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David W. Breese, President
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Hillsboro, Kansas

**God rather than men**

A state-appointed psychologist advised my wife to let my stepson live out his homosexual fantasies, and recommended classes to help her accept his “alternate lifestyle.” This, among other improper practices, were the result of placing him in a state-licensed “Christian” boys home. This started a series of events—the first of which was to promptly remove him from that home—which led to my salvation.

Since saving me, God, through His Word, the counseling and guidance of the Holy Spirit, and good sound Bible teaching has shown me that a state license for a church ministry is unbiblical and out of the will of God. Peter, Paul (the apostle), and others, including many in the early church, were persecuted and martyred for their refusal to obey man’s law when man’s law conflicted with God’s law. “We ought to obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29).

Therefore, when Bill Cowell (July/August) says accepting a license was the result of wise counsel from godly men, I question their wisdom (1 Cor. 3:18-19) and their godliness (Col. 2:6-8).

**JF**
Fort Worth, Texas

**Disturbed**

After reading the July/August issue of the *Fundamentalist Journal* I was greatly disturbed. The whole magazine seemed to be about the Southern Baptists. There are some godly people in the SBC. However, I thought the *FJ* was for and about independent, fundamental Baptist believers.

I realize that with all the fellowships or associations of Baptists you cannot write about all of them, but I think our fellowship deserves to be written about. Our Bible college, the Arlington Baptist College, recently celebrated our jubilee year. How many Bible colleges can say they have been training pastors, missionaries, evangelists, and laypeople in the Bible for 50 years? Our founders, J. Frank Norris and Louis Entzminger, as well as others, deserve articles written about them in our fundamental Baptist heritage.

If you can have articles on the Evangelicals, Southern Baptists, and others, would you consider publishing some articles on people from the World Baptist Fellowship?

Lisa Bowers
Colbert, Georgia

*Editor’s note:* Fundamentalist Journal is geared toward those who believe in the fundamentals of the Christian faith—which includes many Christians in the SBC and other fellowships as well as independent Baptists.

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pleased to have included J. Frank Norris, one of the college's founders, in our October 1982 "Thunder in the Pulpit" section.

**Most interesting**

I found your July/August issue most interesting. The whole issue reinforced the feelings I have had all along, mainly, that a true Fundamentalist has no business in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Jerry Vines says (p. 18) that he hopes to "set a tone and create an atmosphere where healing can occur in our denomination." Dr. Vines is called a "peacemaker" (p. 14).

Where in the Bible are we told to make peace with religious Liberalism and unbelief? The Bible tells us in 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1 to get out of ecclesiastical uncleanness. One of the Conservative SBC leaders has stated that one of the aims of the Conservatives is not to purge the SBC of compromise and unbelief, but to create a "balance," with Conservatives in control. Again, where did they find that in the Bible?

My personal belief is that there are no true Fundamentalists in the SBC. Conservative men in the SBC become Fundamentalists when they get out of the Convention, obey Hebrews 13:13, and take their stand for Christ.

Robert J. King, Pastor
Temple Baptist Church
Dubois, Pennsylvania

**Great**

A few years back I viewed a priest (an Episcopalian) shouting and waving his fist in contempt, while Dr. Falwell preached from an outdoor platform.

I vowed to myself, that if ever Dr. Falwell appeared in my city, I would attend, sit in the front row, and praise God and His Son Jesus Christ for him.

Dr. Falwell is not only a great Christian, an outstanding apostle, but a great American as well.

As Cardinal Spellman once said about him, "I wish I had a hundred just like him!"

May God continue to bless your great ministry, and know well that
millions of Catholics praise God for Dr. Falwell.

Glenn C. Smith
National Catholics Evangelization Association
Rockford, Illinois

- Helps me learn

The Fundamentalist Journal has been very encouraging to me as a student. It has shown me that there are other young Christians that love the Lord like I do. I enjoy Thunder in the Pulpit because it is very inspiring and helps me learn more about great preachers from another time. I also enjoy the Ministry Update section because it keeps me up to date on what is happening in the ministry.

Keep up the good work!

Nancy Schaefer
Atlanta, Georgia

- Good Literature

Thank you for publishing good Christian literature. Whether any work of mine ever finds its way onto the pages of your magazine or not, there is such a need for alternatives to the secular books and periodicals available today, that I wish you every success.

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Gary Stevens

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3. Parents—more than the church or school—have the responsibility for the spiritual training of their children.

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4. Even though family devotions is a good thing, it is difficult to keep the children's attention while reading the Bible.

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Today on this campus you feel the spiritual electricity and see the results of believing faith on the part of so many. We have come a long way, and I think God has reserved the best for the future. The following are excerpts from my challenge to those who will graduate in the nineties and who will in the next century lead our nation and fulfill our goal for reaching the lost world for Christ. May you also find it challenging.

Luke begins his gospel with a declaration to Theophilus that he "mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed" (Luke 1:4). Likewise, each school year I take it as my responsibility at convocation to do the same thing, giving you the distinctives that make Liberty one of the most unusual schools in the world.

Liberty was born out of a local church. In 1956 Thomas Road Baptist Church began and remains a soulwinning, Bible-believing, local church with a vision for world evangelization. Every outreach of this ministry is dedicated to evangelism. By the requirements of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Liberty must be autonomous and self-perpetuating. While the church and school are separate, TRBC gives the school its spiritual heartbeat and serves as the guide, setting a course doctrinally aligned with the New Testament church.

The end goal of the school system would be world evangelism.

This school is also distinctive because of its commitment to the inerrancy of the Bible, a most unusual position in today’s world. At Harvard 350 years ago, its founders, committed to an inerrant Bible, stated in a student handbook, “Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well, the main end of his life and studies is, to know God and Jesus Christ, which is eternal life (John 17:3) and therefore lay Christ in the bottom, as the only foundation of sound knowledge and learning.” Somewhere along the way the leadership of Harvard stopped declaring its charter, and its founding premise is all but forgotten. At Liberty we believe in the inerrancy of the Bible, in the infallibility of Scripture from Genesis to Revelation. We make no bones about it. All of our goals of accreditation, academic excellence, NCAA membership, the acquisition of great faculty members, and everything God called us to do, have been met without compromising our belief in the Bible. Many of you will one day provide the leadership for this university. May God not only help you remember what Liberty University is but proclaim it to the next generation that it may not be forgotten. May God raise up some young men and women who 30 years from now will be standing here saying “Liberty University was born out of the local church. Liberty University believes that the Bible is the inerrant Word of God. We employ no faculty, no staff, no administration who cannot sign the doctrinal statement at the head of which is biblical inerrancy.”

As another distinctive, our goal of world evangelization has helped place 300 of our former students on the foreign mission field and over 1,000 in senior pastorates across North America. But the majority of the student body past and present are champions for Christ in other fields like science, the arts, politics, and business. They are soulwinning, Christ-exalting Christians committed to world evangelization through a good Bible-preaching church.

And finally, Liberty University is distinct because of its commitment to excellence. Up until recent years, to be an accredited Christian school caused a great deal of anguish for the leadership. My contention has always been, why should a graduate from a Christian university not be able to go on for a master’s or doctorate or any other advanced degree? Why should a student at a Christian school spend four years just to get the biblical principles, and then go on to another college to get the academic requirements necessary to follow a chosen career?

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aturd,aA Night Live's Church Chat Lady is in her all too familiar behind-the-desk pose. Her hands are sanctimoniously folded with the mock stained-glass windows positioned perfectly behind her. Reflecting on the demise of a crying Christian leader to her right, with an awry smile, she asks the audience, “And who shall we blame this on?” She suggests “SAAAATAN?” And the crowd howls with laughter.

But is this Satan someone to be laughing about? Although occultic practices are as ancient as man, there is a fast-growing, developing subculture movement in the teenage community, namely satanism. Unlike the temporarily mimicked dress style of rock idols, satanism among the young is here to stay. But to where will it lead? I predict this will become the most hideous and horrendous reality for educators, parents, and teens themselves to deal with in the next decade as we enter the twenty-first century.

Throughout North America I have stood on the platforms of auditoriums and gymnasiums and met head-on, wall-to-wall, hundreds of thousands of the young generation. Some time ago I started noticing a distinctive new category of teens attending my talks. They did not fit the norm. These young people glared with a dark and deadly fascination. The very word, occult means “hidden things.” And with these curious-looking teens were signposts that they were involved. In all those audiences I kept noticing more and more teens with homemade pentagram tattoos and symbols carved into the web between their thumbs and index fingers, too many notebooks scrawled with “666” and “NATAS” (Satan spelled backward) or “LIVE” (evil spelled backward). Satanism plays with opposites, with mirror-images, with the reverse of anything good: satanists memorize the Lord’s Prayer backward. Teachers are asking what to do about students turning in essays about satanism and death.

More than one parent stands shocked at the discovery of materials left behind in the room of a son or daughter who has committed suicide. A skull, a pentagram drawn on the floor under the rug or behind a picture, and a notebook called The Book of Shadows with horrifying entries.

The incidents are so bizarre. In quiet, small towns and booming metropolises, innumerable incoignito, covert satanic groups exist. They blend in so inconspicuously with society; they go as unnoticed as a bland wallpaper stretching across a wall.

by Jerry Johnston

Noted authority Arthur Lyons states that the United States harbors the fastest-growing and most organized body of satanists in the world. Sounds unbelievable, doesn’t it?

How Are the Kids Recruited?

What are their personal stories? And how can we protect our own children from falling prey? This is not a ghost-and-goblin story. Jerry Simandl, veteran expert of the Chicago Police Department’s gang crime unit, shared with me that there are four distinct levels of the satanic movement coast-to-coast.

Teenage dabblers. These young people take up a preoccupation with the occult through over-involvement with fantasy role-playing games, suggestive heavy metal music, drugs, seances, and a quest for power. The teenage dabbler faithfully studies the Satanic Bible and has made it one of the best-selling paperbacks for the past 20 years. (According to Avon Books of New York, as of February 1989 The Satanic Bible is in the 27th printing with 618,000 copies sold.) He is usually above average in intelligence and generally a loner. Occasionally there may be a small sect of friends (a coven). The dabbler practices chants, incantations, and reads numerous occultic books including Satanic Rituals and The Complete Witch, both by Anton LeVey, among many others.

Self-styled satanic groups or covens. Teens are recruited through free drugs and sex parties where they are told only a select few may enter a special room. During the party the person is photographed or videotaped in a “compromising” situation. Then, if invited into the special room, candidates are gradually told about a contract with Satan. If they hesitate to join, they are told the photo or videotape will be used against them. Who are the recruiters? Stereotypical normal adults employed in every vocation in a community, but in reality, undercover satanists.

Public religious satanists. Whether theatrical or truly intellectual adherents, these people attend your “First Satan Church,” and others. (Michael Aquino and Anton LaVey are two prominent people in this category.) Their number is growing. There are hundreds of similar religious satanic groups in cities everywhere. Since they incorporate
as nonprofit organizations they enjoy a tax-exempt status similar to a church or synagogue. The United States military even recognizes the Church of Satan. The most damaging contribution of this group is that their writings sell in the millions.

Debra Winger’s gripping portrayal of the devastating shock at learning of the intricate organization and high level members of the Ku Klux Klan in the movie, Betrayed, mirrors what could certainly take our breath away if we only knew the full scope of this particular satanic group.

Hardcore satanic cults. This group has always been with us. They are located throughout the world. Perhaps more organized than the Mafia, they are known to kill, abduct, and brainwash ever so secretly. Al Carlisle of the Utah State Prison System has estimated that between 40,000 and 60,000 human beings are killed through ritual homicides in the United States each year. This statistic is based on an estimated number of satanists at the level where they commit ritual human sacrifices, times the frequency with which these would be done during a satanic calendar year. Carlisle estimated that in the Las Vegas metropolitan area alone 600 people meet their deaths during satanic ceremonies each year!

