Jerry Falwell and Tim Lee in recent years have often platform-shared with So. Baptists leaders and sought to build bridges between So. Baptists and independent Baptists.

Now the *3/15 Indiana Bapt.* reports an SBC study group's recommendation of "a plan to reach independent churches of like mind...and invite them to join the SBC." SBC Pres. H. Edwin Young said: "There are literally thousands of independent Baptist churches that are more Baptist than a lot of us....Their pastors are lonely people. The days of bitterness that we felt so many years from all the independents...is generally over." Young said he has met with 300 to 400 of these pastors during his two years as SBC president and, "Many of them are already coming in, in a considerable number, and I think we've only just begun to see this happening in our denomination. They like where we are, they like where we're going and, really, they're ready to come home...."

SBC SEMINARY PRESIDENT FIRED—Southwestern Baptist Seminary trustees voted 26-7 March 9 to dismiss Russell Dilday as president after he refused to take early retirement and insisted on having Keith Parks as 1994 commencement speaker. Parks last year switched to the new more liberal Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Dilday had called for toleration in doctrinal matters in the 15-year Southern Baptist struggle, and had attacked Biblical inerrancy. He will receive his full \$85,000 salary, plus benefits, for two more years. Southwestern with 4,000 students is the largest of the six SBC seminaries. The abrupt firing is causing an uproar among faculty and students, and appears to be further fragmenting SBC conservatives.

FALWELL VISITS JIM BAKKER—TV evangelists Jim Bakker and Jerry Falwell "embraced and prayed together" at the Jesup, Ga. federal prison where Bakker is serving an eight-year sentence for defrauding followers of \$150 million(3/94 *BB* & 3/94 *Charisma*). Billy Graham's son Franklin has visited Bakker three times and says, "God has changed him in prison...He's just not bitter about anybody." Bakker reportedly has repudiated his "prosperity gospel" message and plans to live simply when he leaves prison Oct. 20. Meanwhile, former wife Tammy Faye and her millionaire husband plan to build a church in Indio, CA that she can preside over as minister.

FAITH BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE & SEMINARY—This GARBC-approved school in Ankeny, Iowa stands in contrast to other GARBC schools. While others are compromising in recent years, FBBC/TS's Board of Directors recently reaffirmed its historic position which includes secondary ecclesiastical separation. Board Chairman Ray Taylor says: "It is our earnest desire to maintain our historic purpose and tradition, and to continue to train students to be leaders in fundamentalist Christianity. We intend to stand for the great principles of Bible-believing Christianity, our separatist Baptist heritage, and the authority of the inerrant Word of God. While many educational institutions are softening their stand and broadening their fellowship to be more inclusive, we intend to militantly honor Christ and the purity of the Church, even if we must do so independently..."

SEPARATION—We applaud the good statement in the Jan-Feb *Frontline* magazine entitled "Eroding Militancy in Ecclesiastical Separation" by Baptist World Mission Exec. Dir. Dr. Fred Moritz, and the timely warning in the *Frontline* "Editor's Note." Dr. Moritz has a new book, "Be Ye Holy: The Call To Christian Separation," now at the printers at BJU Press. We had a sneak peek at an early draft, and highly recommend it.

COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARD SYSTEM—*O Timothy* Editor Rev. David Cloud has a new Fundamental Baptist Bulletin Board System up and running. It has a *Calvary Contender* section, and much more. Many files deal with Roman Catholicism, Bible versions, music, charismatics, and cults. About 100 new doctrinal text files are added monthly. If you have an IBM-compatible computer and modem, write Bro. Cloud for a flyer with all the details: 1219 N. Harns Rd., Oak Harbor, WA 98277.

N.A.E. MEETING—We attended the recent annual meeting of the National Association of Evangelicals in Dallas, substituting for ACCC Exec. Dir. Dr. Ralph Colas who was called to meetings in India on short notice. We plan to write a comprehensive report as soon as time permits.

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FEDERAL FUNDS FOR MISS. LESBIAN COLONY—Ovett, Miss. is the unwilling host of a lesbian enclave called "Camp Sister Spirit." Brenda and Wanda Henson, a lesbian couple, purchased the land for this camp last July. The 3/7 *New American* says they are "well-connected to various influential leftist groups and have received taxpayer funds through an 'emergency management' grant." Ovett residents protest what amounts to federally subsidized colonization by the sodomite subculture. Some fear the retreat will become a lesbian recruiting center for vulnerable women and children. They say they are "being invaded by activists with a radical agenda, but media so far seem to favor the lesbians. AG Janet Reno is considering a request by homosexual activists to intervene.

ABORTIONISTS ON THE ATTACK—The Supreme Court recently ruled that pro-life protesters can be sued under the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO). Congress may clarify this since it clearly was not their intent in passing RICO in 1970. Planned Parenthood's \$10 million campaign to persuade Congress to include abortion coverage in any national health care plan would force people to fund abortions against their conscience. Meanwhile, a pro-life group seems to be softening its opposition to abortion. The Christian Action Council has changed its name to Care Net (1/15 *World*). It will de-emphasize what it is against (abortion) and reemphasize what it is for (women). The CAC was founded in 1975 by a group of evangelicals that included C. Everett Koop and Billy Graham. Koop now promotes pro-abortion health care plans and Graham, despite his opposition to abortion--except in cases of rape and incest--refuses to preach against it as sin.

BILLY GRAHAM'S CLEVELAND CRUSADE—A mixed multitude of 589 churches are cooperating in Dr. Billy Graham's June crusade in Cleveland. An Ohio Bible Fellowship resolution says: "This list includes apostate churches of the National Council of Churches as illustrated by the names of 46 United Methodist churches, uncounted charismatic churches, the new evangelical churches of the area, and more than 60 Roman Catholic churches..." Rev. John Ashbrook observes: The Graham Crusade welcomes unbelieving churches of all shades to participate, furnish counselors and receive the cards of inquirers. Over 10% of the participating churches are Roman Catholic. Participation has been approved straight from the Vatican. The crusade has a tacit agreement not to say anything anti-Catholic--including the fact that salvation is by grace and not by the sacraments. Converts directed to the Catholic Church will be initiated into the 'full sacramental life of the church,' (read: 'the mass')."
[Order this Jan-Feb OBF *Visitor* from 3865 N. High St., Columbus, OH 43214, \$1]

SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT FOR CREATION—The basic laws of science, the laws of thermodynamics, are precisely

predicted by creation theory. They show that evolution by strictly natural processes violates natural law, and therefore is impossible. The fossil record provides no evidence that evolution occurred: No basic category of life ever changed into any other basic category. The fossils show sudden appearance and stasis, just as predicted from the creation model. The incredible design of living things shows the necessity of a Designer behind it all. Neither natural selection and mutation, or any other evolution theory, provides a credible explanation for this high degree of order. Many scientists throughout the world have recently abandoned evolution theory. It has never been supported well by science. Most scientific giants of the past were Christians and creationists. Large groups of creationist scientists exist today throughout the world. (2/94 *Impact*)

WORSHIP OR THEATRICALS?—Forty years ago the music of the church was distinctively different from the music of the night club. Even the ungodly person could identify a hymn of the church back then. Today's contemporary Christian music makes no distinction between Christian and non-Christian. The decline in moral and spiritual values in our country has left its toll on the church, where many seem to have no discernment in determining what is holy and what is profane anymore.. "Give the Lord a hand!" they say. Is it not theatricals when Christian singers strut around like a Frank Sinatra or some other pop singer, with microphone in hand and copying all the gestures and professionalism of the Hollywood crowd? Since music is an essential part of Christian worship, contemporary music, it's sensual sound and style, which demands and encourages applause, lands a devastating blow to true worship and the spiritual life of the church. (Dr. Gordon E. Sears, 2/94)

MISS.'S 1832 CONSTITUTION:—"No person who denies the being of a God, or a future state of rewards and punishments, shall hold any office in the civil department of this State....Religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to good government, the preservation of liberty, and the happiness of mankind; schools, and the means of education, shall forever be encouraged in this State."(GP)

CRISWELL A MASON?—Thousands of Southern Baptist pastors and prominent leaders are Masons. The 1/31 *Christian News* said: "Dr. W. A. Criswell, senior pastor of First Baptist Church [Dallas] and one of the SBC's most famous pastors, is a Mason [as was his predecessor, Dr. George Truett]." In some of its official writings Masonry claims to be a religion, but denies the deity of Jesus Christ. (2/94 *BB*). Criswell has written books defending inerrancy but has said (*Look Up, Brother*, p.74) of German higher critics: "If they believe the Bible to be the Word of God, even though they accept some of these higher critical conclusions, I have no word to say against them." (*O Timothy*). Criswell has long been linked with SBC modernists, and donated millions of dollars to pay their salaries. He has endorsed other modernists such as Norman Vincent Peale and Robert Schuller. He has had a Catholic choir, a Jewish rabbi, and alleged KGB agents in his pulpit (4/15/89 *CC*). Yet Tim Lee and Jerry Falwell have highly praised Criswell, and seek to link fundamentalists with such ecumenical SBC "conservatives."

STOTT PROMOTES THE WCC—Anglican ecumenicist Dr. John Stott has been a key pusher for social action, liturgical reform, and ecumenical relations with Roman Catholics and the World Council of Churches. He has said we should join with the WCC in fulfilling Christ's mission to the world (8/1/89 *CC*). In a review of Stott's new book (2/7 *CT*), Dr. J.I. Packer said: "Only once did I find myself disagreeing strongly enough to merit comment in a review. I was sorry that Stott assumes [as many do] that ecumenism means some form of involvement with the doings of the World Council of Churches. My opinion is that through what strikes me as demonic politicization, the WCC has twiddled itself into insignificance so far as true ecumenism is concerned, and those who care for the true unity of the churches must now work through other channels...I wish John Stott had recognized this." Stott spoke at the 1975 WCC meeting in Nairobi, and then at Moody Bible Institute in 1977.

COLSON'S SUBVERSION OF CHRISTIANITY—Our former pastor, Dr. James A. Zaspel, sent us the Jan. and Feb. issues of *The Trinity Review* which was an 8-page review of some Charles Colson books. This two-part series by John Robbins was entitled, "The Counterfeit Gospel of Charles Colson." He notes Colson's ecumenical views, his praise of Roman Catholics, and his affinity for the Roman church. Colson says: "...I go to Catholic mass occasionally with my wife...." He says "every Christian is a fundamentalist" and that we need to all get together. His books are

endorsed by such people as John Cardinal O'Connor, Jerry Falwell, and SBC's Adrian Rogers.

COLSON/NRB CLARIFICATION—Charles Colson was the keynote speaker at the recent NRB Meeting, but was not introduced by Joseph Cardinal Bernardin as we erroneously indicated in the 3/1 CC. Bernardin did, however, introduce Colson at the earlier Templeton Prize presentation (see 1/1 CC), and a Catholic addressed the NRB.

A PERSONAL REQUEST—Please pray for this editor as we attend an out-of-state funeral this week, drive to Dallas Saturday to attend (with press credentials) the NAE convention, then the following week, attend a day or two of Tim Lee's CORE conference in Montgomery. And, in the meantime as we try to get this issue of the CC out while trying to convert our files to a new confusing Word Perfect system and a new printer.

BIBLICAL FUNDAMENTALISTS & THEIR DUTIES—Christians are commanded to "earnestly **CONTEND** for the faith," "**FIGHT** the good fight of faith," "be not unequally yoked with unbelievers," to "**WITHDRAW** from" and "**ADMONISH**" brethren who walk disorderly," and to "**EXHORT**" one another. But we are also to "endeavor to keep the **UNITY** of the Spirit in the bond of **PEACE**," and "Speak the truth in **LOVE**." It is good and pleasant for brethren to dwell together in **UNITY**. But **FIGHTING** and **PEACE** are both important. Fighting and separation are necessary for **PURITY**. Love and unity are vital for **PEACE**. Sometimes we can't have both **PEACE** and **PURITY**. In the case of "divinely ordered divisions," **PURITY** takes priority over **PEACE**. The wisdom from above is first **PURE**, then **PEACEABLE** (Ja. 3:17). Thank God for those who are willing to pay the price and separate from apostate or compromising denominations where doctrine or vital biblical principles are at stake. God honors those who so obey His word and separate. But, with so much fragmentation within Biblical Fundamentalism today, we wonder if some of it is not due to politics, personality clashes, vague doctrinal differences, or maybe just precipitous. This editor has served as deacon for some 30 years under five or so pastors. A few have on a few occasions had a speaker we would not have had. But we either voiced our concern privately, or kept silent. Our church has never been perfect but we don't believe it wise to publicize its shortcomings. We have a duty to protect its testimony unless there is a Scriptural reason to separate from it. If a **PATTERN** of compromise develops, then of course we should leave it. We likewise usually wait for a pattern of compromise before reporting on a speaking engagement that we do not agree with. Often a phone call or letter is better in an early stage. Maybe one was uninformed or misjudged. All should be given liberty to make an occasional misstep. But if a "pattern" develops, he has already tainted his testimony, and exercising our duty to warn others helps rather than hurts the cause of Christ. Is all this wrong, and a cover-up? Feel free to advise. We're teachable. Isn't it better to downplay minor differences than to exaggerate them to major prominence? On the other hand, we don't want to wait too long to switch from the "support" mode to the "warning" mode. This is at times a tough call, and we covet your patience and prayers for godly wisdom. We must **CONTEND** for the faith. A pacifist Fundamentalist is a practicing New Evangelical.

COMPROMISERS HATE SIN EXPOSERS—"Am I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?" Those of our day who warn of compromise and expose error are often called "troublemakers." Ahab said to Elijah, "Art thou he that troubleth Israel?" But Elijah told him it was HE who troubled Israel by his sin. Survival for some fundamental ministries today seems to dictate a broader constituency, which then seems to dictate fellowship with compromisers. Then when this is exposed, they defend the compromisers over the faithful exposers. Defending the faith necessitates exposing those who would destroy it. "Fundamentalist" compromisers don't mind if a new-evangelical publication publicizes their new-evangelical speaking engagement, but let forth an unholy howl when a fundamentalist paper informs their fundamental supporters. "We find it impossible to avoid offending guilty men, for there is no way of avoiding it but by our silence or their patience; and silent we cannot be because of God's command, and patient they cannot be because of their guilt." Paul, at the last, had to stand alone. Elijah, however, thought he stood alone, but God revealed 7,000 others. We need to stand fast, but not be too fast to dwindle the number down to **ONE**.

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EARTHQUAKE DISRUPTS PORN INDUSTRY—Most media coverage of the recent California earthquake didn't mention that the quake's epicenter was the hub of America's \$3 billion X-rated video industry. Nearly 70 companies that crank out over 95 percent of the roughly 1,400 pornographic videos made each year in the U.S. are located in a triangle tightly encircling the epicenter (2/7 *Chr. News*). Probably the most devastated of California's video-Sodom is VCA Pictures, the giant of the industry. The 2/94 *AFA Journal* puts the size of the total pornographic industry at over \$10 billion.

SURGEON GENERAL WANTS TO LEGALIZE DRUGS?—Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders demands public subsidies for abortions and distribution of condoms in schools where sex education, she says, should be taught to pre-kindergarten children in daycare centers. Now recently she says legalizing drugs might reduce our crime rate. Indeed it might, just as legalizing speeding would reduce traffic violation rates. This is similar to her contorted logic that "we need safer guns, we need safer bullets! But drug prices would plummet, and usage would soar. Drugs can kill both minds and bodies, ruin futures, and increase medical costs and highway deaths. Legalization would be devastating to children born addicted to drugs. In states like New York, up to 50 percent of patients admitted to hospitals through emergency services are mentally ill drug users. (2/10 *CVN*). Our Surgeon General is advocating dangerous and immoral policies, and may be hazardous to our health.

CHRISTIANITY AND PSYCHOLOGY—Why can't we use the best insights of psychology along with the Bible? Isn't all truth God's truth? The real question is: "Is the Bible sufficient for dealing with our deepest psychological and emotional needs or not? Second Peter 1:3 and 2Tim. 3:16-17 indicate it is. The list of the fruit of the Spirit ("love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" Gal. 5:22-23) describes an emotionally balanced, psychologically stable person. If God's Word and Spirit can produce this, why do we need to turn to worldly psychology? The Bible warns us against turning to the world's "wisdom," since it is opposed to God's wisdom. "But," some counter, "the Bible isn't comprehensive. We use modern medicine; why not use modern psychology?" The answer is that the Bible doesn't claim to be sufficient for dealing with medical problems; but it does claim to be sufficient for dealing with problems of the soul (Gr. psyche). [Adapted from article by Steven J. Cole, *PsychoHeresy Awareness Letter*]

SO. BAPTISTS PAN CLINTON HEALTH CARE PLAN—The Southern Baptist Convention has outlined a set of principles for health care reform that takes issue with the Clinton proposal to include abortion funding. It says: "It is

embarrassing that a president who claims the Baptist heritage of religious freedom would consider so violating the consciences of millions of pro-life Americans by forcing them to pay for abortion with their taxes." (2/7 CN). The 2/7 *New Amer.* said its special 11/1 issue "provides a comprehensive look at the massive fraud being perpetrated by the Clintons and their media allies in their deceptive crusade to replace the finest, most advanced healthcare system in the world with a socialist system of rationed medicine that will bankrupt the nation while excluding from care those who do not meet the government's 'quality of life' standards."

THE NEW AGE MOVEMENT—Some describe the New Age movement as a revival of ancient occultism and satanism, some see it as a universal religion based on Eastern mysticism and pantheism, while others say it is Western-style Hinduism. Still others will argue that it is a socialistic political movement. In fact, the New Age Movement is "all" the above woven into a philosophy or world-view that is in complete opposition to the Christian world-view (12/93 *FWR Rept.*). New Age programs are into many U.S. schools, but parents are winning victories against them in some states.

WHAT CAUSES HOMELESSNESS?—"Homelessness...is a condition of disaffiliation, a lack of bonds, a pathology of connectedness, and not an absence of proper housing." (12/1 CC). "[It] isn't the result of a lack of dry, warm abodes in the U.S. It's the result of mental patient deinstitutionalization, de-facto legalization of drug use, elimination of intellectual standards in public education, destruction of urban neighborhoods through infringements on property rights and many other things the Left holds dear." (*Amer. Spect.*). The homeless need more than a home--they need Christ.

FARRAKHAN REPUDIATED AIDE'S RACIST REMARKS...OR, DID HE?—Bowling to pressure from black and Jewish leaders and from members of Congress, Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan condemned the tone of top aide Khalid Abdul Muhammad's racist speech (see 2/15 CC) and demoted him, but did not repudiate the offending message (2/14 *USN&WR*). He said, "I stand by the truths that he spoke."

NRB '94 REPORT—The National Religious Broadcasters (an arm of the NAE) celebrated its Golden Jubilee in Washington, DC, Jan. 29 - Feb. 1. Pres. Clinton deliberately was not invited to speak, breaking a precedent dating back for over a dozen years. Pro-Catholic ecumenical Charles Colson, of recent Templeton Prize notoriety, was the keynote speaker and was introduced by Joseph Cardinal Bernardin. Other main speakers included: Tony Evans (IFCA's 1993 Convention speaker), Charles Swindoll, and John Hagee. Other participants/speakers: Campus Crusade's Bill Bright, James Dobson, and Haddon Robinson. Steve Green, The Gaithers, and others performed. Most of the music was "big beat" contemporary. The NRB's prestigious Milestone Award was presented to several groups, including The Voice of Prophecy, a Seventh-day Adventist program! Sponsors of other NRB functions included: Radio Bible Class, Rapha, and American Bible Society. The new NRB chairman is Robert Straton, grandson of 1920s famous fundamentalist John Roach Straton. The NRB continues on a broad road of confusion, compromise, and inclusivism, and speakers with ties to the Catholic Church, the Jewish faith, the NCC/WCC, and the charismatic movement. [Most info for this article came from an excellent, comprehensive first-hand report by ACCC Exec. Sec. Dr. Ralph G. Colas, available for \$2 from: ACCC, PO Box 19, Wallingford, PA 19086.]

CAMPUS CRUSADE'S BILL BRIGHT AT NRB—Campus Crusade sponsored an All-Media Breakfast at the recent 50th Annual Convention of the National Religious Broadcasters, at which its president Dr. Bill Bright recounted NRB's major role in the goals and growth of Campus Crusade. He promoted the ecumenical/evangelistic program of A.D. 2000 and said Campus Crusade now has 44,000 full-time workers. Dr. Ralph Colas, who reported on the NRB meeting, said Bright did not share how many of these staff members are Roman Catholics. The 2/94 *Charisma* lists Bright as a speaker at a charismatic/ecumenical/evangelistic conference at Oral Roberts University.