What Can a Parent Do about Kids Getting Head over Heels into the Occult?

Find out if satanic dabbling is a part of your community’s youth culture. How do you find out?

Check into what your community youth are reading. Do not plan a witch-hunt book-burning. If you are alarmed at what you find being offered in reading materials in your community, alert the community to the problem and, as proper in a democratic society, allow the community in consensus to set boundaries for what is offered in the bookshops and libraries.

Find out if your community agencies have noticed teenagers dabbling in the occult in your area. Consult local and regional mental health facilities. Simply ask an information official whether the facility handles teenage patients suffering from occultic or satanic trauma. If so, ask how pervasive such problems are among their adolescent clientele. Remember that many teenagers escape from satanism by committing themselves to alcohol or drug treatment programs.

Check for telltale signs of satanic activity or crime near your community. Call your Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals local or regional office and ask about animal mutilations in the area.

Is satanic dabbling a part of your teenager’s peer group? How do you find out?

You can rationally evaluate a group in which your teenager may be involved. Please remember that scribbling “666,” listening to Ozzy Osbourne, playing Dungeons and Dragons, or buying earrings with a Nero’s cross (the old peace sign/broken cross) or other symbols of the occult does not necessarily mean your child’s friends are avowed satanists. But does your teenager hang around with a group that has occult trappings and is actually cult-like?

Remember dabblers and even self-styled covens may resemble not so much an organization as a club. Here are some marks of a destructive cult-occultic group.

- There is undue influence from group leadership, evidence of attempts at mind-control.
- There is charismatic leadership, even a younger person who claims special knowledge and is given special power and privilege in the group.
- Deception pervades the group’s activities. They claim to be one thing and are obviously something else.
- The group exults in exclusivity, elitism, and euphoria.
- Alienation is encouraged by the group.
- There may be signs of exploitation in the group.

Talk with your teenager and your teenager’s friends. Do not be one of those horrendous adult spies who tries to find out everything. If they told you everything they would not be real teenagers anymore.

Is satanic dabbling a part of my teenager’s life? How do I find out? What do I do about it?

Talk. Do not drill or badger the child, but talk. Ask specific questions about the occult, and if you receive specific answers, ask how your teenager learned this information.

Watch for an overemphasized interest in the occult. Any normal teenager is curious about the unexplained, about the supernatural. But an obsession with occultic practices beyond the ninth grade suggests overinvolvement.

Notice strong behavioral and personality changes. Watch for a decided withdrawal from longtime friends and family, a whole new set of friends, any sign of self-mutilation, a sudden and consistent switch to dark clothing, a new
interest—especially noticeable among guys—in buying jewelry with occult or religious designs, remarkable increase in aggression and violent behavior, chronic depression, a distinct drop in grades and loss of interest in school, an obsessive interest in power/black/heavy metal bands that push satanic themes, a preoccupation with death and destruction, nightmares about demons, missing pets in the family or neighborhood (as outlandish as it sounds), consistent inability to account for absences.

What Can Parents Do If Their Teenager Is Dabbling or Involved in Satanism?

Make a copy of any writings and a list of any occult items belonging to your teenager. Get an expert opinion on what these items suggest as to your teenager’s level of involvement. With advice and referrals from these resources, arrange counseling for your teenager. Remember that in our culture, a commitment to the lord of death is, virtually, a signal that something is wrong. Involve yourself in following and participating in the therapy prescribed.

With this mental-emotional facet of the problem addressed, consider the physical, practical aspects of your teenager’s obsession with the occult. Remove the satanic items and books. Destroy them if you wish. You are not bound by any ethical, moral, or civil law to allow anything in your home that you know is destructive. Do not allow any of these things back into your home. Even small, innocent-seeming items have significant satanic meaning for your dabbler. The bottom line is: Get satanic influences physically away from your teenager and your teenager physically away from satanic influences.

Along with your concern about the mental-emotional and the physical-practical, do not minimize the spiritual aspect of teenage dabbling in satanism. Regardless of your own or your teenager’s previous religious opinions, he or she apparently believes in the spiritual reality of either a powerful force or a powerful being called Satan, Lucifer, or the Devil. The dabbler believes in demons and demonic power, in the supernatural dimension of spirit. That is the dabbler’s reality regardless of your own convictions. You must acknowledge that perceived reality and arrange some kind of responsible spiritual ministry by legitimate clergy.

Perhaps you feel this spiritual business is not important, is not the crux of satanic dabbling. You are entitled to your opinion, but I am convinced that the spirit of your teenager is just as vulnerable to the damages of satanism as are his emotions and mental state. It may be tough to admit that your teenager began dabbling in evil as part of a search for spiritual reality. But if that thirst is not satisfied by spiritual truth, no amount of protection or therapy is going to derail his search. Once away from therapy and away from your influence, he will be back on the track over the edge of evil in no time. Spiritual needs must be addressed.

Pray. Children who get into satanism are children who need help. They are looking for something, not finding it in their lives, and striking out for hell to find it. A teenager who finds encouragement, love, understanding, responsibility; relationships to emulate; spiritual substance; consistent and loving discipline; training in critical thinking; openness to discuss tough issues such as sex, social training, wisdom, integrity; and attention at home, will not risk all that just to gut chickens and bet for demon possession.

A final word on preventing your teenager from self-destruction: sometimes there is nothing you can do. In spite of the rampant, starkly scientific view of man as a victim in an uncaring universe, I need to remind you that your child is more than a combination of chemicals and environment. Children can and do climb out of the worst cesspools of “family life” to lead healthy, productive lives—if they choose. They have a choice about what they do and who they become, no matter how much they want to foist the blame for wrong choices on their parents or their first-grade teacher or the cartoons they watched on Saturday mornings. God can deliver one from satanism. Remember, Satan is mighty, but God is almighty! The Lord Jesus Christ has “spoiled principalities and powers” and has “made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it” (Col. 2:15). There is power in His blood. The hymn writer said it well.

Would you be free from the burden of sin?
There’s power in the blood, power in the blood;
Would you over evil a victory win?
There’s wonderful power in the blood.

Evangelist Jerry Johnston is an expert on youth culture and trends. He is president of the Jerry Johnston Association in Kansas City, Kansas.
Satanic Seductions

Photo by Cathy D. Watson
he small clip in the daily paper, "Satan Worship now banned at Chicago's suburban Homewood-Flossmoor High School," along with the footnote that the American Civil Liberties Union "assailed the Satan rule," attracted no more notice or alarm than the two-by-two column it was printed on.

Satan worship for high schoolers? Impossible, you say. Not any more. A front-page story in a Minnesota newspaper revealed what has become a growing occurrence around the country: episodes of frenzied Devil-worshipers involved in ritual mutilation, bloodletting, sacrificing animals and sometimes human beings, before candle-lit altars to Satan.

An increasing number of police investigators throughout the nation find such satanic events happening with greater frequency, and law-enforcement officials now hold seminars to train their staff to see the signs of satanic motives behind otherwise bizarre and inexplicable crimes.

Robert J. Simandl, a 20-year veteran of the Chicago Police Department, has been studying cult crimes around the country for over five years. He can rattle off stories that rock the most seasoned police investigators, telling tales of child molestation, grave robberies, and teenage suicide pacts.

Simandl points out that much satanic crime goes unrecognized for what it is because police do not know the clues, such as mutilated goats, pentagrams, burning candles, satanic graffiti, and occult holy days.

While there are no statistics, enough documented criminal cases involving Satan-worshippers have cropped up around the country in the past five years, leading many police detectives to begin looking for patterns and links. They say they have uncovered only hints of organized activity, apart from the established 2,500-member church of Satan based in San Francisco. Yet they remain convinced that covens of child-molesters around the country practice satanic rites and are in contact with one another.

All this is apart from the countless teens who have committed crimes, often suicide or homicide, after dabbling in satanism through demonic lyrics of heavy metal rock bands and by following books like Anton Szander LaVey's The Satanic Bible, which claims sales of a half million copies in print since 1969.

On October 16, 1987, an 18-year-old man was charged with raping a 15-year-old girl in Minneapolis. He confessed to arresting officers that he is a member of a satanic coven that directed him to drive a knife through the girl's heart and to bury her, but he "couldn't bring himself to do it," even though other coven members had promised him a "death star" (granting him "super-natural powers") once the deed was accomplished. He admitted that he and coven members are followers of Satan-worshiper Anton LeVey.

Devil worship has emerged as the motive of a number of high-profile serial killers, most notably Los Angeles "Night Stalker" Richard Ramirez, who painted pentagrams—five-pointed stars associated with satanism—in the homes of several of his victims, and later emerged from a court hearing during his trial yelling, "Hail Satan!" Ramirez reportedly had grown obsessed with, among other things, the satanic themes in the rock album Highway to Hell, by the heavy metal band AC/DC. The cover depicts a band member dressed as the Devil.

Simandl said such obsession is "typical among youths who get caught up in the worship of the diabolical."

Satanism is a term used to signify honoring Satan with quasi-religious ceremonies in mockery of Christian rites, and with the performance of other works that promote the cause of Satan's dominion in the world.

In Bloomington, Minnesota, 16-year-old William Gary Chelseth is awaiting trial for the brutal stabbing of Teresa Knudsen. In June 1989 Chelseth rode to the victim's house on his bicycle. After entering the home through the garage door while Knudsen was outside mowing the lawn, he took a dollar from her purse and some coins off a nearby desk. When Knudsen walked into the living room and confronted Chelseth, he repeatedly stabbed her. The boy later told authorities he did it for "Satan and the cult."

Police found graves containing 15 human male bodies just south of the Mexican border on April 11, 1989. They said the victims were sacrificed by a satanic cult of drug-smugglers. The suspects were U.S. and Mexican citizens, some of whom admitted to Sheriff Lieutenant George Gavito that the cult had been involved in human sacrifices, and prayed to the Devil "so the police would not arrest them, so bullets would not kill them, and so they could make more money."

by Mary Ann Kuharski

Countless teens have committed crimes, often suicide or homicide, after dabbling in satanism.
Among the 15 victims was the body of Mark Kilroy (21), a pre-med student from the University of Texas who disappeared from a crowded street after 2 a.m. on March 14, 1989, after straying from a drinking party with friends in Matamoros, a border city across from Brownsville, Texas.

Authorities said there were signs of "Santaria," a type of voodoo practiced in South Florida and the Caribbean, and recently featured in the movie The Believers. They found candles, and kettles full of body parts, animal bones, human brains, and blood. In some forms of witchcraft removal of the brain signifies a sacrifice of the victim's soul.

Kilroy was reportedly selected "at random" when cult leader Adolfo de Jesus Constanzo (26) ordered his followers to bring him an Anglo male. According to Alvaro de Leon (22), one of the cult members, males were sacrificed to seek the Devil's protection from police for their drug-smuggling activities.

Constanzo, leader of the cult, ordered his own killing when police closed in on him, some of those arrested said. His bullet-riddled body was found in a closet in the apartment police raided on May 6, 1989. Also confiscated in the raid were black candles, a goat's head, a blindfolded statue of Saint Anthony, jagged swords, a wax skull draped with beads, and black clothing worn by women.

Most of those arrested in the Texas/Mexico drug-cult were in their early or middle twenties. For varied reasons the occult is purposely appealing to the young.

Sean Sellers was only 17 when he was put on death row in Oklahoma for the 1985 murder of a convenience store clerk and the murders of his mother and stepfather. He told authorities later that he did it to "pay homage to Satan. I am free," he said. "Satanism has made me a better person. I can kill without remorse."

Investigators in the Sellers case said that he and several other youths had turned to satanism after becoming enthralled by the images of fire, death, and sacrifice in heavy metal music. The youths sometimes conducted candle-lit satanic bap-tisms that included cutting one another with knives, drinking blood, and using it to write incantations to Satan.

In Saint Cloud, Minnesota, four teenage boys were charged with murder in a vampire-cult slaying in which the victim's throat and wrists were slashed and his body dumped into the Mississippi River. Newspaper accounts verified the slayers, inspired and influenced by the horror movie The Lost Boys, drank some of the victim's blood.

A growing fascination with the occult, demonism, violence, and death has obviously taken hold in America. It can be found in the music teens listen to, the latest movies, and the best-selling novels.

In our home we try to censor the reading, listening, and television material our children are exposed to. I knew to watch out for the more outrageous "baddies" like Ozzie Osbourne (who allegedly bit off the head of a live bat while performing on stage), and KISS (the rock group whose initials stand for "Knights in Satan's Service"). Yet, after learning that popular heavy metal groups like Metallica, Megadeth, Anthrax, Slayer, Venom, and King Diamond were also known for their lyrics on violence (sex, rape, torture, human sacrifice) and death, I was shocked to discover some of those very "artists" in my 16-year-old's shoe box of tapes.

My husband and I sat down and talked to our son about his choice of music. Quite frankly, what parent enjoys being a nay-sayer to a child, especially one like Tony who is a typical good, fun-loving teen. Nevertheless, music that is indecent, offensive, or demonic is designed to have a deliberate, though perhaps subtle, impact on listeners and is undeserving of a place in a Christian home.

We believe a home and what is spoken, listened to, read, and seen in it reflect the people who live there. For that reason we tell our youngsters—including those college-age and young adult—that we cannot permit albums, tapes, television shows, or reading material that contradicts our faith or values.

The other day our 8-year-old daughter, Angela, came home from school with a toy that was given to her by a classmate at the Christian school our children attend. The "toy" was an eight ball—a childish and bewitching game wherein the child asks the ball a question and its answer, after being rubbed and turned, surfaces on a window-like area of the ball. I took the object away and Angela returned it the next day. When I told a friend of the incident she remarked, "You'd be surprised at the number of Christian children whose parents naively give them Ouija boards, eight balls, Dungeons and Dragons, and other such games."

A pastor was recently called for advice and counsel by a mother whose fifth-grade son persistently drew pentagrams on the backs of his hands and was seen at school giving the "Satan sign" (waving the index and small fingers) to another student. When questioned, the boys said it was "just in fun." The parents, with the pastor's assistance, moved quickly to inform the boys of the seriousness of their innocent, yet naive, acts.

We fail to realize that youngsters who become "hooked" on Devil worship, the occult, and fortune-telling, usually start with little more than an over-active curiosity and a fascination for the far-out.
Christian parents must warn children of the very real danger and sinfulness involved. As believers in Jesus Christ, we are to place our futures, our lives, and our very souls with no one other than Him. To submit to fortune-telling (even “just for fun”) leaves our souls open and vulnerable.

Donna Steichen, a free-lance writer from the midwest, has investigated the growing phenomenon of witchcraft “seminars” on American campuses. These conferences—at which the earth goddesses (in the name of feminism) and “self” are adored and deified—have not only been invited to secular institutions but, she reports, have been welcomed on some religious college grounds as well.

Unfortunately, some young people in a state of spiritual poverty and confusion will turn to the most enticing, alluring, and false gods, including sex, money, power, and the occult, if the message of Christ has not been adequately presented to them.

Parents today are at a great disadvantage when film and song idols use their influence to persuade young people to lifestyles that involve drugs, sex, violence, and satanism. As a busy mom, I am sometimes frightened and discouraged to realize that unless we put a bag over our young, follow them around 24 hours a day, or forbid their entrance into today’s “values-free” atmosphere, they will be exposed to the books, movies, music, and evil environment attempting to attract them.

To the extent we are able, we have a responsibility and an obligation to censor OUT material we know to be contradictory to our faith and values. Likewise, we can censor IN the “Good News,” making our homes a haven of well-written, positive, Christian material that offers stories and examples with role models young people can look up to.

Most young people who admit to dabbling in the occult, do so because of a void in their lives. Fortune-telling, mysticism, and satanism offer power, excitement, and perhaps quick answers to those struggling or searching. Most have been taught little in the way of faith, values, and absolutes.

Young people need to know about Jesus Christ, about right and wrong, good and evil, and the kind of life Christ calls us to. Let us as Christians, by our standards and Christlike example, become a source of strength and light to our children as well as to the unchurched and unbeliever. Christ Himself in John 17:15-21 prayed to God the Father to “keep them from the evil” and to “sanctify them through thy truth” because God’s Word is truth. John urges us to love in “deed and in truth,” and not to merely talk about it (1 John 3:18).

Satanism and mysticism, whether in high schools, colleges, seminars, films, books, or music, will have no foothold, if we, as Christ’s ambassadors, aggressively live the gospel message.

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or we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places (Eph. 6:12).

Before Mike Warnke became a Christian and a leader in the anti-occult ministry, he served as a high priest in Satan worship. He had passed through several levels of involvement to reach this pinnacle, yet he sensed there were still several levels beyond him. One day it became frighteningly clear exactly who headed the occult movement—Satan himself.

In The Satan Sellers Warnke writes: “I had heard one or two of the Brotherhood jokingly refer to poor old Hitler, and the arch-demon who ran him. And Stalin. And Nero. And the Borgias . . . puppets. The global conspiracy buffs were right, after all, but the buffs weren’t giving credit where credit was due, nor did Satan want them to, for such knowledge could turn men to his immortal Enemy. As C.S. Lewis said, Satan’s neatest trick was convincing men that he did not exist . . . and not even the bulk of all the occultists that I knew really saw it. I felt very small. And very frightened.

“Well, at least I’m on the right side, I thought. And now Satan will have to promote me; I know too much. Then one final, very unwelcome idea came into my head: if power was what motivated the most ambitious of us, what motivated our unholy leader? Hatred. Pure unalloyed hatred. Of God, for denying him infinite power and throwing him out of heaven. Of Christ, for usurping what he considered his rightful position. And of all mankind, for being God’s favorite creation. He hated us. Every last one of us. For all eternity.”

Most Christians do not like to hear about the power and the plan of Satan. We know Satan is real, but we want to think that his power is confined to remote areas of Africa or nonexistent in the twentieth century.

Most Americans today scoff at witchcraft and dismiss astrology, Ouija boards, the New Age Movement, and even Satan worship as harmless. They do not believe in a real Devil, and if some people want to dance nude under a full moon, fine, they say, “Just don’t let them disturb the peace.”

But Satan is real. He manages the world, and he is becoming more and more active as the world draws nearer to its God-appointed finish line. He has duped the nations of the world into ignorance, but some men and women willingly give their lives to his service.

Who are the people enlisted in Satan’s army? Recently the media has focused on teenagers who participate in brutal ritualistic killings, but these youngsters may be following a fad and acting alone. There are organized satanic groups far more serious than teenage groups or even Anton LaVey’s Church of Satan.

Warnke says that when he was introduced to a lower level satanic group, he found men and women from all walks of life: salesmen, carpenters, teachers, truck drivers, even preachers and priests. These followers of Satan could even specialize in vampirism, lycanthropy (becoming a werewolf), demonology, or necromancy (communicating with the dead).

Not all who follow Satan are engaged in such bizarre activities. In Mystery Mark of the New Age, Texe Marrs reports that Satan has amassed a new army in the New Age Movement. Great Britain’s Prince Charles and Queen Elizabeth have become devotees of New Age holistic health philosophies. Former Senator Gary Hart is a New Age disciple who has “spiritual advice” from an Indian woman teacher delivered daily to his office. Marrs believes that Mikhail Gorbachev is unquestionably “the world’s foremost New Age teacher and leader. Satan has accomplished a mighty feat in winning the heart and soul of the Soviet Union’s highest official.”

“Jane Fonda energizes herself with crystals,” Woman’s Day magazine recently reported. “Shirley MacLaine makes regular astral visits; Nancy Reagan consults an astrologer. Most of the ‘New Age’ ideas are harmless, but they may lend permission to a teenager’s search for his own alternative. On the bizarre edge of belief, he may find satanism.” If these other activities are admitted “stepping stones,” how can they be harmless?

In January 1988 a 14-year-old New Jersey boy involved with satanism killed his mother and then himself with his Boy Scout knife. He left a note that the deaths were the result of a pact with the Devil.

In 1986 Sean Sellers, a clean-cut blond from Oklahoma City, killed his mother, stepfather, and a convenience store clerk because he wanted to do something for Satan. Now on death row, Sellers has accepted Christ and works with groups that combat occultism. He recently told a national television audience that Jesus Christ was the only way out of satanism.

Many police departments investigate murders and discount or cover up evidence of satanism. Other crimes associated with satanism include
Watch for the Signs of Satan

Satanism is a real and present force in this country, and teenagers are particularly vulnerable to recruitment from satanic groups. How are parents and counselors to know whether young people are involved in satanism or the occult when secrecy is a prime directive? What are the signs of satanism?

Look for The Satanic Bible, written by Anton LaVey, the founder of the Church of Satan; The Book of Shadows, a diary of rituals, spells, satanic symbols, and suicide notes; or other books on the occult. (The Book of Shadows is also available on computer disk.)

Look for altars in bedrooms or outdoors. Altars are often laden with ritual knives, silver chalices, skulls or bones, and candles, usually red, black, or white.

Look for a pentagram, a five-pointed star surrounded by a circle, used in worship as a protection against demons conjured during services. The star is inverted, with the two upward points representing Satan and the Antichrist. The three downward points signify the holy Trinity. A goat's head is often drawn into the star.

Look for drawings or tattoos of upside-down crosses, a capital "A" with a circle around it (the sign of anarchy), writing done in code, or the number "666" or "FFF" (F is the sixth letter of the alphabet).

The swastika, or broken cross, has become popular with satanists to represent nature out of harmony. The "horned hand" salute, with the pinky and index fingers raised, is used by satanists and many of those who follow heavy rock music.

Look for cuts on the hands, especially between fingers, and on the arms. These are a result of the bloodletting common in satanic rituals. The blood is used for writing or drinking.

Pay attention if a young person begins to display an interest in books that focus on death, violence, secrecy, sex, or the occult. Notice if the young person begins to have nightmares or if his friends know him by a different name. Satanic groups often assign a new recruit a new satanic name.

Parents and pastors should also notice if the young person begins to become secretive and withdrawn from family and friends. Many become aggressive and show increased rebellion. Most lose their sense of humor. Teenagers who were always active in church and school may show declining grades, school absences, and a disinterest in church and the Bible.

Heavy metal rock music and satanism are intertwined. Many of these rock songs have lyrics that glorify Satan, murder, suicide, and perversion. Look through your young person's album collection and look at the album covers—are they adorned with satanic or violent symbols?

Most teen cult followers tend to be intelligent and are often overachievers in school. Many are creative and easily bored by typical teenage activities. They seek personal power, and they believe Satan will grant their desire.

Sexual activity and crimes such as animal torture and drug dealing and usage are nearly always involved in satanism. Judy Safransky, a coordinator of Cult Awareness Network, says if parents suspect a crime is involved they should call the police. "Parents need to educate themselves," she told the Tampa Tribune. "I cannot emphasize that enough. They have to know what they are dealing with. Sometimes their teens are following a fad, but they are also playing with fire. On the other hand, the teenager might be in a lot deeper than they think."

If you would like educational information about satanism or other cult groups, call the Cult Awareness Network's national office in Chicago at (312) 267-7777 or write to them at 2421 West Pratt Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60645. Please keep in mind that this organization is NOT religious, nor does it "judge doctrine or beliefs." It can provide you with information, not answers.
countries primitive and civilized. A missionary to Africa recently recounted his meeting with a tribal witch doctor. Angry at the missionary's work, the witch doctor pointed at a tree 200 yards away, mumbled a curse, and pointed again as the tree burst into flames.

In December 1987 in the small town of Carl Junction, Missouri, Pete Roland and two of his friends beat Steven Newberry to death with a baseball bat. “Sacrifice for Satan,” they chanted over and over.