JOHN HAGEE AT NRB, ORU—Dr. John Hagee, popular pastor of the large charismatic Cornerstone Church in San Antonio, was a main speaker at the recent National Religious Broadcasters Convention. He preaches strongly against sin and the moral and social decline of our day, much like Jimmy Swaggart in the mid-80s, and is popular on

Paul Crouch's charismatic TBN (Trinity Broadcasting Network). He was a listed speaker for the charismatic 1992 and 1993 Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship Int'l (FGBMFI) world conventions. His honorary degree was conferred by Oral Roberts University. He has spoken at charismatic "signs and wonders" healing conferences there for the past two years, and is on ORU's "International Charismatic Bible Ministries Executive Officers and Committee" list.

URBANA '93 DIFFERENT FROM URBANA '90?—Urbana '93, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship's 17th triennial student missions convention, met in late December. The 17,000 attendance figure was the lowest since 1981. Nearly 40 percent, an all-time high, represented ethnic minorities and over 25 percent had Asian-American backgrounds (2/7 *Chr. Today*). Karen Mains was chair of the IVCF USA board. IVCF Pres. Dr. Stephen Hayner was listed in the 10/4 *CT* as a conference speaker in Dr. Robert Schuller's Crystal Cathedral in late Jan. IVCF's Urbana '90 conference was replete with heresies (ecumenical, charismatic, radical feminist, psychological, New Age) and was new-evangelicalism at its worst.

TIM LEE - CURTIS HUTSON CONTROVERSY—Evangelist Tim Lee is a dynamic preacher who hobnobs with conservative Southern Baptist and Southwide Baptist Fellowship (& BBF) preachers, and seeks (with Dr. Jerry Falwell) to "build bridges" between them. He routinely pulpit-shares with New Evangelicals and "fundamentalists," and thus calls himself an "evangelical fundamentalist." Both Lee and *Sword of the Lord* Editor Dr. Curtis Hutson have been featured at SBF meetings as speakers in recent years. Hutson for the past five years or so has warned about Lee's non-separatist stance and practices. Lee now, in a recent 7-page mailout to over 15,000 preachers, accuses Hutson of lying and deceit. He quotes from Hutson's 1984 *New Evangelicalism* booklet where he spoke against "secondary separation." We do not defend the booklet (nor Hutson's stance regarding Dr. Jack Hyles, etc.), but Dr. Hutson's later writings in the *Sword* have defined a stronger position in this area. We applaud a move to a stronger stance. Hutson has at times been in a difficult position. His predecessor Dr. John R. Rice, in the 10/12/79 *Sword*, accused *Blu-Print* Editor Dr. G. Archer Weniger of "slander" for articles exposing Dr. Falwell's Moral Majority ecumenical ministry, etc. So, if Hutson later "changed" as Falwell's alarming compromise increased and became more evident, it is commendable. We would hope that Rice also would have "changed." It would take many pages to fully discuss all this. Please pray for Drs. Lee and Hutson. We see a distinct danger of Tim Lee leading the SBF further into New Evangelicalism. That would be tragic. Evidence of this is seen in the mix of SBF and SBC speakers in Lee's March 13-17 CORE meeting in Montgomery. Speakers include: Drs. David Boulter (TTU), Bradley Price, Randy Ray, Adrian Rogers (SBC), David Ring (SBC), and Jerry Falwell.

SPURGEON ON SEPARATION—Complicity with error will take from the best of men the power to enter any successful protest against it...Fellowship with known and vital error is participation in sin...As soon as I saw, or thought I saw, that error had become firmly established, I did not deliberate, but quitted the body at once...(N)o protest could be equal to that of distinct separation from known evil...That I might not stultify my testimony I have cut myself clear of those who err from the faith, and even from those who associate with them.

DALLAS SEMINARY FACULTY ITINERARY—Dallas Seminary's Jan-Apr *Kindred Spirit* lists the Feb.-April speaking schedule for its faculty. Howard Hendricks, ever ecumenical, is listed to speak at GARBC-approved Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary Feb. 21-25, and at Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists (Collegedale, TN) March 10. Other schools and conferences on the list are mostly New Evangelical, such as: Word of Life, Wheaton, National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), Cedarville College (GARBC), and Multnomah. Dallas planned to send a delegation of students, faculty, and staff to IVCF's Urbana '93 as it did to Urbana '90. Dr. Charles Swindoll is Dallas's new president, effective July 1.

MELVIN TO RETIRE AS HEAD OF NAE—Dr. Billy A. Melvin has announced plans to step down as executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals on March 31, 1995, after 28 years in the NAE top post. Assembly of God minister Dr. Don Argue is president of this mainline New Evangelical group, the fourth Pentecostal to hold this post. The NAE's 52nd Annual Convention is set for March 6-8 in Dallas.

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CHURCHES SPONSOR RADICAL FEMINIST CONFERENCE—The World Council of Churches and its mainline denominations sponsored a blasphemous "Re-Imagining" ecumenical gathering in Minneapolis Nov. 4-7. Lesbians received a standing ovation, God was referred to as "she," and Christian doctrines were derided (2/94 AFA Journal). A Union Seminary "womanist" theologian said: "I don't think we need a theory of atonement...I don't think we need folks hanging on crosses and blood dripping and weird stuff...We just need to listen to the god within...." A U. Methodist clergywoman said the Church "has always been blessed by gays and lesbians...witches...shamans." We won't repeat the sexual blasphemy in the liturgy of a special service of milk and honey dedicated to the goddess Sophia. Presbyterian Church (USA) was the largest of 24 financial supporters of the conference.

IMMORAL ENTITLEMENTS SUBSIDIZE IMMORALITY—Today we subsidize immoral behavior in a rather regal manner. Our welfare system gives cash incentives to young single mothers to have more and more children, and gives a "salary increase" for each additional child. Sweden subsidizes its unwed mothers even more generously than we do, and has the highest illegitimacy rate in the world (1/94 Imprimis). When you subsidize something, you get more of it. The poor women are better off financially to "marry" welfare than to marry the poor fathers. Actually, it is wrong for welfare state bureaucrats to call welfare "entitlements." The poor do not have a natural right to money earned by others. Redistributing the wealth is socialism, legal plunder (theft), and undermines charity.

OBE'S PREMISE—Samuel L. Blumenfeld calls outcome-based education (OBE) "the most radical educational reform designed to further humanist goals," mainly because "it does away with every last vestige of traditional education, its methods, its curriculum, its objective means of assessment, its time frame, its goals." OBE is packaged in deceptive vague language, apparently designed to mislead parents. It removes the time deadlines associated with traditional methods. Fast learners are held back. No one fails, but simply repeats the testing until politically correct attitudes are achieved. OBE is the development of social engineers: Benjamin Bloom, Robert Muller, Dorothy Maver, David Hornbeck, William Spady, and others (12/93 FWR Rpt.). Its premise is that all students can learn and succeed but not all can demonstrate the politically correct reorganization of values in the same length of time, requiring that some students be in school for many years.

FARRAKHAN A STRANGE PEACEMAKER—Black separatist and Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan refused to repudiate an incendiary speech by a top aide which labeled the pope a "cracker," called Jews "the bloodsuckers of the black nation" and urged black South Africans to "kill everything white." (2/7 USN&WR).

Farrakhan blames whites for supplying drugs and guns and creating the AIDS virus to destroy blacks (4/24/89 *Det. News*). He has viciously attacked Jews and Christianity. He claims the latter is a religion fabricated by men and that Jesus Christ never claimed to be God or that he ever rose from the dead (11/18/85 *C. News*). Does "kill everything white" not qualify as a "hate crime," or is this reserved only for Bible-believers who denounce homosexuality as sin?

BAN ON GAYS IN MILITARY REVERSED?—Millions called and wrote Congress last year demanding that the ban on homosexuals in the military be retained. Congress responded with, and Pres. Clinton signed, a tough law retaining the ban. Now, the administration has made two moves that betrays all this and undermines the ban (1/15 *World*). Outgoing secretary of defense Les Aspin has issued implementing rules for the new gay ban policy that ignore many of the strict provisions of the law. And, Attorney General Janet Reno "inconceivably" said the Justice Department will not appeal the main thrust of a controversial D.C. Court of Appeals ruling that found the ban unconstitutional.

SBC PRESIDENT CRITICIZES PRES. CLINTON—So. Baptist President Ed Young has harshly criticized the Clinton administration's new advertising campaign that urges the use of condoms to prevent AIDS and unwanted pregnancies. He told over 9,000 Baptists at the Texas Baptist Evangelism Conference that sexual abstinence, not "safe sex," is the only answer (1/24 *C. News*). He also criticized Pres. Clinton for separating his religious faith from the rest of his life. Young said this was demonstrated on Inauguration Day. "Early in the morning he went to a gospel meeting," Young said. "When they sang...we saw tears down his face. And I saw this and said, 'O thank God.' But by the end of the day he had taken his daughter, Chelsea, and dropped her off at a hard-rock concert. And he and his wife had gone to a gay and lesbian ball and finished the evening with a cocktail." Please pray for our president. Have we ever before had a pro-abortion, socialist president who had over 30 open homosexuals in his administration and accused of being a congenital liar and adulterer?

POPE & POLITICS IN CATHOLIC ITALY—The Roman Catholic Church still dominates Italy, but occultism is widespread and there are reportedly three times as many full-time magicians as RC priests (2/94 *Charisma*). There are also more sorcerers and witches than Catholic priests, and over 260 occult organizations. Rome's exorcists say it is the most satanized city in the world (12/1/92 *CC*). Last May, Pope John Paul II became the first pontiff to publicly condemn the Mafia. Catholic priests for years reportedly have forged secret ties to mob bosses. Secularism has grown as corruption and scandals (e.g., Vatican bank) increased in recent years. The Vatican helped create Italy's most prominent party since World War II, the Christian Democrats. (1/22 *World*). Pope John Paul, just three days before Italy's premier resigned last month, wrote an unprecedented letter to Italian bishops in trying to prop up the Party.

CHARISMATIC 'PRAISE MUSIC' IS ECUMENICAL TOOL—In the early 1970s, many churches adopted a new worship style. The 2/94 *Charisma* says: "They traded in their hymns for praise songs accompanied by guitars, drums, clapping and even dancing." It said, "Today, praise music has entered the mainstream. Songs that were only sung in charismatic churches a few years ago are now heard throughout mainline and non-charismatic churches." Southern Baptists and traditional evangelicals such as the Christian and Missionary Alliance are adopting charismatic worship styles, too. A March for Jesus coordinator says: "Through praise and worship, we're seeing all denominations--Methodists, Baptists, Catholics, charismatics come together to proclaim the most important points of the gospel."