On October 12, 1988, in Tampa, Florida, Jonathan Cantero killed his 40-year-old mother. Patricia Ann Cantero was a Christian who had collected Todd’s heavy metal albums and satanic books and burned them. Todd had begun to slip into Devil worship after involvement with the popular game “Dungeons and Dragons.” After watching a Geraldo Rivera television show featuring teenagers obsessed with satanism, Jonathan said he found the courage to finally kill his mother. Mrs. Cantero was stabbed over 40 times.

Why is satanism flourishing today? The reason certainly has to do with the fact that we are living through the end times. Satan is organizing his forces for the final assault on the earth and on heaven itself. He is setting the stage for the arrival of the Antichrist, the one who will kill those who dare to remain loyal to Christ during the Tribulation.

The Bible tells us that in the last days a satanic lifestyle will be common. “This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God” (2 Tim. 3:1-4).

“Ten years ago, I never saw cases of Satanism,” Humberto Nagera told the Tampa Tribune. “Now it is reaching epidemic proportions.” Nagera runs the child and adolescent unit at the University of South Florida Psychiatry Center. He has treated children as young as 8 years old who have been involved in satanic practices. “Satanism condones and makes acceptable things that our society has objections to, like certain sexual behavior. None of that is objectionable [in satanism.] The pursuit of pleasure and evil are among its principles. As long as it is agreeable to the Devil, your behavior is legitimate.”

According to the February/March 1987 issue of National Sheriff, the number of people who practice satanism nationwide rose from an estimated 480,000 in 1976 to 1.4 million in 1985. Mike Warnke knows that satanists place a high priority on recruitment. He was personally responsible for adding over 1,000 people to his California group. Now he prays that his ministry will influence a thousand souls for good for every one he led into darkness.

Actually, millions more are actively or inactively associated with Satan. If a man is not born of God, the Bible says he is a child of the Devil. That may be an unpopular notion in this age of “live and let live,” but it is God’s truth. What should we do then, surrounded as we are by evil in the world?

First, we must be wary, vigilant, and informed. Our adversary, Satan, walks through the earth seeking those he can devour. Through the Holy Spirit we can and must resist him and his efforts to keep the lost from the saving gospel. We cannot ignore our Enemy or relax our efforts.

To worship God is to find a peace and love that makes a man strong for eternity. To worship Satan is to find destruction, pain, and a constant lust for power that can never be satisfied.
The Unheard Screams of PRIVATE VIOLENCE

The family unit is no longer a peaceful refuge from the world. Experts claim that one out of every two families contains violence.

by Lois Hoadley Dick
Battered women do not "deserve" or "need" to be battered. Nor do they "ask for it." A terrible fallacy ascribes guilt to the victim.

In the United States the first "safe" house was a small apartment in Minneapolis, opened in 1974. In 1976 the International Tribunal on Crimes against Women was held in Brussels and served to publicize the problem. American news media gave it further publicity.

Before that, most hospital personnel in England treated a beaten child very casually, "Mother claims child was struck by father," was often the only note on the record. Yet the same emergency room report on the same case described injuries to the wife such as shock from extensive bleeding, ruptured spleen, damaged kidneys, punctured lungs, fractured skulls and other bones, burns from hot irons, acid, boiling liquids.

Wife-beating was not confined to the working class. The wife of a company director sought help because the husband had tried to strangle the oldest child in one of his frequent rages.

A few at a time, then dozens—hundreds—thousands—of women stepped out to tell their stories. They lived in daily fear of physical abuse, threats, verbal abuse, miscarriages, rape, mental illness, and death.

Children were born blind, deformed, and mentally retarded because of the beatings the mothers received while pregnant.

One lawyer responded to a plea for help from a battered wife by saying, "Until he actually kills you, or at least seriously injures you, I can do nothing."

In 1977, according to a Harris Poll, 25 percent of college-educated Americans approved of hitting a spouse "if the occasion is appropriate." Mrs. Pizzey toured America presenting the problem. After her

D id you know that women are probably safer walking the streets than they are in their own homes? One-third of the murders committed in the United States yearly are in the family, and half of these murders are between spouses.

Each year in the United States, between three million and four million women are battered, the single largest cause of injury to women. It is also the most unreported crime. The FBI reported that in 1986, 40 percent of all female homicide victims were killed by their husbands or boyfriends.

Even though many women still keep silent about violence in the home, at one point eight million American women a year reported beatings by husbands or boyfriends, according to Maria Roy in The Abusive Partner.

Battering is premeditated, deliberate terrorism from a man who has low self-esteem and has usually grown up seeing a parent abused. Often the battered woman is an emotionally and economically dependent woman who grew up seeing her mother mistreated. Violence can be verbal as well as physical.

In our nation where violence is directed at society from all forms of media, wife-abusing is considered the lesser of the evils. Violence is condoned by Americans because they are desensitized.

The family unit is no longer a peaceful refuge from the world. Experts claim that one out of every two families contains violence. In some tragic cases, the woman, pushed beyond endurance and sanity, retaliates by killing her batterer.

Several battered Christian women told me their stories—briefly, anonymously.

"I was so beaten and abused that after a long hospitalization I was still a cripple in a wheelchair."

"I was abused and beaten all my married life. Once he threw me out into the snow with all my clothes and left me to freeze. Over and over he'd say, 'Be out of the house before I come home or I'll kill you.' I was a born-again Christian, but to the point where I could no longer pray."

"I was verbally abused and insulted and blamed all the time. The marriage counselor said, 'It seems to be your fault.' The psychiatrist said, 'Here are some sleeping pills.'"

"My husband would hit me, knock me down, pull the phone wires out, and pull the car wires out. Then he kept on with the beating, knowing I couldn't call or go for help. Once he tried to kill me."

"No one knew what he was like at home. In public he said and did all the right things. He seemed so concerned about people and their problems. At home he was full of hate, called me names."

In 1971 a battered wife, Erin Pizzey, founded a house of refuge in London, the very first in the world, known as CWA (Cheswick Women's Aid). Soon there were other "safe" houses all over England, Wales, Ireland, Scotland, Australia, and Europe, thanks to the untiring work of many people. CWA grew from a single house to 25. Within three years there were 70 refuges in the United Kingdom.

Holland, West Germany, and France followed suit. In America, where marriages are considered sacred by the churches, wife-beating came as a cultural shock.

Pizzey's book, Scream Silently or the Neighbors Will Hear, cracked open the door of the dark closet. CWA was the only place in the world that would take a woman desiring temporary relief from battering, and safety for her children. Other women realized they were not alone. One important message of the book was that children from violent homes and their children will continue to propagate violence in our society. Children as young as 3 were found to be violent toward other children, the result of seeing a mother beaten.

A doctor's wife told Mrs. Pizzey her story. Her husband was a beloved physician in public, but in the privacy of her home beat her cruelly.

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"My husband would hit me, knock me down, pull the phone wires out, and pull the car wires out. Then he kept on with the beating, knowing I couldn't call or go for help. Once he tried to kill me."

"No one knew what he was like at home. In public he said and did all the right things. He seemed so concerned about people and their problems. At home he was full of hate, called me names."

In 1971 a battered wife, Erin Pizzey, founded a house of refuge in London, the very first in the world, known as CWA (Cheswick Women's Aid). Soon there were other "safe" houses all over England, Wales, Ireland, Scotland, Australia, and Europe, thanks to the untiring work of many people. CWA grew from a single house to 25. Within three years there were 70 refuges in the United Kingdom.

Holland, West Germany, and France followed suit. In America, where marriages are considered sacred by the churches, wife-beating came as a cultural shock.

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In the United States the first "safe" house was a small apartment in Minneapolis, opened in 1974. In 1976 the International Tribunal on Crimes against Women was held in Brussels and served to publicize the problem. American news media gave it further publicity.

Before that, most hospital personnel in England treated a beaten child very casually, "Mother claims child was struck by father," was often the only note on the record. Yet the same emergency room report on the same case described injuries to the wife such as shock from extensive bleeding, ruptured spleen, damaged kidneys, punctured lungs, fractured skulls and other bones, burns from hot irons, acid, boiling liquids.

Wife-beating was not confined to the working class. The wife of a company director sought help because the husband had tried to strangle the oldest child in one of his frequent rages.

A few at a time, then dozens—hundreds—thousands—of women stepped out to tell their stories. They lived in daily fear of physical abuse, threats, verbal abuse, miscarriages, rape, mental illness, and death.

Children were born blind, deformed, and mentally retarded because of the beatings the mothers received while pregnant.

One lawyer responded to a plea for help from a battered wife by saying, "Until he actually kills you, or at least seriously injures you, I can do nothing."

In 1977, according to a Harris Poll, 25 percent of college-educated Americans approved of hitting a spouse "if the occasion is appropriate." Mrs. Pizzey toured America presenting the problem. After her
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visit houses of refuge opened first in Boston and Brooklyn, then all over the states.

For years domestic violence was considered a private matter with no outside interference allowed. Society and churches pretended it did not exist. Government allotted no funds for refuge. Social workers made remarks such as, "You must like it, or you wouldn't stay." And, "He still cares for you. He's trying to communicate with you when he beats you."

In a study done by Maria Roy, of 4,000 partners in violence, 35 percent of the abusive partners were alcoholics and 16 percent had drug problems. But doctors, lawyers, bankers, businessmen—not necessarily drunk or high—still beat their wives.

Elaine Hilberman, a psychiatrist at the University of North Carolina Medical School, while working in a rural medical center, treated women with psychophysiological ailments due to battering: eczema, hypertension, stress, anxiety, backaches, stomach pains, headaches, breathing problems.

"Despite having suffered severe physical injuries, most of the women reported that verbal humiliation was the worst kind of battering they experienced" (Lenore E. Walker, The Battered Woman).

What kind of man is a wife-abuser? He could be your neighbor. He is found among professions and nonprofessions, at all economic and educational levels, regardless of race, color, or religion. Over 81 percent of wife-beating husbands report they had been battered and abused as children, coming from homes where they were beaten or had witnessed father beating mother. Aggressiveness is learned early in life. Some of the men may be alcoholic, drug-addicted, brain-damaged, suffering from low blood sugar, metabolic or neurological diseases. Or, just plain mean.

From 2 a.m. to 8 a.m. homicides in the home actually outnumber homicides outside the home, according to a study made by Marvin E. Wolfgang in Patterns in Criminal Homicide.

A study of Kansas City Police show that 50 percent of women beaten to death had called the police at least five times prior to their deaths, and 80 percent had called at least once. "The largest single category of police calls are domestic disturbance calls. Violence in the streets is minuscule compared to violence in the home," reports Mildred D. Pagelow, a sociologist at the University of California.

The national Coalition against Domestic Violence operates more than 700 shelters (1500 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 35, Washington, DC 20005). According to their latest report, a study at a Connecticut hospital revealed that battering accounts for one in four suicide attempts by women. Seventy percent of the assault victims seen in the emergency room of Boston City Hospital are women who have been beaten in their homes. Police receive the same number of abuse calls in Norwalk, Connecticut, a city with a wide socioeconomic range, as they do in Harlem, New York, an area of comparable size.

Legal history was finally made and a precedent established on June 25, 1985, when a federal jury in Hartford, Connecticut, awarded $2.3 million to a woman who contended that 29 police officers in nearby Torrington had failed to heed her cries for help. Mrs. Tracey Thurman was stabbed 13 times by her estranged husband, leaving her scarred and partially paralyzed. Her 3-year-old son, obliged to witness the attack, was awarded $300,000.

This was the first time in history that a federal court agreed to hear the civil lawsuit of a battered wife.

Minnesota is one of 13 states where the state can press charges of battering without the victim's consent, placing the responsibility for justice where it belongs.

All states now have legislation protecting battered women. Forty-three states permit battered women to obtain civil protection orders without divorce or other civil proceedings. Other states have made spouse abuse a criminal offense separate from other types of criminal offenses.

Two federal programs now fund services for battered women: The Family Violence and Prevention Services Act, and the Victims of Crime Act, both created in 1984 by Congress. The first received $8.2 million in fiscal year 1989. The purpose of the programs is to assist the states in their efforts to prevent family violence, and to provide immediate shelter and related assistance to battered women and their children.

Wife-battering has become a social issue that demands attention from the church. Once a battered wife realizes she is not the only one trapped in a bizarre secret, she will step out and tell her story.

Will the church listen?

One important way the church can help is to educate the congregation that battered women do not "deserve" or "need" to be battered. Nor do they "ask for it." A terrible fallacy ascribes guilt to the victim.

Erase notions that battered women are not making their marriages work; therefore they are to blame. Help relieve the guilt and alienation of these women who stay in their situations because they hope for a husband's reform, have no safe place to go, fear revenge, and do not want to rob their children of a father.

Many states are rapidly adding a separate program of counseling and support groups for the battering
Choose an understanding, caring woman of the church, not necessarily a professional with credentials, who can listen to horror stories without being shocked or judgmental.

Refer the needy woman elsewhere when necessary: to a hospital or mental health center during a crisis, to free legal aid, to financial assistance, to long-term counseling. Some battered women have become helpless, with such loss of self-esteem that they cannot make the simplest decision or take correct action.

Use your phone book to locate county or state hot-line numbers for domestic abuse or family services. They will provide much information. If you cannot find the numbers, simply phone your local hospital and ask for them. Call the national toll-free number of National Coalition against Domestic Violence: (800) 333-SAFE.

Become informed by reading. Some women still do not know that battering is against the law, that they can obtain a temporary restraining order against the husband.

A church may also establish a hot-line phone number, a support group, or can offer a safe place of refuge for a cooling-off period where a mother and children can stay in a Christian home in a spare room to escape life-threatening situations. Some churches own empty buildings that could be rented out at low rates as a "safe" house, if zoning permits.

"Many times," reported one woman, "I approached church officials with stories of rape, incest, or child abuse. They thought I was lying, or at best exaggerating. They couldn't face up to the fact there was wife-battering."

A church may take preventive action by counseling to discourage young people from hurring into marriage. Spouses having different religious faiths is one of the causes of wife and child abuse, according to E. Bennie and A. Sclare in "The Battered Child Syndrome" (American Journal of Psychiatry).

Battering husbands must receive counseling if there is to be any change in destructive patterns in the home. This begins by presenting the offer of the Lord Jesus Christ to make him a "new creature," to take away old habits, to begin life anew (John 3:3; 2 Cor. 5:17).

Even when both spouses make a profession of faith and commitment to Christ, continual nurturing and disciplining follow-up is necessary.

The family unit must become a peaceful refuge from the tensions and fears of our modern nuclear age. Christians must become informed, then take action against this violence.

Violence against women can be stopped.

Lois Hoadley Dick is a freelance writer in Newton, New Jersey.
The phone was ringing when I walked through the door. A trembling voice said, “Pastor, it's happened again! This time he hit our 8-year-old son when he tried to stop him from beating me. What shall I do? Please come to the hospital and help us.”

The person on the other end of the phone was Jane. I had talked with her several times over the past six years. She and her husband had an escalating history of violence in the home. She had called the police, seen a lawyer, and left her husband many times. However, out of loyalty and love she always went back to him. She did not believe in divorce and felt strongly that any father for her children was better than none.

When I got to the hospital I realized that this was the worst episode to date. She had several cracked ribs, a swollen eye, and a chipped tooth. The little boy's arm was in a sling. His shoulder had been badly wrenched. Both of them still had a look of terror in their eyes. She sobbed, “He threatened to kill both of us if we return home. What are we going to do?”

What is the pastor to do for these battered victims of family violence? Certainly prayer should be offered for them. Scriptures such as Psalm 140:1-4 are appropriate to read for people in the grip of such terror. Though prayer and Scripture reading are strengthening for the victim, they are just not enough in the face of such devastation. They represent a place to start, not end. A pat on the shoulder and reassurance that everything will work out are not enough. Ministers and
Christians who want to stop there will find that their good intentions will turn the abused into bitter people, disillusioned with a church that offered only a stone when they desperately needed bread.

The pastoral counselor who must deal with those like Jane should keep in mind the following important facts. Treat the abuse as a matter of utmost seriousness. If the violence continues to escalate without intervention someone may get killed. The woman, the child, and the abuser are all in potential danger. In acts of desperation the abused sometimes kill their abusers. Children and women are frequently killed accidentally, sometimes purposely, during episodes of violent abuse. Never encourage people to return to such a sick situation without doing all you can to guarantee some intervention designed to minimize the potential for serious harm. Pastors, guided by their dislike for divorce, sometimes underestimate the potential for serious harm in these situations.

Pastors can recommend responsible separation. Responsible separations are not initiated with divorce in mind. Rather they are designed to force the irresponsible to recognize the seriousness of the situation. They represent a statement to the abuser about the impossibility of continuing under the present conditions. Making this point heightens the possibility of getting qualified professional help to defuse the conditions that lead to violence. Separations also allow a period for cooling down and looking more objectively at the situation.

Assure the abused that it is not God’s will for them to suffer abuse. Regardless of what brought on the abuse it is wrong and criminal for a person to use power abusively. Submission as a theological issue does not provide abusive husbands with a rationale for holding their wives in an abusive relationship. The church must preach clearly against such a corrupted theology. Women and men must recognize that the abusive use of force to establish control is abhorrent to God.

If the woman believes that God is somehow punishing her, such un-biblical views of God and His dealings must be squarely examined in light of Scripture. The abused sometimes see their suffering as a kind of atonement. Past sins such as premarital sex, abortions, or extramarital involvements lead them to the conviction that they deserve punishment. The pastor armed with passages like 1 John 1:9 can explain that God is more interested in extending forgiveness for sins of the past than in punishment. Many victims are tragically ignorant of God’s redemptive love clearly manifested in the death, burial, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. They lack any clear perception of the significance of God’s love for them and the relevance of that love for their value as persons.

The abused need to know that there is a safe place to go. In Jane’s case she needs to be warned about the risk involved in returning home. She needs protection. She needs to know that her pastor and friends will support and not condemn her for choosing safety over returning. The pastor or members of the congregation may provide such places of safety. In doing so, be aware of the risks involved and be prepared to deal with the abusive spouse if he shows up on the doorstep. The dangers related to involvement in such dysfunctional families make it advisable to frequently use other resources.

Shelter homes are now found in most communities and are the best emergency housing alternatives for abused women. The personnel in these shelters usually have extensive training in handling problems related to family violence. However, they do vary in philosophy. Some are heavily afflicted by contemporary women’s liberation views. Most Christian women, if properly supported by their churches, can weather their brief encounters with the antimale philosophy.

These shelters still represent our major resource for assisting battered women until the church recognizes the severity of the problem and gears up to meet it. Hot lines, mental health agencies, social service agencies, the Legal Aid Society, YWCA, the Salvation Army, and other community-based agencies are presently of immense help to battered women. Although we may not share philosophies in all areas we must attempt to work together on the resolution of issues related to family violence.

The abused need to know that they can make changes in their lives. They frequently feel so helpless. They need to know that there are people who will help. Help must take concrete forms such as financial help, educational help, job help, child-care help, legal help, protection, and a host of other tangible ways of assisting.

People in the church represent a great resource for the hurting. So the members will be aware of the needs, pastors should occasionally mention the problems of family violence from the pulpit. They need to assure those involved that resources are available to help both the abuser and the abused.

Generally, abusers are miserable, frightened people. Their abusive patterns are learned. Most were the product of homes where the male role model was saturated with anger. They are people with maladaptive learned behaviors, psychological scars, and deep spiritual needs. Their hope for permanent change is to be found in a balanced combination of counseling and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. For them, the answer is the touch of God’s love in Jesus Christ.

Assure the victim that the interventions are not inevitably leading to a divorce. She must understand that only by leaving...
Pastoral Counseling for Abuse
A Survey

Of the pastors surveyed:
89% believe in the need for special training to deal with abuse
7% reported mixed feelings
4% denied the need for any special training

Type of abuse most frequently seen:
30% mental abuse
9% sexual abuse
7% physical abuse
50% a combination
4% no response

Number of people counseled regarding abuse (in past 2 years):
76% less than 10
20% 10-40
4% 41-60

91% of the pastors report that of those counseled, less than 25% were abusers.

Pastor’s comments:
“‘It is a subject that will not go away. Obviously the problem is not new, but has just recently become acceptable to talk about.”

“Abuse is taking place in the lives of Christians more than ever.”

“Though I have not seen great numbers of abuse cases, the frequency is increasing, and looking at society I think the increase will be even greater in the days ahead.”

This special Fundamentalist Journal survey was conducted among 300 pastors. The findings reflect the magnitude of the problem among Christians.

can she force the abuser to admit the problem and seek help. If she continues to refuse to take such courageous steps she must be prepared to accept the physical and mental consequences to herself and her children. She must make the choice. Pastor, friends, and counselor may give advice, but ultimately she must decide and act accordingly. Stress with her that she must be prepared to follow through on her decision.

The greatest way she can show her love for her abusive husband is to make him accountable, pray for him, and set in motion a process that could result in his change. Almost without exception this will involve the intervention of the courts. They alone possess the power to mandate change in the abusive system and monitor accountability. This will be important since initially the only thing the abuser fears is a power greater than his own. If he is not mandated by the court for counselling he will simply move on into another abusive situation. Another woman, other children will become his victims. Tough love may result in his change and the ultimate salvation of the entire family from a cycle of violence.

Working with battered women demands the utmost in patience. They will usually move toward dealing with issues and then back off several times. Avoid the tendency to become upset over this vacillation on their part. Paul admonished us to be patient with all and support the weak (1 Thess. 5:14). Surely these dear people are among the weak and deserve the support and love of the church as they seek to make their way out of abuse into health. Personal feelings about the abused must be put aside. They alone must ultimately own the responsibility for dealing with their complex situation. The key issues for the pastoral counselor are patience and a nonjudgmental presence that perseveres, so when the battered choose to act, assistance is available.
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A Peace Plan for the WAR Between the MATES

Spouse abuse. Domestic violence. Wife-beating. No matter how you say it, the tragic civil war that marks so many homes is one of life's uglier realities. It is the worst possible way to handle conflict, and it leaves a dark stain of resentment on a relationship. Look, for instance, at the pain and trauma in the following case study.

Getting results the wrong way. Mrs. Jones is upset with her husband. The only time he shows her any affection is when he wants to have sexual relations. In order to let him know that she resents the situation, she tries to get her husband's attention by refusing his sexual advances. This only angers him, so he verbally attacks her. He uses words like frigid and cold, and he questions her femininity. She retaliates by attacking his masculinity: "If you were a real man, you could get a woman to love you." After several verbal exchanges like this, Mr. Jones loses his temper and hits his wife. His blows have an immediate effect, because they end his wife's verbal assaults.

What follows are a few days of
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“cold war” in which both parties refuse to communicate. Eventually, guilt begins to gnaw at the husband, so he apologizes and demonstrates kindness and attention. Mrs. Jones also feels guilty for “pushing her husband over the edge.” She ends her “holdout” by forgiving him.

It will happen again. In handling the problem, Mr. and Mrs. Jones resorted to coercive tactics to meet their own needs. As a result, they learn lessons that are leading away from resolution, not toward it. Mr. Jones has learned that his wife’s verbal attacks cease when he uses physical violence.

Mrs. Jones has discovered that she can receive nonsexual interest and attention by eliciting his guilt feelings.

Both partners recognize that something is wrong with their communication. Unless they find a better solution, this cycle is likely to be repeated.

It does not have to happen again. To begin offering help in this situation, let’s go step-by-step through their conflict to see what they should have done differently if they had used God’s Word as a guide and allowed Christ to rule in their hearts.