PROBLEMS AT PAT ROBERTSON'S REGENT UNIVERSITY—Controversy still rages at Pat Robertson's Regent University over a perceived political and theological shift to the left (9/15 *CC*). Founding Law School Dean Herbert Titus is threatening a lawsuit after being fired last July. His supporters say he was fired because of his too-biblical worldview, and that Regent's new president Terry Lindvall is "the most liberal professor on campus." (1/22 *World*). Lindvall, a Fuller Seminary grad and a Democrat, denies he is liberal. Titus's dismissal led eight of the law school's 14 faculty members, and several students, to file a Rule 34 (tenure standards) complaint with the American Bar Association.

WISCONSIN CHURCH LEAVES GARBC—Rev. David L. Brown, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Oak Creek, Wis., in a Jan. 26 letter, notified GARBC Nat'l Rep Dr. Paul Tassell of a 9/29/93 vote by his church to withdraw from the GARBC. He said: "We have been watching events in the Association closely since 1986 and it has been increasingly obvious that the Association is following the path of worldliness and compromise. We had hoped and prayed that the direction of the Association would change but instead the worldliness and compromise is snowballing. The Des Moines conference made that very clear. It indeed seems strange to me that the Council of 18 chooses to ignore the ongoing worldliness and compromise at Grand Rapids Baptist College & Seminary. Academic excellence has taken priority over doctrine..." Pastor Brown discusses some GRBC/S problems, and notes that a recent Bill Hybels article in GRBC/S's *The Messenger* approvingly referenced notorious New Age psychiatrist M. Scott Peck. He lists some of Peck's outrageous aberrations. Many churches are leaving the GARBC to join the separatist IBF/NA.

ESA & CHICAGO DECLARATION II—Last November 19-21 about 500 new-evangelical activists met in Chicago to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the signing of the 1973 "Chicago Declaration." Evangelicals for Social Action, which grew out of that, called the 1993 meeting to sign a two-page Chicago Declaration II. The latter expands on the racism, sexism, poverty and other social action [socialistic] themes of the 1973 document. Signers of both documents included mainline and liberal new evangelicals. Some 1993 signers: Tony Campolo, Jim Wallis, Roberta Hestenes, Samuel Escobar, and ESA president Ron Sider. New age and left-wing themes such as: "holistic Christianity," "the magic of ritual," and "redistribution of the world's resources," were stressed. Animal rights people were there. Denver Seminary's Vernon Grounds was president of ESA for many recent years, but is now involved with Radio Bible Class. (He spoke at the GARBC-approved Cedarville College, Sept.1992).

PRO-HOMOSEXUAL STANCE OF EASTERN COLLEGE—Homosexuals are pressing for acceptance at new-evangelical colleges. An angry debate ensued at Eastern College (American Baptist) near Philadelphia after the school paper published an interview last spring with an unnamed homosexual student who said he found no contradiction between his lifestyle and his Christianity. And four Eastern students attended the Gay March on Washington last year with a banner proclaiming, "Christian, Gay, and Proud--Eastern College Gay and Lesbian Community." (11/22 *Chr. Today*). Roberta Hestenes is President of Eastern, and Tony Campolo is its best-known professor. Dr. Norman Pyle (1/25 *CVN*) said: "Campolo and especially his wife Peggy, are activists in homosexual causes. He has been a major speaker with Josh McDowell at 'Christian' rock concerts..."

MacARTHUR & WIERSBE WELCOMED BY GARBC ENTITIES—Dr. John MacArthur has been a source of division in recent years in IFCA, GARBC and fundamental circles with his new-evangelical associations and his confusing teachings on various Christian doctrines. He has spoken rather routinely on Southern Baptist platforms, and even at their June 1990 SBC Pastors' Conference. He was listed to speak at the Del City First Southern Bapt. Church (Okla.) last November. Just two months earlier he was listed to speak for Indiana Regular Baptists (GARBC) again. He has spoken at GARBC-approved schools. Dr. Warren Wiersbe likewise rides high in new-evangelical circles, and is then invited to speak at GARBC colleges. He is listed as a speaker at First Baptist Church (SBC), Jacksonville, Fla., and Feb. 4-8, along with SBC leaders. Wiersbe, Tony Evans, and Howard Hendricks are all slated to speak at Moody Bible Institute in May, and at the Billy Graham Training Center (N.C.) later this year. But Wiersbe and Hendricks are also listed as speakers at Grand Rapids Baptist College & Seminary's (GARBC) Feb. 21-25 Bible Conference.

NAE SPEAKERS—The National Association of Evangelicals plans to converge on Dallas/Fort Worth March 6-8 for its 52nd Annual Convention. The NAE is the mainline new-evangelical entity, with 50,000 churches from over 75 denominations. Plenary speakers this year include: Multnomah Bible College president Joe Aldrich, SBC exec. committee pres. Morris Chapman, Evangelical Free Church pres. Paul Cedar, and Gordon-Conwell prof. David Wells. A dozen others will speak, including Joni Eareckson Tada. ACCC/WCBC executive secretary Dr. Ralph Colas plans to cover this meeting as a reporter with press credentials.

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'SAFE SEX' INCREASES PROMISCUITY, DISEASE—Since the federal government began a major sex education program in 1970, and has spent billions of tax dollars since then to promote contraceptives and "safe sex," unwed pregnancies have increased 87 percent among 15- to 19-year-olds (*F.OnTheFam.*). And abortions among teens rose 67 percent, unwed births went up 83.8 percent, and VD has infected a generation of young people. Condom distribution programs radically increase the number of kids exposed to disease. They send a mixed message, like saying: "It's wrong to shoplift, but if you do it, here are tips on how to avoid getting caught." Should we teach kids the safest way to drive drunk, on the assumption that they're going to do it anyway? Abstinence/virginity is still best.

'TRUE LOVE WAITS' PROMOTES ABSTINENCE, ECUMENISM—Over 500,000 teenagers are expected to publicly pledge to stay sexually pure until marriage as part of a nationwide abstinence campaign called True Love Waits (12/93 *AFA Journal*). This program was begun last April by the So. Baptist Sunday School Board, but now has a partnership with Roman Catholics, Campus Crusade, Youth for Christ and an amalgam of charismatics and evangelicals. The goal is for 100,000 signed covenant cards for the SBC Orlando meeting in June, and 500,000 for YFC's DC'94 in July. Great, but wait: A leader is quoted in the 12/11 *World* as saying, "It's high time we got together to fight the common enemy. We all have the same things at stake...There are differences between us, yes, but I think those can be ironed out, and we can expand on our common beliefs. This campaign is a start."

FEWER GUNS DOESN'T MEAN LESS CRIME—The Brady Bill was just a first step to a goal of total gun control. To drive many of America's 250,000 licensed gun dealers out of business, our government wants to raise the \$66-a-year gun-selling license to \$600. But fewer dealers doesn't automatically mean less crime. Florida, with 8.6 licensed dealers per 10,000 people, has America's highest violent-crime rate. N. Dakota, with 25.8 dealers per 10,000, has the lowest (1/17 *USN&WR*). You don't reduce crime by disarming honest citizens. Criminals get guns from: theft, 32%; retail purchase, 17%, black market or borrowing, 40% (12/6 *USN&WR*). They fear armed victims far more than police. After Kennesaw, Ga.'s law requiring a gun for each household, violent crimes decreased sharply.

TAXPAYERS FORCED TO FUND ABORTIONS—The Clinton administration's new policy requires states to finance Medicaid abortions in cases of rape or incest or if the woman's life is endangered. Some states require that the rape or incest actually be reported, but the new directive says an abortionist must be allowed to waive that requirement at his discretion (1/8 *World*). The Clinton national health care plan as now written requires that every health insurance policy provide unrestricted health care, and that includes abortion. And every American would be

forced to buy into such a plan, and pay for those abortions. The 1/94 *AFA Journal* says abortion is hidden in the Clinton plan, that all it takes is the doctor (abortionist) and the woman to agree that an abortion is "medically necessary." Then the murder would be paid for through the national health plan.

JESSE JACKSON CANDID CONFESSION—After his own home and neighborhood were invaded by street punks Jesse Jackson dedicated himself to fighting black-on-black crime. He confesses: "There is nothing more painful for me than to walk down the street and hear footsteps and start to think about robbery and then look around and see it's somebody white and feel relieved. How humiliating." (1/17 *USN&WR*). Reminiscent of what he said in 1975, "A black man selling dope hurts communities more than a white man dangling a rope", Jackson now says: "We lose more lives to young blacks killing each other annually than to the sum total of lynchings in the history of the country" (12/19 *Parade*). Statistics show that blacks and Hispanics commit a very disproportionate share of felonies

SOCIALISM & RELIGION IN CUBA—The failure of socialism is very evident in Havana, "a city falling apart." (1/94 *Charisma*). There is no paint or mortar to renovate crumbling schools and apartment buildings. Government-controlled hospitals and doctors' offices lack basic supplies like aspirin and rubber gloves. Cars sit idle on the street, lacking spare parts and fuel. Stores are empty. Castro's daughter defected to the U.S. in December, calling him a tyrant, and saying she associated Cuban socialism with economic collapse and food shortages (12/23 *HT*). Jesse Jackson met with Castro Dec. 26, and earlier called for easing of our economic boycott of Cuba (1/10 *CN*). The National Council of Churches has delivered \$800,000 in aid since 1992 (1/10 *CT*). Santeria, an African spiritist religion, is practiced by a quarter of all Cubans. About 75 percent of Methodist pastors in Cuba are charismatic. Churches have grown since Castro's 1990 apology to Christians. He and some other leaders have been more open to churches, but those implementing policies are not.

EVANGELICAL AFFINITY FOR WILLIAM BARCLAY—The writings of British theologian and Scottish preacher William Barclay reveal him to be a universalist who denied historic Christianity. The 1/94 *Catholicism Today* (C.E.C., PO Box 99141 Louisville, KY 40269) says: "Barclay denies the deity of Christ, the inspiration of the Scriptures, the miracles of Jesus, and His substitutionary atonement. He believes in the eventual salvation of all mankind. Yet his books are sold in the majority of Christian bookstores. He is widely quoted by prominent evangelical leaders..." Jerry Falwell's 3/84 *Fundamentalist Journal* had an ad promoting a Barclay book. Instead of exposing false teachers, new-evangelicals tolerate them and promote their writings.

THE GAITHERS ARE ECUMENICAL—Dr. Jerry Falwell recently used Bill Gaither videos, and featured Gaither many times on his TV program, to raise funds for Liberty University. *O Timothy* editor David Cloud (12/93) said: "The Gaithers are radically ecumenical. They performed at the North American Congress on the Holy Spirit and World Evangelism [charismatic], Indianapolis, August 1990. I was at the meeting with press credentials. One-half of the participants were Roman Catholic, and many of the speakers were Catholic priests. A Catholic mass was held each morning. There was a large Catholic book store which sold every sort of Catholic literature and paraphernalia, including rosaries and Mary statues. The Gaithers were right at home in the midst of this ecumenical wickedness, and for Falwell to promote them and their fleshly music in order to raise money is inexcusable."