Problem 1: Selfish affections of the husband. The trouble began because of selfish demands on the part of the husband. He paid attention to his wife only when he wanted personal gratification. The first thing the husband must do is think about what it means to love his wife.

Four times in Ephesians 5, Paul admonished the husband to love his wife—and that love is a selfless love. Christ is the model of that kind of love, and He gave Himself for the church. Likewise the husband must be selfless—not self-seeking in his love for his wife. If he thinks of her feelings first, perhaps he will see that she sometimes wants affection that says nothing more than, “I like being with you.”

For a husband who has a history of thinking only of himself, though, can he change? He can if he seeks transformation. The apostle Paul told how. In explaining how a Christian can avoid conformity to the world, he said, “Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind” (Rom. 12:2). And the best way for a person to do that is for him to start trying to think the kinds of thoughts that please the Lord.

Problem 2: The wife’s resentment and resulting snub of the husband. Two related biblical principles can apply to her at this point. First, the hard part. In both 1 Peter 3:1-2 and Ephesians 5:22, the wife is told that her role in the marriage is one of submission. Of course, this becomes a difficult principle when the man is not acting in a godly way. Yet 1 Peter 3 is especially addressed to the wife whose husband is not a Christian. The second part is what makes the first possible. The wife must live by God’s grace. Only in His power, mercy, and peace can a wife have the courage and wisdom to be the kind of wife Scripture speaks of.

Problem 3: He verbally attacks her and she responds in kind. Both the husband and the wife need to spend some time with 1 Corinthians 13. There they will find definitive guidelines for letting their love show through in their words. They will discover that love is to be long-suffering, kind, truthful, understanding, trusting, optimistic, and persevering. And they will see that there is no love shown when they are envious, selfish, proud, rude, self-seeking, and easily provoked.

Here are some additional devices that address the process of escalating arguments from a psychological perspective.

Identify the unique stresses that contribute to loss of control (unrealistic expectations, interpersonal conflicts, financial difficulties).

Identify cues that signal anger. Couples should know if actions such as tense muscles, clenched fists, shouting, and pointing are usually followed by violence.

Note specific behaviors that trigger physical violence (personal attacks, threats, destroying prized possessions, taking off wedding ring).

Work out in advance a time-out signal. Use this to warn your spouse that you are losing control and thinking violent thoughts. This strategy allows for a cooling-off period. At this time both partners can review their actions and thoughts to see where they went wrong in trying to react in a godly way.

Problem 4: He hits her. Does this verse leave any room for a husband to strike his wife? “Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour to the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life” (1 Peter 3:7).

The man is responsible for controlling violence. Because he is the biblically designated leader, he should accept the obligation of keeping things under control.

Abuse is often conceptualized as a mutual problem. With many abusive couples, both partners assume the roles of the abuser and the victim. The husband frequently perceives his wife to be superior in verbal warfare, so he retreats, feeling helpless and inferior. Seeing this as rejection, the wife draws closer, prompting her spouse to use physical violence to get her “off his back.” If both partners would analyze the other’s behavior and feelings during the escalation process, they would discover that both of them feel victimized.

Abusive individuals need to understand the cycle of violence in order to take appropriate steps to change their behavior. Violence is rarely an isolated incident. If the spouses fail to treat the symptoms by applying biblical guidelines, the problem often increases in frequency.
The Phone Rings...

Operator — Thank you for calling LifeAid. May I help you?

(pause) Give me one good reason why I shouldn’t kill myself.

Operator — Jesus loves you.

That’s not good enough.

Operator — OK. We love you.

Yeah, sure you do.

Operator — Look, I don’t know who hurt you before but we are here to help you.

How do I know that?

Operator — Because, you trusted us enough to call, and together we will try and find the answers you’re looking for.

You said you love me. Why? All, I’ve ever done my entire life is just mess up.

Operator — Well, the good news is that God is willing to forgive you and allow you to start all over again. In John 4:9-11, God says you are a great person. He loved you enough to send His only son to die for you and encourage us to love one another.

(pause) I used to love to go to church. My mom used to take me every Sunday to hear this old guy, kind of like a grandpa or something. He would talk so nice to everyone. Then Mom, she just quit going, she quit everything . . . that’s when my dad left.

Operator — What happened next?

Well, after I got into high school I didn’t want any more religion. I just wanted to fly high.

Operator — What do you mean?

You know, back then it was—Sex, Drugs, and Rock & Roll.

I’ve got two babies now and they are both getting on my nerves. The guy I’m living with doesn’t want any type of commitment in our relationship and I’m just at the point where I feel like ending it all.

Operator — What I hear you suggesting is that suicide is an alternative that you have thought about. Suicide will not solve your problems. What about the legacy you would leave your two children?

You’re right and I know that suicide is not the answer but I have so many problems.

Operator — I believe we can help you.

I’ve heard that before . . . We get these people, and I guess they mean well. But, they come out here and tell us we need God, and . . . then they just quit coming out here.

Operator — Do you think you need God?

I think we all do; I just don’t know what to do.

Operator — Remember how you used to feel when you were a little girl and you went to church with your mom and listened to the preacher speak and you felt so secure sitting next to her?

Yeah, I didn’t have a problem in the world back then.

Operator — God wants to give you that security and inner peace again.

(pause) I wish.

Operator — I know of a professional counselor in your city that would like to talk to you. Would you allow me to contact him and arrange for you to meet with him? He can do for you what I can’t do over the phone.

What’s that?

Operator — Help you answer all those questions in your mind and introduce you to people who really care about you.

I thought those kind of people were extinct.

Operator — No, there are still a few of us around but you have to look in the right place.

Yeah, I’d like that.

The local police and social services were immediately informed of the possibility of a suicide attempt. They were notified of the young lady’s address and phone number.

That same morning - a local professional counselor in her area was notified of Saturday night’s events. He was informed of her situation and gave his permission for LifeAid to contact her and give her his number.

LifeAid then called Social Services again to confirm that they had investigated the situation. They assured us that they had and that she was following up on the counseling referral she had received.

Two weeks later we again received a phone call from this young lady, but this time she had a completely different message. She still had problems to deal with and realized it was going to take time to find all the answers but . . . she was excited and expressed the hope and confidence she felt since renewing her relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and in receiving help from trained professionals who were also dedicated Christians. She thanked LifeAid for their timely intervention and for caring, Christian operators who were always available to help in times of need.

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LIGHT '89, a unique missions outreach sponsored by LIGHT Ministries of Liberty University, focused its 23-day evangelistic thrust in Argentina, Brazil, and Chile. Over 100 students and faculty divided into six teams (LIGHT Singers, Kids International, Single Purpose, Young Believers, LIGHT Internationals, and Youth Quest), joining forces with missionaries, national pastors, Bible institute students, and other national workers to share the gospel with as many people as possible.

Whether singing in English, Spanish, or Portuguese; utilizing puppets and skits; or performing gymnastics, teams of young people opened doors to effective ministry and drew people to the gospel presentation. Rob Jackson, LU’s campus pastor and director of one of the teams, was impressed with “how marvelous it was to see God weave circumstances together for His glory.” This was especially true for programs conducted in numerous public schools where the teams were able to uncompromisingly present strong gospel messages.

No matter how often the statement is made, it cannot be taken lightly—children and young people are the future of the world. Teams active in LIGHT '89 impacted thousands of these young lives, helping them set a clear course for the future.

The teams’ dynamic programs were ideal in a public school setting. Their energy and enthusiasm captivated the students. The majority of them were ready to attentively and thoughtfully listen as team members shared testimonies and presented a concise gospel message.

At one school a series of services ran from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. At another school, in a rough neighborhood in Buenos Aires, over 300 rowdy students were quieted when the team sang “No Other Name But Jesus.” After the gospel presentation over 30 prayed to receive Christ as Saviour.

Speaking of this service, team member Elizabeth DeMoss said, “God definitely worked in hearts. He doesn’t need ideal circumstances to be able to work. He just wants us to be faithful and tell. He will work out the circumstances.”

At many schools both students and teachers responded to the gospel. One principal had tears in her eyes as the team sang “Jesus Never Fails.” A teacher in his mid-

Photo by Howard Erickson
thirties unashamedly followed the team's presentation, and with several students around him raised his hand and then prayed to receive Christ.

Arnie Smith, one of the host missionaries in Chile, felt that what the team accomplished in the schools "in just a few days has opened doors for us in the schools and among the young people of our city. Also, the program itself has made a statement in our city and among our own people about excellence in the Lord's work, and the fact that the world and false religion do not have a monopoly on talent and excellence."

Other aspects of this outreach also stand out, such as the series of services conducted at the ferryboat landings in Niteroi, Brazil.

Overcrowded ferryboats approach the dock with scores of people standing on the bow ready to go ashore and return to their homes after a busy workday. During rush hour up to 30,000 people an hour arrive at the docks. As they surged through the dock exit they were immediately met by a smiling Liberty student with hand outstretched, offering a gospel tract.

Atop a small flatbed truck positioned 100 feet from the ferry exit a LIGHT team was beginning their third 40-minute program of the evening. As the team sang, hundreds of people on their way home stopped to listen. Each program closed with a public invitation to receive Christ. Those responding met with Brazilian counselors who recorded their names and gave each person a Portuguese New Testament.

On five consecutive evenings the team conducted nine concerts, with over 10,000 people stopping to listen. Members of the literature distribution team gave tracts to as many as possible. In all, they distributed more than 60,000 tracts at the boat docks, over 22,000 in one evening alone. This gospel encounter could well be the only contact most of these people have with a Christian witness.

Throughout the course of LIGHT '89 over 125,000 people were ministered to through the various aspects of this outreach. More than 200,000 received a detailed gospel tract. Of the 7,735 who prayed to receive Jesus Christ as personal Saviour, over 90 percent were dealt with personally. Their names and addresses were recorded so effective follow-up could begin. In fact, before the teams left South America follow-up had already started. National workers had been in new converts' homes, starting them on a seven-part discipleship course and providing them with a New Testament.

At least 18 team members also made life-changing decisions during LIGHT '89. Cheri Toney said, "The Lord has placed a special burden on my heart for the country of Argentina. I pray that He will allow me to use whatever abilities I have in serving the people there. I plan to return as a short-term missionary and serve as the Lord leads."

Russ Dean, one of the team's host missionaries in Brazil, gave this final challenge to LIGHT '89 participants: "God has broken many of your hearts, and given you a deep burden, not only for Brazil but for a lost and dying world. My prayer is that you would not forget this burden. Please don't let this burden die, but share this burden with others, because this is the impact that you will have in world missions."

Howard Erickson

### Liberty's Homecoming 1989

Liberty University's Homecoming Weekend 1989 takes place October 20 to 22. This year's activities begin with the Miss Liberty Pageant on Friday evening at 7:30 in the Multipurpose Center.

On Saturday, October 21, the seventh annual LU 4-miler begins at 8:30 a.m. The men's soccer team plays Highpoint College at 11:00 a.m.

LU's football team kicks off at 1:40 p.m. against Towson State at the new Willard May Stadium.

Make your plans now to attend Homecoming Weekend 1989—you won't want to miss it!

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A Beauty of a Beast Found in the Land of the Dinosaurs

During the first week of May an excavating team from Liberty University traveled to a place near Grand Junction, Colorado, to dig up a dinosaur. This dinosaur was to be the first of its kind in any creation science museum in the world.

The team, composed of Arlton Murray, James Hall, and students Jared Bryson, Jonathan DeBoe, and David King, dug up about 7,000 to 8,000 pounds of bone and rock over a period of about two months.

The process of excavating the dinosaur was tedious work that involved the use of special skills and equipment. The bones were buried beneath a layer of rock that had to be broken up with a gasoline-powered jackhammer. Once the team got to the actual bones, they used a pneumatic chisel to break up the rock surrounding the bones.

They applied gum arabic to the bones to harden them, because when bones are first exposed they can crack or shatter. They encased the bones and rock in burlap and plaster of paris. This kept the bones safe until they could be carefully cleaned and preserved.

The excavators experienced several difficulties involving an irrigation ditch on the property and big boulders that had to be moved to complete the dig.

Arlton Murray believes he and his team recovered about 85 percent of the dinosaur. "It is difficult to tell, however, due to the fact that most of the bones are still encased in the rocks that were brought back from Colorado," he said.

It will take about two and a half years for the dinosaur to be prepared for the Creation Museum at Liberty University. The bones will probably be mounted in an in situ type of mounting, where the dinosaur bones are encased in rock and partially exposed.

From what Murray can tell, this dinosaur could be an Allasaurus. The Allasaurus was a flesh-eating dinosaur that stood between 10 and 14 feet tall and whose body extended some 20 to 25 feet in length.

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THUNDER IN THE PULPIT

Hugh Latimer
Apostle to the English and "Constant Martyr"

The priest's sermon was mercifully short. His text was, "Though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, I am nothing."

The two men attempted to answer the priest, but their request was refused.

One by one their clothes and other belongings were given to sympathetic bystanders. The old man, who had looked so withered, crooked, and shabbily dressed, looked surprisingly tall and straight in his long new shroud.

A smith wrapped an iron chain around the waist of the younger man, Nicholas Ridley, and fastened it to a stake. He fastened Hugh Latimer, the older man, to another stake and tied a bag of gunpowder around each man's neck. Others piled sticks around the two men. Then someone came over to Ridley with a lighted stick.

The time was the reign of Queen Mary in the sixteenth century. The young Protestant king, Edward VI, had died just over two years earlier, and the effort to crown Protestant Lady Jane Grey collapsed after she had been queen for only nine days.

Mary, the eldest daughter of Henry VIII, ruled from 1553 to 1558, but some 300 "heretics" including Ridley and Latimer lost their lives during those five short years, a slaughter unprecedented in English history.

Who was this man who evokes such significant responses, but about whom most of us know so little?

Hugh Latimer was born about a hundred miles north and a bit west of London in a small village outside the city of Leicester called Thurcaston. The precise date of his birth is not known, but the best information suggests about the year Christopher Columbus sailed for America, 1492.

His father was a yeoman-farmer also named Hugh. All we know of his mother is that she supervised the milking of 30 cows and gave birth to several sons, of whom only the Reformer reached adulthood, and six daughters.
Young Hugh was very bright. Around the age of 14 he headed to Cambridge University, about 65 miles southeast of his home, with the hope of becoming a priest. Graduating with a B.A. in 1510 and an M.A. in 1514, he achieved his goal and was ordained by William Atwater, the bishop of Lincoln, in 1515. For the next 10 years he prepared for the bachelor of divinity degree, during which time he lectured, was appointed one of 12 “university preachers” who could preach anywhere in England, and was honored with the post of “cross-keeper.”

Though Latimer’s training had been the scholastic program of what we today call traditional Catholicism, Erasmus’s Greek New Testament and Lutheran ideas began seeping into England, and many young theologians came under their influence.

Latimer opposed them at first, but under the influence of Thomas Bilney and the “new learning” he was converted. “From that time on,” he wrote, “I began to smell the Word of God, and forsook the school-doctors and such fooleries.”

For the rest of his rich and varied life he defended such biblical ideas as justification by faith alone. As a result, when he came to the attention of monarchs such as Henry VIII, Edward VI, and Mary, he was a marked man.

Henry VIII thought of himself as something of a theologian of the old school. He was also a crafty politician, so he supported Protestant Reformers like Latimer only as long as he needed them to get his various marriages dissolved. In 1535 Latimer was appointed Bishop of Worcester, in the far west of England, but in 1539 Thomas Cromwell, Henry’s vicar-general, tricked him into resigning his bishopric. He had so fallen from the king’s graces and ecclesiastical approval that when Henry died in 1547 he was in prison in the Tower of London.

Young Edward’s regents were Protestants, so it is not surprising that when Edward became king, Latimer was immediately released from prison. Under the Duke of Somerset Latimer was highly regarded. So great was his preaching that in 1548 a pulpit had to be built for him in the king’s private garden in Westminster because the Royal Chapel was too small for all the dignitaries who wanted to hear him.

In the sixteenth century a man was considered old at 50. By 1550

“I began to smell the Word of God, and forsook the school-doctors and such fooleries.”

Latimer, already popularly known as “old Latimer,” was not in good health and retired from active involvement in national religious affairs, though he continued to preach in the area of Lincolnshire and Warwickshire. His faithful servant, the Swiss Augustine Bernher, wrote that he generally preached “two sermons each Sunday, and rising every morning, winter and summer, at two o’clock [in the morning] to study,” not the typical picture of retirement today.

When the sickly King Edward VI died of tuberculosis on July 9, 1553, and Lady Jane Grey’s reign collapsed after nine days, Henry VIII’s older daughter, Mary, became queen. Since she was the daughter of Henry’s first wife, Katharine of Aragon, it is not surprising that she was Roman Catholic. Even during Edward’s reign, when Roman Catholic practice was illegal, she managed to hear mass celebrated daily in her own private chapel. Although she consented to allow Edward’s funeral to be held at Westminster Abbey and to permit strongly Protestant Archbishop Thomas Cranmer to conduct the service according to Protestant forms, she did not attend her own half-brother’s service.

Instead, she joined 400 others at a solemn requiem mass for Edward in the chapel of the Tower of London, celebrated by staunchly Roman Catholic Bishop Stephen Gardiner, whom she had released from five years of imprisonment in that very same tower!
With such a dramatic overnight change from Protestantism to Roman Catholicism, Latimer's fortunes changed for the worse. He seems to have realized that martyrdom was his fate and to have faced the prospect without flinching. Though he was summoned to London the following September, Mary's messengers apparently hoped he would flee the country rather than return to London. He did not.

The court condemned him to the Tower of London. His imprisonment at first was not very severe, though he suffered from lack of heat in the winter. Along with Archbishop Cranmer and Bishop Nicholas Ridley he was excommunicated on April 20, 1554, and expected martyrdom immediately.

Unknown to the three great Reformers, however, it would take almost two years before laws would be in place that would allow the execution of such leading clerics. (Laws against Protestants had understandably been repealed under Edward.)

Finally, in October 1555 both Ridley and Latimer refused their last chance to recant. Ironically, it was the Bishop of Lincoln, a successor of the man who had ordained Latimer 40 years earlier, who sentenced them to be burned.

All those today whose Evangelical roots go back to England can now look back to the martyrdom of Hugh Latimer for objecting to the theological and ecclesiastical corruptions that even Roman Catholics now admit were real, and give thanks to God for his great courage and faith.

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**Are You Wearing Christ's Uniform?**

*by Hugh Latimer*

"This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you" (John 15:12).

Our Saviour Himself spoke these words at His Last Supper. It was the last sermon He made to His disciples before His departure. As a person who knows he will die soon, our Saviour wanted to spend that little time He had left with His friends, exhorting and instructing them as to how they should lead their lives.

Our whole duty is contained in these words: Love one another. So Paul says, "He that loveth another fulfilleth the whole law." It seems that all things are contained in this word "love." Our Saviour said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye shall love one another."

Christ makes love His uniform, His insignia. Just as many employers give a uniform to their employees, so people will know what company they work for, so our Saviour wants His servants known by their uniform and badge, love.

Anyone who is full of love is His servant, because love is the badge that identifies us as servants of Christ. Love may be called the very uniform of Christ.

The person who loves is Christ's servant. The person who does not love is the Devil's servant. For just as Christ's uniform is love, so the Devil's uniform is hatred, malice, and discord.

I think the Devil has many more servants than Christ does. There are more people who wear his uniform than Christ's uniform. There are few who are full of love, gentleness, and meekness of spirit, but there are a great number who have hate and malice in their hearts, who are proud and haughty.

Paul tells us how important love is. Spiritual love is so important that when you have it you have everything you need. If, however, you have everything else but lack love, nothing is of any importance.

"Tho I speak with tongues of men and angels, and yet had no love," Paul says, "I were even as sounding brass, or as a tinkling cymbal. And tho I could prophesy and understand all secrets and all knowledge; yet if I had faith, so that I could move mountains out of their places, and yet had no love, I were nothing. And tho I bestowed all my goods to feed the poor, and tho I gave my body even that I were burned, and yet had no love, it profiteth me nothing" (1 Cor. 13—Latimer quotes from the Great Bible of 1539; the King James Version was not translated until the following century).

These are godly gifts. Yet Paul calls them nothing when a person does not have love with them.

There are those who say that Paul was speaking against the dignity of faith. You must understand, however, that Paul speaks here not of justifying faith by which we receive everlasting life. He speaks instead of the kind of faith that enables us to move mountains and perform other miracles.

This kind of love flows out of faith. No one can love unless he believes. The two are inseparable.

Paul also says, "Now abideth faith, hope, and love, even these three; but the chiefest of these is love." It may seem that Paul is praising love and dispraising faith. In fact, however, Paul is speaking of eternity. Love will be the greatest because it endures forever, even when we come to God and believe no more because our eyes will see Him face to face as He is.

For example, I cannot tell the mayor to make me a pair of shoes because he is more important than a shoemaker. It is not his job to make shoes.

Similarly, though love is greater than faith, it is not love's job to save.

Are we wearing Christ's uniform? We get the answer from Paul: "Love is patient; she suffereth long."

If, therefore, we lose our temper and get angry, we are not wearing our uniform. We must remember not to throw away the uniform of Christ our Master.

"Charity is gentle, friendly, and
loving; she envieth not.” Those who envy their neighbor’s good fortune are out of their uniforms and so out of the service of God. To be envious is to be the servant of the Devil.

“Love doth not frowardly, she is not a provoker.” There are some people who will provoke their neighbor so far it is hard for them to love them. But we must wrestle with our affections. We must see that we keep wearing Christ’s uniform, because we know that “the devil goeth about as a roaring lion seeking to take us at a vantage,” to take away our uniform of love.

“How swelleth not, is not puffed up.” There are many people who are puffed up today. They are so haughty that they despise and condemn others. All such persons are under the governance of the Devil.

“She doth not dishonestly; she seeketh not her own; she doth all things to the commodity of her neighbors.” A loving person will not promote himself at the expense of his neighbor. Those who seek only their own advantage, forgetting their neighbors, are not wearing God’s uniform.

In addition, “Charity is not provoked to anger; she thinketh not evil.” We should not think evil of our neighbor as long as we do not see open wickedness. The Bible says, “You shall not judge,” so we should not take it upon ourselves to condemn our neighbor. And surely the condemners of other people’s works are not in Christ’s uniform.

“She rejoiceth not in iniquity.” That means charity loves equity and godliness. It is sorry to hear of the falsehood and stealing that are so common today. Truly, I think that among the very infidels and Turks there is more fidelity and uprightness than among Christians. No one keeps promises, and some are so shameless they will even deny their own handwriting!

Are such people wearing Christ’s uniform? No, no. They are wearing the Devil’s uniform, and they will be damned with him forever unless they repent and leave their wickedness.

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our neighbor. We should be patient when he does something wrong, point out his folly and its eternal consequences to him, and earnestly desire him to leave his wickedness. In that way we should seek to change him, not hate him or get even with him. That is the way you wear Christ’s uniform.

“Love believeth all things.” It seems as if those who are loving and friendly are the most deceived. Because they think well of everyone, believe everyone, and trust their words, they are therefore most deceived in this world. That is the burden of the godly life.

But when those who lack love come at the great day before Christ, they will not have His uniform of love. Now let us examine our own hearts, whether we are wearing God’s uniform or not. If we are not, let us repent and change our ways so we may come into God’s favor, spend our time in this world to His honor and glory, and forgive our neighbors all such things as they have done against us.