'NO SIN MORE UNPARDONABLE THAN TO SCORN MARY'—A recent special edition of the *Fatima Crusader* said: "Since God decided to manifest His plan of love, which is to grant His Graces to men through the mediation of the Immaculate Virgin, it seems that their refusal to submit with docility to that Divine Will is a sin which particularly wounds His Heart and for which He no longer finds in Himself any inclination to forgive. That sin appears unpardonable, for there is not, as far as Our Savior is concerned, any crime more unpardonable than to scorn His Most Holy Mother and to outrage Her Immaculate Heart which is the sanctuary of the Holy Ghost. That is to commit 'blasphemy against the Spirit...'"

CHURCHES LEAVE EPISCOPAL CHURCH—The liberal Episcopal Church has long tolerated radical blasphemy and heresy from the likes of its Bishops Pike and Spong. Charismatics and others are now "jumping ship" and

leaving this NCC/WCC denomination over homosexuality and liberal theological compromises (see 1/94 *Charisma* and 1/10 *Chr. Today*). Bishop James Dees, weary of its acceptance of bishops and priests who openly repudiated Bible doctrines, left the apostate Episcopal Church over 30 years ago and formed the Anglican Orthodox Church, November 16, 1963.

DR. GRIFFITH NEW MINISTRY—ACCC Pres. Dr. E. Allen Griffith has resigned from a 26-year pastorate at Bible Baptist Church, W. Chester, Pa. He says: "Patricia and I, along with most of my children, will establish a home base for ministry at Lake side Christian Conference Center in Cleveland, Ga. We will host camps, conferences, and retreats geared to the family. We will also travel as a ministry team to churches preaching evangelistic/revival campaigns centering on God's message about the family and related issues..." New address: Biblical Family Ministries, Rt. 7, Box 7402, Cleveland, Ga. 30528, Phone 706/219-2398.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS & MASONRY—A Masonically dominated Supreme Court legalized abortion and put Christianity out of public schools. Masonry is an anti-Christian religious cult rooted in Hinduism, occultism and other forms of paganism (10/93 *Berean Call*). There are Muslim Masons. Masons, because of their universalism, deny that it was Christ who created the universe. (12/93 *Discerner*) Masons are now exultant that Southern Baptists last June passed a resolution that leaves Lodge membership up to the individual. SB physician Dr. James Holly says: Southern Baptists have become the first Christian denomination that essentially blesses the Masonic Lodge. (12/20 *Chr. News*). SBC conservatives staunchly fought for an inerrant Bible but wouldn't defend it against paganistic Masonry. A book reviewed in the 1/14 *Sword* reveals secrets of Masonic rituals. Author Elmer Garitson asks: "Can you imagine swearing to allow your brother Masons to cut your throat, tear out your tongue by its roots, pluck out your heart and feed it to the wild beasts of the field, have your body cut in two and your bowels burned to ashes, if you so much as revealed the least little secret of the lodge?"

TIM LEE & SBC 'BRIDGE-BUILDING'—Drs. Tim Lee and Jerry Falwell recently spoke with Southern Baptist leaders at a "Building Bridges" conference at Montrose Baptist Church(SBC), Rockville, Md. Falwell said "we're headed toward some major mergers" within a couple of years that will probably "surprise a lot of people"(12/15 *CC*). Now, Tim Lee's 12/93 *Target* paper has a letter from the SBC host pastor saying: "The Bible Conference truly 'built bridges'. Just after the meeting on Wed. evening some of the independent brethren approached me and wanted to know when we would pursue the next step of cooperation. I will contact them this morning to set up a meeting to chart out our course from here. Truly this...was an historic Conference."

NEW EVANGELICALS PROMOTE RICHARD FOSTER—Quaker psychologist Richard Foster is the founder and head of *Renovare*, an international ecumenical mystical movement with a Charismatic, Catholic, and Quaker constituency. Dave Hunt warns that a *Chr. Today* article touts Foster and his "contemplative prayer" techniques, which "involve passivity and visualization taught by such occultists as Ignatius of Loyola (founder of the Jesuits) and Agnes Sanford"(12/93 *Berean Call*). Miles Stanford (840 Vindicator Dr., #111, Colo. Springs, CO 80919) has a 7-page Polemic Paper discussing Foster and *Renovare* in great detail, and reporting a *Renovare* retreat sponsored by the Navigators. Life Action ran a Foster article with no warning of his dangerous views. Foster praised Pope John Paul II at the 10/91 *Renovare* meeting in Pasadena (1/15/92 *CC*). His "New Age" teachings have influenced Denver Seminary.

MILES J. STANFORD has books, booklets, and Polemic Papers on many vital issues and men/movements of our day. This editor was first introduced to his writings in the 1970s via Dr. Weniger's *Blu-Print*. Get the Polemic Papers from Bro. Stanford at above address, but order other of his literature from Ed & Bettie's Christian Books, 1430 Carr St.(Rear), Lakewood, CO 80215.

POLSON TO ABWE—Dr. John Polson has resigned as pastor of Wealthy Park Baptist in Grand Rapids to become ABWE's West Coast Planned Giving Rep. This disappoints fundamentalists, given ABWE's clear new-evangelical bent and Polson a speaker at the separatist IBFNA '93 meeting (*Fund. Digest*)

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ALCOHOL 'BENEFITS' ARE A MYTH—A new study by medical researchers in Oregon disputes a recent Harvard report of health benefits from alcohol--that moderate drinking reduces heart attacks. The Oregon study says that alcohol in fact depresses heart function, and says: "Alcohol is a toxic substance--a poison--and shouldn't be used for health." (1/3 *H. Times*). Misuse of alcohol accounts for 100,000 deaths each year, and about 18 million Americans suffer from alcohol dependency. About 76 million people are affected by alcohol abuse at some time. In 1992, at least 347 of Alabama's 1,031 traffic fatalities, or 34 percent, were attributed to drunk drivers. Alcohol is a killer!

ISLAM GETS AWAY WITH MURDER—Islam is the fastest-growing religion, now at one billion. Nearly 90 percent of converts to Islam in the U.S. are African-American men. At the present rate, major U.S. metro areas will be mainly Islamic by the year 2020. The 11/93 *Charisma* says 400 Christian churches in London have been converted to Islamic mosques in the last 20 years. Muslims have used petrodollars to expand. Islam retains its people by intimidation. Iran and Saudi Arabia ban all non-Muslim worship, and any Muslim leaving Islam is subject to the death penalty. Muslims in Sudan wage genocidal campaigns against Christians that the international media ignore. In 1992, Saudi Arabia beheaded a convert from Islam who was evangelizing. (12/13 *CT*). We see a double standard here. Suppose for a moment that the U.S. made Christianity its state religion and executed someone for becoming a Moslem. Imagine the outcry in the UN and world media! Yet, when Christians are persecuted--or even killed--in countries like Saudi Arabia, the silence is deafening (*Chr. News*).

JESSE JACKSON SPEECHLESS: BABY VS. SLAVE—*Washington Post* columnist Nat Hentoff wrote: "I reminded Jesse Jackson awhile ago that when he was a spellbinding pro-lifer, he used to liken the claim of ownership of the unborn child to the slave-owning plantation owner who said he could do anything he liked with his property. Jackson did not deny having said that, but, looking uncomfortable, he said nothing more to me." (10/1 *CACC*). Liberals are silent about abortion murders.

GAYS ARE AN OPPRESSED POWERLESS MINORITY?—Homosexual activists portray homosexuals as a poor, powerless minority who lack traditional civil rights. In reality they demand government-enforced special privileges to gain acceptance for their dangerous perversion, which spreads AIDS across our land. College campuses now accept and greet homosexuals with outstretched arms. Politicians cave in to their clout. Hollywood, the media, and the judiciary enforce their "politically correct" agenda. In 1993 the top six gay lobbies raised over \$12.5 million. They have less family responsibilities, and thus have large discretionary incomes. The average homosexual earns

\$55,430 per year, compared to \$32,144 for heterosexuals (10/30 *World*). Homosexuals contributed heavily to President Clinton's campaign, and he has appointed at least 17 open homosexuals to political positions. So why do we need to pass further special legislation for this "oppressed" minority?

GOVERNMENT EDUCATION A TOTAL DISASTER—America's education system has collapsed.

Multiculturalism and self-esteem have replaced knowledge as the goals of education. Little children are taught to despise their country for killing Indians and ruining the planet. High schoolers are the civilized world's worst science and math students, yet such is the power of the system's "self-esteem" training that they believe they are the best. Instead of working to improve the schools, the teachers' unions spend their energies protecting incompetent employees and furthering their leftist political agendas. And the universities have become bastions of political correctness, despising Shakespeare for his sexism while lauding banal works written by third-world lesbians and other certified "victims." (9/93 Heritage Foundation letter). O.B.E. "reform" is not the answer.

A CHARISMATIC ROCK CONCERT—Tim Stafford in the 11/22 *Chr. Today* reports on a Jesus Northwest music festival in Vancouver, Wash. Tim LaHaye is a speaker at most of these, and in 1992 was joined by Tony Campolo and Mike Warnke. It's mostly a weekend of one rock band after another all day, and Stafford said: "The rockier the band, the more they like it." Other quotes: "Contemporary Christian music [CCM] dates from the Jesus movement of the 1970s...CCM lets a kid be different without being weird. Stylistically, CCM is derivative: whether it's rap or heavy metal or pop, the music is indistinguishable from its secular counterpart, except for the lyrics...Christian stations, which once played only music with Christian lyrics, now play romantic [rock] music if it's recorded by a known Christian (e.g., Amy Grant)...CCM became a business headquartered in Nashville...The goal of the record companies is to make money, and if you have a great ministry, that doesn't bother them at all...Gyrating teens, purple fog, [rock] music--and they call it ministry."

LUIS PALAU IS AN ECUMENICAL EVANGELIST—Luis Palau, "the Billy Graham of Latin America," is a graduate and board member of Multnomah School of the Bible. Multnomah was heavily involved in Billy Graham's 9/92 Portland Crusade which had typical Catholic-liberal-charismatic involvement (8/15/92 *CC*). Palau's crusades feature similar unholy amalgams. (See 3/15/93 *CC* concerning Palau's Jamaica Crusade). The 10/31/92 *Az. Republic* said, of his Phoenix Crusade: "Luis Palau likes to preach to the things Protestants and Catholics have in common." Rappers were his biggest draw to this crusade's youth night, and had teens clapping their hands and dancing.

CATHOLIC SEX SCANDAL A TOP 1993 STORY—Religious News Service ranked Catholic clergy sexual abuse as the second top religion story of 1993 (Waco, first). James Porter, a former RC priest, was convicted of abusing dozens of children, and sentenced to 18-20 years in prison. Eleven Franciscan friars at a now-closed California seminary sexually molested dozens of students over 20 years. Robert Sanchez (New Mexico) resigned as Catholic archbishop after accused of sex with five women. A Chicago Cardinal denied charges that he sexually abused a young man in the 1970s who is suing him. RC priest-sociologist Andrew Greeley says sex abuse of minors by Catholic clergy is widespread in the U.S., involving between 2,000 and 4,000 priests, and victims well in excess of 100,000 (4/3 *HT*). He said the cost of treatment, lawyers and liability settlements is \$50 million a year and rising. Bishops have covered up many abuses. Rome's unscriptural "forbidding to marry" (1Tim. 4:3) teaching assuredly contributes to sexual abuse.

FULLER STUDENTS PROTEST MOUW INSTALLATION—Forty Fuller Seminary students wore black arm bands and walked out of the Nov. 8 installation of Fuller President Richard J. Mouw. Chinese seminarians, upset by the invitation to Bishop K. H. Ting, coordinated the protest. Ting is Red China's top religious leader and is under the control of the communist government. He is a master deceiver and the apostate World Council of Churches admitted his China Christian Council as a WCC member at its last meeting. Fuller no longer affirms Biblical inerrancy, promotes feminist theology, charismatics and liberals.

PEALE DEAD AT 95—Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, "who blended Christian and psychiatric principles" into a

message of "positive thinking," died Christmas Eve at age 95 (12/26 HT). He and wife Ruth started *Guideposts* magazine in 1945. Ruth was elected VP of the United Bible Societies in 1984. His 1952 "Power of Positive Thinking" book sold nearly 20 million copies. Peale was a 33rd degree Mason and a liberal who denied key Bible doctrines (See 10/1/90 CC), such as the necessity of the new birth and the Virgin Birth. He said the latter was "some theological idea" of no importance to salvation. His "Positive Imaging" book teaches visualization and other occultic/New Age ideas. Peale's most famous protege is Robert Schuller who says Christ died to sanctify our self-esteem. Billy Graham endorsed Peale, and gave his Marble Collegiate Church the most referral cards in his 1957 NY Crusade.

TASSELL RESIGNS AS GARBC NATIONAL REP—We understand from various reports that Dr. Paul Tassell has resigned as National Representative of the General Association of Regular Baptists, effective later this year, due to health reasons. Dr. Glenn Stewart, Jr. chairs a newly-formed search committee to seek a successor.

SWINDOLL RESIGNS HIS CHURCH, TO MOVE TO TENN.—Author and preacher Dr. Charles Swindoll has resigned as senior pastor of First Evangelical Free Church, Fullerton, Calif. He and wife Cynthia plan to move to Tennessee and establish a non-denominational church. One of their children lives in Nashville. They will maintain a second residence in Dallas where Swindoll becomes president of a "kinder, gentler" Dallas Seminary July 1 (see 11/15 CC). He has been somewhat ecumenical, and is not expected to reverse Dallas's new-evangelical direction.

PRESIDENT CLINTON MEETS WITH RELIGIOUS LEADERS—Pres. Clinton and V-P Gore hosted 12 "evangelical" leaders at a private breakfast Oct. 18 in the White House. Included were: Tony Campolo, Bill Hybels, Jack Hayford, Jay Kesler, Roberta Hestenes, Richard Mouw, John Perkins, and Mark Noll. Clinton "spoke of the 'pain' he felt when conservatives attacked his policies." (11/13 *World*.) Hybels stayed overnight at the White House and helped Clinton set the agenda. Clinton met again Nov. 29 for prayer with an inter-faith group of 14 clergy, and to discuss the AIDS crisis. Attendees included evangelicals, Roman Catholics, and Jewish leaders. Ed Dobson, seated at the president's left, led the opening prayer. He prayed that the president "would see the face of human suffering" in the AIDS crisis. He added, "And that was the spirit of the whole meeting." On the president's right, was a "minister" of the homosexual denomination, the Metropolitan Community Church. (12/11 *World*.) Dobson, a former aide to Jerry Falwell, is pastor of Calvary Church of Grand Rapids which hosted the 1988 IFCA convention. (See 8/1 CC concerning his ministry with/to homosexuals.) Clinton's new disgraceful AIDS "Czarina" Kristine Gebbe, a Lutheran who advocates free love, also attended the AIDS-crisis prayer meeting with the President and 14 religious leaders.

VISN/ACTS CHANGES ITS NAME—Southern Baptists in 1992 linked their ACTS TV channel with the Vision Interfaith Satellite Network (9/1/92 CC). The name is now changed to the Faith & Values Channel, and reaches 20 million cable households. VISN is owned by a consortium of 59 Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox and Jewish groups (12/11 HT). Bible-believing Southern Baptists are wrong to identify with cults (Mormons, Catholics, SDAs, etc.) and liberals.

MORMONISM IS A CULT—Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist (for *Ariz. Republic*) Steve Benson, grandson of 94-year-old Mormon prophet Ezra Taft Benson, has resigned from the Mormon Church (11/22 CT). Mormonism, with its peculiar doctrines of men and women becoming gods and goddesses, baptism for the dead, eternal marriage, polygamy, Jesus and devil being spirit-brothers, 'sacred underwear', etc., stands or falls on the testimony of one man, Joseph Smith (3-4/93 *The Researcher*). It has been shown that Smith gave false prophecies, proving he was a false prophet and exposing Mormonism as a false religion.

MORMON VERSION OF JOHN 3:16—The following is an interpretation/translation of Jn.3:16 based on current Latter Day Saints doctrine: "For the God of this world (one of many) was so indifferent to the world that he sent one of the gods, the Spirit brother of the Devil, a polygamist, the son of fluid or substance to die for certain less serious sins that whatever males would believe in his church would be able to work their way to becoming gods themselves and have their own kingdom." (4/93 *The Evangel*).

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A.B.C. & FEMINIST GOD—An article in the American Baptist Churches' *WATCHword* (11/93) tells of a woman who felt worse after praying to God over guilt from an abortion. The writer says: "Then a friend suggested that she pray to God as a mother. Being desperate she tried that and called on God, the Mother of us all, and immediately she felt whole. Now she was identifying with a God who was not masculine and approaching her problem as all the other males. This God understood her situation, had experienced her circumstance, knew her feelings, her plight, and yes the options placed upon her. And this God she could not only approach, but confidently bear [sic] her soul and receive full acceptance....What a shame we can only know the God of judgment, authority, legalistic, strong and hierarchical, when the real God is like a shepherd, or a mother hen...But God in her own mysterious way...." An earlier article warned: "But for many victims of child abuse or incest, insistence upon their calling God "Father" can result in their rejecting God..."

'GREEN CHURCHES' ADOPT GORE'S EARTH WORSHIP—Ecumenical religious leaders--evangelical, mainline Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish--met Oct. 4 with V-P Al Gore to announce a 3-year, \$4.5 million project to educate [brainwash] and activate the religious community toward environmental protection (11/22 *Chr.Today*). Carl Sagan attended. This National Religious Partnership for the Environment will prod churches to "integrate social justice and environmental concerns. A declaration being drawn up by ESA's Ron Sider and others presupposes a worst-case doomsday scenario (11/27 *World*), and exaggerates environmental dangers (12/13 *USN&WR*). A Roman Catholic church in Kentucky has conducted "environmental awareness" Masses in which garbage is carried into the sanctuary and symbolically removed.(12/13 *New American*). Another, in Maryland, has developed "a special liturgy for Earth Day Sunday in which every aspect of the worship is environmentally-oriented."

SLANG BIBLE FOR BLACKS—P.K. McCary's new slang version of the Pentateuch, *Black Bible Chronicles*, says: In the beginning, the Earth was a fashion misfit and the Garden of Eden's serpent was one bad dude. Cain wasted Abel and Noah was one cool brother (NTA). Ten Commandments: "You shouldn't diss the Almighty's name, using it in cuss words or rapping with one another: It ain't cool, and paycheck's a monster." (*Frontline*). God's warning to Noah: "I'm fed up with what's happenin' anymore, so I'm gonna do what I gotta do, and end things once and for all. Man, I'm gonna blow the brothers clear outa the water." McCary is working on a N.T. sequel, *Rapping About Jesus*.

'MAKING MERCHANDISE' OF CHRISTIANS?—II Peter 2:3 warns of false teachers who "through covetousness shall...make merchandise of you". A British vicar worried about empty collection plates wants to put a price on

prayer in his church, forcing worshippers to pay \$18 a week membership dues(12/6 *Christian News*). And, in Somerville, Mass. and Providence, R.I., a Franciscan friar handed out coupons giving Roman Catholics who confess sins 50 percent off their penance. They allow a church-goer who confesses and receives a penance of 30 Hail Marys, for example, to do only 15. He sees this as a good way to get ready for Easter, and to prevent a "spiritual recession."

CHARLES STANLEY & YOUR INNER CHILD—Did you know that "if the little boy or the little girl within you has not been dealt with, you do not know the God of this Book [Bible]"? TV pastor Charles Stanley explains, "I'm telling you that you can be saved by the grace of God and not know the God of this Bible." While Stanley may still preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, he also preaches another gospel--the gospel of psychic determinism, healing the inner child, increasing self-worth, forgiving self, and learning that "the little boy in me doesn't have to control me," and that "I am SOMEBODY in the eyes of God." Such teachings are not surprising from one who recommends Rapha Hospital Treatment Centers, which specialize in psychiatry, psychological counseling, and self-esteem, which their brochure says is "at the core of all emotional problems and addictive disorders." (From Martin & Deidre Bobgan's *PsychoHeresy Awareness Letter*. Get this free newsletter, or send \$5 for a Charles Stanley warning package to: 4137 Primavera Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93110.)

OUTCOME BASED EDUCATION—Free World Research's *FWR Report* (\$20/yr., P.O. Box 4633, Des Moines, IA 50306), edited by Sarah Leslie, is an excellent fact-filled publication for keeping informed on O.B.E. and other public school dangers. FWR is sponsoring an OBE symposium in Des Moines, Feb.24-26, featuring top speakers on such topics as: O.B.E., Globalism, Multiculturalism, School-Based Clinics, etc. The 10/93 *FWR Rpt.* defined OBE as: Outrageously Bad Education, which de-emphasizes academics in favor of social engineering, socialization, socialism, and social skills. Outcome: A change in student values, beliefs, attitudes, and behavior to fit politically correct criteria.

VAN IMPE PRAISES GRAHAM—Dr. Jack Van Impe has recently promoted the Pope, and now he praises Dr. Billy Graham (11/21 telecast). He tells of starting out with Graham at a Youth For Christ Rally in Canada in 1948, then says of Graham: "How God has used this man since. And what a man of God he's been! You know, he taught me many things. And I remember when I used to read all the criticism heaped upon by right-wing Christians about his compromise because he was working with Episcopalians, Methodists, Presbyterians, Catholics, and, oh the barrage of hatred that came out of it, and many Christian publications. I was a little enamored by what they were saying. But as I look back now, Dr. Graham was right. Thank you, Dr. Graham. You've practiced the Word of God. Jesus said in John 17:21 that he wanted all of us to be one...And I thank God that this man led the way, though he was tremendously persecuted. Now he's in the winter of life, 75, has Parkinson's disease... We started with Billy Graham, and how he has shown us love, and [has been] our example...."

PASTOR PETER DURIK—(Cermak Baptist Church, 2042 W. Cermak Rd., Chicago, IL 60608) who sent us a tape of the above telecast, said: "The way Jack Van Impe exalts, extols, eulogizes and endorses Billy Graham and the pope, I'm afraid he will be endorsing next the prince of this world." Durik offers 10 booklets and an open letter to Luis Palau free to those who send \$1 postage.

GRAHAM DOESN'T PREACH HELL FIRE IS LITERAL—The Nov.15 *Time* featured Billy Graham on its cover. An article said: "In his preaching...the temperatures of hellfire have been reduced..." Graham said: "When it comes to a literal fire, I don't preach it because I'm not sure about it." His salary is now \$101,250 plus a \$33,750 housing allowance. The *Time* article said: "Over the years, strict Fundamentalists came to see Graham as a traitor for his willingness to work with everyone--Catholics, Anglicans, even liberal modernists--to bring the unchurched into the tent." The Bible commands separation from apostate religious leaders. *Time* added: "By the 1980s he was joining the peace movement. He was pilloried in 1982 for speaking to a staged 'peace' conference in the Soviet Union and resolutely downplaying religious repression."

AMERICAN BAPTISTS INCHING TOWARD ROME?—The American Baptist Churches' *In Mission* (Nov-Dec)

described how ABC deputy general secretary for cooperative Christianity Rev. Joan S. Parrott sat with 386 cardinals and bishops who surrounded Pope John Paul II at the Roman Catholic Church's World Youth Day in Denver last August. She was part of a nine-member ecumenical team including Protestant and Jewish leaders who were given a special banquet before the prayer vigil and met with the pope after his sermon. She had lavish praise for the ecumenical event.

ELLUL A UNIVERSALIST—French thinker Jacques Ellul is quoted in the 10/22 *Sword* from his *What I Believe* book: "...It is unthinkable that there should exist a place of suffering of torment, of the damnation of evil...Being love, God cannot send to Hell the creation He loved so much that He gave His only Son for it." Ellul's concept of Hell: "All are saved, but only those who hear the Gospel know it." He thus proclaims universal salvation. Ellul in other writings allows for Christian socialism, and praises Karl Marx. Fuller Seminary professor William Pannell, in a 2/15/85 *C. Today* review of an Ellul book, seemed to praise both Ellul and Marxism.

MOODY SAYS COLSON RIGHT TO ACCEPT AWARD—Some are trying to excuse Charles Colson's shameful acceptance of the Templeton prize by pointing to his "good message." The Chicago ceremony occurred during the Parliament of the World's Religions, and some of those delegates attended (see 9/1 *CC*). A Catholic cardinal presided over the program, which began with a Muslim speech and chant, and concluded with a "meditation" by a Buddhist monk during which some of the audience went into a trance.(11/93 *Berean Call*). An editorial in the 11/93 *Moody Monthly* says: "...Colson was right to accept his award...." It added: "In a day of resurgent pluralism, the church cannot afford to let the critics make us afraid of flexibility." To accept an award for "Progress in Religion" from an entity that likewise honors Hindu-Muslim-Buddhist-Jewish-Catholic "Progress in Religion" is hardly scripturally defensible by calling it "flexibility."

WOMEN BRETHERN PROBLEM—At an ecumenical radical feminist conference in Nov., twenty-five women from the liberal Church of the Brethren announced that they will no longer use the denomination's name because it is sexist. (12/13 *CT*). Participants at this "Re-imaging: Churches in Solidarity with Women" conference erupted in applause and stood in solidarity with the Brethren women. The WCC Church of the Brethren recently appointed a committee to study whether a committee should be appointed to study a change in this apostate denomination's name.

OMS NEW SEMINARY IN RUSSIA—OMS Int'l and the Korean Evangelical Holiness Church have opened Moscow Evangelical Christian Seminary in Russia (11/27 *World*). OMS Russia field director Harold Brown and Alexi Bichkov are vice-presidents. Bichkov is a retired leader of a registered Baptist Church group in Russia, and has long been identified by many as a KGB agent.

GRAND RAPIDS PROGRAM FEATURES NEW EVANGELICALS—The GARBC-approved Grand Rapids Baptist College & Seminary's 35th Annual Bible Conference, Feb. 21-25, will feature such speakers as: Drs. Warren Wiersbe, Howard Hendricks, David Burnham, David Jeremiah, and Ed Dobson. Most of these are ecumenically oriented, and should fit quite well with GRBC/S's broadening image (see 12/15 *CC*).

IBF/NA'S THE REVIEW—This is the official quarterly publication of the Independent Bapt. Fellowship of No. America. Subscriptions are \$5/yr. from its editor, Dr. Richard Harris, 754 E. Rockhill Rd., Sellersville, PA 18960. The Nov. issue had an editorial on national declension, etc.; a report by IBFNA Moderator Dr. L. Duane Brown on fellowship vs. conventionism, and announcing the 1994 annual meeting at Merrillville, Ind. next June; a good article by Dr. Charles Dear on limits of associations, and lines of separation; an informative *Perspectives* page by Dr. Ralph Colas with warnings of New Evangelicalism at Denver Seminary (CBA), the blasphemy of the Jesus Seminar, etc.; and a report by David Norris on a third Iowa regional IBFNA meeting.

BOOKLETS AVAILABLE—Pastor Perry Rockwood (The Peoples Gospel Hour, P.O. Box 1660, Halifax, N.S. Canada B3J 3A1) has over 100 Bible Study Booklets, most at 30 cents each, 4/\$1, plus postage. Some of the ones he

sent us were on: Gambling, Booze, New Age, New Evangelicalism, & Humanism. He also publishes *The Gospel Standard*, \$8/year.

10TH ANNIVERSARY!—With this issue, we celebrate our 10th anniversary. To God be the glory!

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Personal note: This is an update on the progress of the index for the Calvary Contender website. I have recently decided upon a way to update the index automatically after producing the subject index for each Contender issue posted. Please continue to pray for my learning and wisdom for this project. Thanks and may God's blessings be upon you.

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Calvary Contender issues relating to **China**

2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
No Issues	12-1-1999	12-15-1998			
	9-15-1999	11-1-1998			
	8-15-1999	8-1-1998			
	8-1-1999	5-15-1998			
	7-15-1999				
	6-15-1999				
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Calvary Contender issues relating to **Compromise**

2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
No Issues	9-15-1999 9-1-1999 6-15-1999 5-1-1999 4-15-1999 4-1-1999	No Issues			

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Calvary Contender issues relating to Contemporary Christian Music

2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
6-15-2000	12-15-1999	11-1-1998			
6-1-2000	10-15-1999	10-15-1998			
4-15-2000	10-1-1999	10-1-1998			
4-1-2000	9-15-1999	9-15-1998			
3-15-2000	9-1-1999	9-1-1998			
3-1-2000	8-15-1999	8-1-1998			
	8-1-1999	7-15-1998			
	7-1-1999	4-15-1998			
	6-15-1999	3-15-1998			
	6-1-1999	3-1-1998			
	5-15-1999	1-1-1998			
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Calvary Contender issues relating to *Creation/Evolution*

2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
12-15-2000	10-15-1999	12-15-1998			
10-15-2000	10-1-1999	12-1-1998			
7-15-2000	9-15-1999	9-15-1998			
1-15-2000	7-15-1999	8-1-1998			
	5-15-1999	5-1-1998			
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Calvary Contender issues relating to **Cults**

2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
11-15-2000	10-1-1999	5-1-1998			
10-1-2000	7-1-1999	2-15-1998			
6-1-2000	6-15-1999				
5-15-2000	5-15-1999				
4-15-2000	4-1-1999				
2-1-2000	3-15-1999				
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Calvary Contender issues relating to *Disney*

2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
11-1-2000	10-15-1999 6-15-1999 4-15-1999 4-1-1999	12-1-1998 6-15-1998			

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Calvary Contender issues relating to *Divorce/Remarriage*

2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
10-15-2000	9-1-1999	2-1-1998			
4-1-2000	7-15-1999				
1-1-2000	6-15-1999				
	5-1-1999				
	4-15-1999				
	4-1-1999				
	2-15-1999				
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Calvary Contender issues relating to *Drugs/Alcohol*

2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
12-15-2000	12-1-1999	12-1-1998			
2-15-2000	11-15-1999	7-15-1998			
1-1-2000	11-1-1999	1-15-1998			
	10-15-1999				
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Calvary Contender issues relating to *Eastern Religion*

2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
12-15-2000	7-1-1999	No Issues			
11-15-2000	2-15-1999				
10-15-2000					
1-1-2000					

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Calvary Contender issues relating to *Ecumenical Movement*

2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
8-1-2000	12-15-1999	11-1-1998			
7-1-2000	12-1-1999	10-1-1998			
5-15-2000	11-15-1999	9-15-1998			
5-1-2000	11-1-1999	8-1-1998			
4-1-2000	10-15-1999	7-15-1998			
3-15-2000	10-1-1999	7-1-1998			
2-1-2000	9-15-1999	6-15-1998			
1-15-2000	9-1-1999	6-1-1998			
1-1-2000	8-15-1999	4-15-1998			
	8-1-1999	3-1-1998			
	7-15-1999	2-15-1998			
	7-1-1999	1-1-1998			
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Calvary Contender issues relating to *Euthanasia*

2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
No Issues	10-15-1999 9-1-1999 7-15-1999 7-1-1999 6-15-1999 6-1-1999 5-15-1999 4-1-1999	9-1-1998			

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Calvary Contender issues relating to *Evangelicalism*

2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
No Issues	12-1-1999				

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Calvary Contender issues relating to *False Religion*

2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
12-15-2000	1-1-1999	9-15-1998			
11-1-2000		9-1-1998			
4-15-2000		8-1-1998			
4-1-2000		4-15-1998			
1-15-2000		2-15-1998			
1-1-2000		2-1-1998			
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Calvary Contender issues relating to *Feminism*

2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
12-1-2000	11-15-1999 10-1-1999 8-15-1999 7-15-1999 7-1-1999 4-1-1999 3-1-1999 1-15-1999	No Issues			

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Calvary Contender issues relating to *Freemasonry*

2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
4-1-2000	10-1-1999	No Issues			

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Calvary Contender issues relating to **Gambling**

2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
10-1-2000	11-15-1999	11-15-1998			
	10-15-1999	10-15-1998			
	9-1-1999	8-15-1998			
	8-1-1999	6-1-1998			
	7-15-1999	4-15-1998			
	6-15-1999	4-1-1998			
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Calvary Contender issues relating to *Gun control/2nd amendment*

2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
9-1-2000	12-1-1999	10-1-1998			
6-15-2000	10-1-1999	4-15-1998			
3-15-2000	8-1-1999	3-1-1998			
1-1-2000	7-1-1999				
	6-1-1999				

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Calvary Contender issues relating to *Halloween*

2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
11-1-2000	11-1-1999	No Issues			

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Calvary Contender issues relating to *Heresy*

2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
No Issues	10-1-1999 9-1-1999 7-15-1999 7-1-1999 5-15-1999 5-1-1999 4-15-1999 4-1-1999 2-1-1999 1-15-1999 1-1-1999	4-1-1998 1-15-1998			

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Calvary Contender issues relating to *Homosexuality*

2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
12-15-2000	12-15-1999	12-1-1998			
11-15-2000	11-15-1999	11-15-1998			
11-1-2000	11-1-1999	11-1-1998			
10-15-2000	10-15-1999	10-15-1998			
10-1-2000	10-1-1999	9-15-1998			
8-15-2000	9-15-1999	9-1-1998			
8-1-2000	9-1-1999	8-15-1998			
7-1-2000	8-15-1999	8-1-1998			
6-1-2000	8-1-1999	7-15-1998			
5-15-2000	7-15-1999	7-1-1998			
4-1-2000	7-1-1999	6-15-1998			
3-15-2000	6-1-1999	6-1-1998			
1-15-2000	5-15-1999	5-15-1998			
	5-1-1999	5-1-1998			
	4-1-1999	4-15-1998			
	3-15-1999	4-1-1998			
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2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
12-1-2000	10-15-1999	No Issues			
10-1-2000					

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Calvary Contender issues relating to *Jerry Falwell*

2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
8-15-2000	12-15-1999	12-15-1998			
7-15-2000	12-1-1999	11-15-1998			
6-15-2000	11-15-1999	9-1-1998			
6-1-2000	11-1-1999	8-1-1998			
5-1-2000	10-1-1999	7-15-1998			
4-15-2000	9-15-1999	6-15-1998			
4-1-2000	9-1-1999	5-15-1998			
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Calvary Contender issues relating to *John MacArthur*

2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
2-15-2000	11-15-1999	12-15-1998			
1-1-2000	11-1-1999	3-15-1998			
	10-15-1999	2-15-1998			
	10-1-1999	2-1-1998			
	9-15-1999				
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Calvary Contender issues relating to *Liberal Churches*

2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
12-15-2000	12-1-1999	10-15-1998			
10-15-2000	11-15-1999				
9-1-2000	11-1-1999				
8-1-2000	9-15-1999				
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Calvary Contender issues relating to *Liberal Seminaries*

2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
4-15-2000	No Issues	12-1-1998 8-1-1998 6-1-1998 2-1-1998 1-15-1998			

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Calvary Contender issues relating to *Mormon Church/Latter-Day Saints*

2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
11-15-2000	No Issues	11-1-1998			
10-1-2000		9-1-1998			
7-1-2000		7-1-1998			
6-1-2000		5-15-1998			
5-15-2000		4-1-1998			
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Calvary Contender issues relating to *National Council of Churches*

2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
12-1-2000	12-1-1999	10-1-1998			
9-15-2000	11-1-1999	2-15-1998			
8-1-2000	8-1-1999				
7-1-2000	7-15-1999				
6-15-2000	2-15-1999				
6-1-2000	1-15-1999				
4-15-2000					
3-15-2000					
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Calvary Contender issues relating to *New Age*

2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
12-1-2000	12-15-1999	12-15-1998			
10-1-2000	11-1-1999	1-15-1998			
	10-1-1999				
	7-1-1999				
	5-15-1999				
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	4-15-1999				
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Calvary Contender issues relating to *New Evangelicalism*

2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
9-1-2000	12-15-1999	10-15-1998			
6-15-2000	12-1-1999	7-15-1998			
6-1-2000	11-15-1999	7-1-1998			
4-1-2000	11-1-1999	6-15-1998			
	10-15-1999	6-1-1998			
	10-1-1999	5-15-1998			
	9-15-1999	3-15-1998			
	9-1-1999	3-1-1998			
	8-15-1999	2-15-1998			
	8-1-1999	1-1-1998			
	7-15-1999				
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	6-15-1999				
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Calvary Contender issues relating to **Occultism**

2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
11-1-2000	12-15-1999	10-1-1998			
8-1-2000	12-1-1999	1-15-1998			
7-1-2000	11-1-1999				
	10-1-1999				
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Calvary Contender issues relating to *Persecution*

2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
5-15-2000	12-1-1999	11-15-1998			
4-15-2000	11-1-1999	10-15-1998			
3-1-2000	9-15-1999	8-1-1998			
	8-1-1999	2-1-1998			
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	6-1-1999				
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Calvary Contender issues relating to *Pornography*

2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
8-1-2000	10-15-1999	12-1-1998			
7-15-2000	9-1-1999	4-1-1998			
4-15-2000	7-15-1999				
3-15-2000	7-1-1999				
	3-15-1999				
	3-1-1999				

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Calvary Contender issues relating to *Promise Keepers*

2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
9-15-2000	12-15-1999				
7-15-2000	12-1-1999				
6-1-2000	11-15-1999				
3-15-2000	10-1-1999				
	9-15-1999				
	9-1-1999				
	8-15-1999				
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2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
No Issues	6-15-1999				

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Calvary Contender issues relating to *Robert Schuller*

2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
12-1-2000	12-1-1999				

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2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
11-1-2000	12-15-1999				
	10-15-1999				
	10-1-1999				
	9-15-1999				
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Calvary Contender issues relating to *Roman Catholicism*

2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
12-1-2000	12-1-1999				

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Calvary Contender issues relating to Separation

2000 Issues	1999 Issues	1998 Issues	1997 Issues	1996 Issues	1995 Issues
12-15-2000	12-15-1999				
8-1-2000	12-1-1999				
3-1-2000	11-15-1999				
	11-1-1999				
	10-1-1999				
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Calvary Contender issues relating to *Seventh-Day Adventists*

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Calvary Contender issues relating to **Southern Baptist Convention**

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Calvary Contender issues relating to *Tony Campolo*

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Calvary Contender issues relating to *United Nations*

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9-15-2000	8-15-1999				
7-15-2000	8-1-1999				
4-15-2000	7-15-1999				
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Calvary Contender issues relating to *United Religions*

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Calvary Contender issues relating to *World Council of Churches*

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ABBREVIATIONS USED IN CALVARY CONTENDER:

PUBLICATIONS

Ala.Bapt.	Alabama Baptist (SBC)
BB	Baptist Bulletin (GARBC)
BC	Baptist Challenge (M.L. Moser)
BDM	Biblical Discernment Ministries, The BDM Letter (Rick Miesel)
BE	Biblical Evangelist (Robert Sumner)
BFT	Bible For Today NewsReport (Donald Waite)
CC	Calvary Contender (Jerry Huffman)
CIB	Christian Info. Bureau Bulletin (now TBC, The Berean Call - Dave Hunt)
CN	Christian News (Herman Otten)
CT	Christianity Today (Multiple N-E Editors)
CVN	Christian View of the News (Norman Pyle)
EM	Evangelical Methodist
FD	Fundamentalist Digest (Don Jasmin)
Found.	Foundation (Dennis Costello)
FOTF	Focus on the Family (James Dobson)
HT	Huntsville (Ala.) Times
IB	Indiana Baptist (Southern Baptist)
MBW	Maranatha Baptist Watchman (Allen Dickerson)
MM	Moody Monthly
NLJ	National Liberty Journal (Jerry Falwell)

NA	New American (John Birch Society)
O Tim.	O Timothy (David Cloud)
OBF	Ohio Bible Fellowship Visitor
PBC	Plains Baptist Challenger (E. L. Bynum)
Proj.	The Projector (Dayton Hobbs)
PT	Perilous Times (Raymond Blanton)
Sword	Sword of the Lord (Shelton Smith)
USN&WR	U.S. News & World Report
VW	Voice in the Wilderness (J. Royce Thomason)
VITW	Voice in the Wilderness (J. Royce Thomason)
WITW	What In The World! (Bob Jones University)

***NOTE:** We give a longer abbreviation when space permits. We also quote from Charisma, Frontline (FBF), Voice (IFCA), and World, but do not abbreviate these.

ORGANIZATIONS

ABC	American Baptist Churches
ABWE	Association of Baptists for World Evangelism
ACCC	American Council of Christian Churches
BBF	Baptist Bible Fellowship
BJU	Bob Jones University
BWA	Baptist World Alliance
CBA	Conservative Baptist Association
EFMA	Evangelical Fellowship of Mission Agencies
FBF	Fundamental Baptist Fellowship
FGBMFI	Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship, Int'l
GARBC	General Association of Regular Baptist Churches
IBFNA	Independent Baptist Fellowship of North America
ICCC	International Council of Christian Churches
IFCA	IFCA, International
IFMA	Interdenominational Foreign Missions Association
IVCF	InterVarsity Christian Fellowship
LU	Liberty University (Jerry Falwell)
NAE	National Association of Evangelicals
NCC	National Council of Churches
NE	New Evangelicalism
NRB	National Religious Broadcasters

PK	Promise Keepers
SBC	Southern Baptist Convention
SBF	Southwide Baptist Fellowship
TBN	Trinity Broadcasting Network
TEDS	Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
TTU	Tennessee Temple University
WCBC	World Council of Biblical Churches
WCC	World Council of Churches
YFC	Youth For Christ

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