May God of His mercy give us grace so to walk here in this world, charitably and friendly one with another, that we may attain the joy which God hath prepared for all those that love Him. Amen.


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Vance Havner
PROFILE

Randal Miller

Qualified to Preach

A
ddiction to alcohol had all but destroyed the young black woman's will to live as she visited several doctors in a vain attempt to end her pregnancy. The year was 1958, and none of them would consider doing an abortion. "Have the baby," they urged.

The baby was born prematurely, and the nurses clicked their tongues in dismay when the scale showed he weighed only 2 pounds and 13 ounces. "He's not even cute," one nurse remarked. "He'll have a hard time of it."

As soon as she was able, the young mother checked out of the hospital and left her baby behind. Finally, after eight weeks, the baby was strong enough to go home—to anyone who would have him.

His mother refused to see him, so his grandmother and various family members took turns caring for the child. Before he reached his third birthday an aunt and uncle decided to give him a permanent home. At 18, when he was legally able, he consented to his own adoption and they became his parents.

But all through his growing years the young boy understood bitterness and anger as few children do. He heard how his mother had tried to end her pregnancy, even attempting suicide at one point, and how she had tried to murder his father. His past stamped him as unworthy, and somehow he felt he was not good enough to be his mother's child. Randal Miller was not good enough to amount to anything. He flunked second grade. Whenever he was asked to write a simple child's story of "what I did with my parents last summer," he closed his lips firmly and refused to take up a pencil. He would gladly take a zero rather than admit he had no parents.

At 17 Randal spent the summer working at an amusement park in Richmond, Virginia. One of his coworkers caught his attention and held it. Mike McHugh was different, Miller recalls, "athletic, tall, handsome, and simply dripping with attention from the girls."

Miller approached McHugh and slyly asked, "Hey, why aren't you dating all those girls? Man, you could date any girl here!"

McHugh replied that he was committed to one girl. Miller was floored. "He didn't make sense," he recalls. "My mentality was 'date all you can,' and I thought this guy was really strange for not taking advantage of the situation."

McHugh shared that Christ had made the difference in his life. "He baffled me," says Miller. "He was consistent, friendly, a gentleman, and he wasn't the nerd type of Christian I had always bumped into at shopping malls."

McHugh shared the plan of salvation with Randal. Alone in his dormitory room that night, Miller asked Christ to do in his life what He had done in Mike's. "To a heart of repentance and sincerity," says Miller, "Christ came in that night." That same night Miller felt God speaking to him about becoming a preacher.

He began attending a strong church, graduated from Liberty University, and then moved to Texas to become an associate with a well-known evangelist. In January 1983 Randal founded Increase Ministries.

"My life's verse is John 3:30: 'He must increase, but I must decrease,' and my calling is to have a ministry that offers revival to Christians and evangelism to the lost. This is what God has called and gifted me to do. By no means do I consider myself a great preacher, but God has opened many doors for me to communicate."

He is an exuberant preacher who roams up and down the platform and punctuates his words with strong gestures. He definitely has his own style. "Sometimes white pastors expect me to be the stereotype of what they've heard of uneducated black pastors," Miller admits. "They expect me to be out of step with current events and to lack the communicative skills

by Angela Elwell Hunt
necessary for effective evangelism.”

Miller often finds it difficult to garner invitations from black churches. “In the black church structure the office of an evangelist is not acknowledged or utilized. When a man says, ‘I am an evangelist,’ it’s usually thought to mean that he is waiting for a church to call him as pastor. However, until this takes place he refers to himself as an evangelist doing evangelistic work. Sometimes the evangelist is seen as a bootlegging preacher who doesn’t have a purpose or direction in the ministry.”

But Randal Miller has not had trouble filling his calendar. In recent months he has preached before the Southern Baptist National Evangelism Conference, in dozens of churches, appeared on numerous TV programs, and conducted several youth camps. In one youth meeting of over 700, there were over 500 decisions in three days, 160 of which were for salvation. The leadership was unprepared for the deluge of decisions.

Miller estimates that 60 percent of the churches in which he preaches are white. “The greatest need of white America is to view the black community through the eyes of the present day, instead of through the eyes of their grandparents,” he says. “So much has changed culturally for the advancement of the black race, but a lot of white pastors know nothing about the community. They have a strong desire to know, and they make great efforts to try to have input, but for the most part the white community is totally uneducated as to the needs and desires of the black community.

“The greatest need of the black community is for black leaders, who historically have been religious leaders, to boldly articulate a clear message of repentance and redemption. God has not called me to preach civil rights, but He has called me to preach eternal rights.”

Miller finds his purpose and zeal in holding forth that message. “As an evangelist I’m meeting people constantly, and the message I share is full of life. When someone responds to the gospel, I feel the same excitement I felt when I witnessed the birth of my daughters.

When I see new life given to the lost, I’m reminded Jesus Christ is alive and the gospel doesn’t change.”

When he is not on the road preaching in revival meetings, Miller is home with his wife, Lisa, and their young twin girls, Kristi and Kara. “It’s important to have a family base,” he says. “The base of my ministry is not the office in Euless, but the home in Arlington. If Lisa and I can stay in unity in our marriage and grow as a family, then the ministry will grow as well.

“If I had to give advice to a young evangelist, I’d say spend time in the Word consistently and develop the art of searching out the Scriptures for personal growth rather than searching the Scriptures for another sermon. B.R. Lakin always said, ‘Learn to preach the gospel.’”

His family brings his greatest joy. His preaching is used mightily of God. But the thing that brought Randal Miller the greatest pleasure recently was a meeting in Brooklyn, New York. With his family at his side, he walked through a housing project and knocked tentatively on a door. The woman who opened it was his biological mother.

He called her for the first time three years earlier, but now he had arranged to meet her face-to-face. She stared at this handsome man, who had sprung from the “ugly” 2-pound baby she had left behind, and at his lovely family. Randal sat and held her hand. They talked for four hours.

Randal stood and told his life’s story to a church gathering in Largo, Florida, one week later. “I apologize for being so emotional tonight,” he explained as his voice broke. “But God has been teaching me. I’ve learned that God doesn’t always call the qualified, but He always qualifies the called.”

If your church would like to hear from evangelist Randal Miller, you may write him at Increase Ministries, PO Box 24, Euless, Texas 76039, or call (817) 468-8710.

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Spontaneous Corruption

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust" (2 Peter 1:4).

The Bible clearly tells us there is corruption in the world through lust. I wish to discuss what I call “spontaneous corruption,” but first I'd like to discuss “spontaneous combustion.” What is it? Those of you who are familiar with a gasoline engine know that spontaneous combustion takes place when all the necessary ingredients are combined. An illustration: If you take a pile of trash soaked in gasoline and add a lighted match to it, you will experience an instantly flaring trash pile. The three ingredients—the trash, the gasoline, and the match—are all that are necessary for spontaneous combustion.

Spontaneous corruption operates on the same principle. When all the ingredients are there, it will inevitably happen. Take a world, soak it in sin, and add the match of transgression—you will have spontaneous corruption. It is what happened to this world after Adam's Fall.

The word corruption comes from a Greek word with three or four meanings. The first meaning is “decay”—something decaying is corrupt. The second meaning is “ruin.” Other meanings have to do with “destroy” and “perish.” It is as if Peter was writing to us today, saying that as Christians we have escaped the decay in this world. We have escaped the ruin of world experiences. We have escaped destruction and we have escaped perishing.

In 1 John 2:16 we read, “For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.” Like a mother who nurses an infant, Satan nurses the evil and the corruption in this world. He is behind the liquor industry. Liquor kills more people than all the wars we have had. We ought not to fool with the liquor industry!

Satan is also behind the illegal drug traffic. It is Satan's most potent tool today. The Bible says in the end times this type of evil will be predominant throughout the world. Look at the young men and women in our society who are out in public nodding and doped out of their heads. Satan is behind this. Those who snort coke are victims of a sin, not a sickness.

Satan is also behind the gambling cartels. He is behind the state lottery. He is behind Atlantic City and Las Vegas. He is behind pornography. He is behind it all! This world is not righteous; it is corrupt. The Devil goes about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he can devour. If you are not a Christian, he will destroy you! If you are a Christian, he will try to destroy your testimony. He cannot destroy your soul, but he can destroy your testimony.

Beloved, sad to say, many who claim to be marching up the King's Highway with Christ, are in reality out of step with Christ and in step with the world. That's right!

Mr. Moody was asked by a man who had recently given his life to Christ, "How can I give up my friends?"

Mr. Moody looked at him and answered, "If you live for Christ, the world will give you up." I used to drink and carouse with my friends on weekends. But after I dedicated my life to Christ, I took about a hundred dollars worth of wine and poured it out. I was singing, "Praise God!" I mean it. That day I stood before my refrigerator and said,
“Thank you, Jesus.”

I did not give it up because I was afraid I would go to hell. I gave it up because I stood before the same refrigerator my children stood before. I did not want them to follow in my footsteps. I was afraid they would die as drunkards.

Do you know how many friends I had after that? Not many. I did not have dirty jokes to tell, no booze to drink, or many friends I had after. I did not have to give them up. I gave up because I stood before children who would go to hell. I gave it up full time for God and world. We cannot work with my girlfriend. “The Devil,” I said, “Thank God. I love the Lord and the church. If a church is to grow in attendance, new people are vital.”

The Saved Prospect. Saved prospects may have recently moved to your area and are looking for a church home, or they may have left a church in your area. People will respond better if they sense the pastor is genuinely interested in them as individuals and in their spiritual growth. They resent being considered another “scalp on the belt.” Take more time showing interest in them as people than in doing a selling job for your church.

When calling on prospects who have left their former churches, be careful to be kind and ethical. Do not directly or indirectly encourage them to “pull down”...
their former church or pastor. Above all, do not join in their criticism. Their former church experiences should be past history. Dwell on their present condition and their future service. Try to bind up their wounds and encourage them to put out of their lives all bitterness and to continue serving the Lord, even if it is not ultimately in your church. When there have been doctrinal errors you should take time to instruct the people in correct Bible doctrine, all the while being careful to avoid personal criticism of former pastors and church members.

If after you have identified yourself and been invited to enter, the patient is not properly attired, excuse yourself and return later. The patient may not be aware of the situation, and if someone else entered the room, your integrity could be questioned. If a doctor or nurse comes in while you are visiting and needs to attend the patient, terminate your visit. The staff member will usually allow you time to have a short prayer before you leave. On such occasions I usually say to the doctor or nurse, “Is it all right if I have a brief prayer before I leave?” I have never been refused. Such consideration goes a long way with doctors and other hospital personnel.

### Hospital Calls

Since many hospital procedures are carried out in the mornings, afternoons are usually prime time for hospital visitation. Be aware of the patient’s condition and act accordingly. If the patient is in a private room, the pastor can counsel more effectively than in a multiple-bed room. In the case of a semiprivate room, if the patient in the other bed seems to respond to you and your ministry, you can pursue the matter of his church affiliation and so forth. Some hospitals have very strict rules concerning the proselyting of other people, so be cautious enough not to antagonize the hospital. However, if the person does not respond to your gesture of friendliness, do not force yourself on him. Even when you pray with your member be considerate of the other party, and do not pray so loudly that he and his visitors are disturbed.

Always knock at the door of a patient’s room, identify yourself, and ask permission to enter before you look in or go in. Always conduct yourself so that no one, hospital personnel or visitors, can think that the patient was taken advantage of by your thoughtlessness.

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### For Youth Pastors

**Tract-or-Treating**

Youth really struggle with the idea of serving the Lord. They fear rejection from their peers. Here is an idea for getting today’s youth interested in an old-fashioned witnessing tactic—distributing tracts. Instead of “trick-or-treating” at Halloween, take the youth “tract-or-treating.”

Plan a costume party for Halloween and ask each person to bring a bag of candy. Have lunch bags, church literature, and tracts ready so the group can work together to fill the bags with candy and literature. You will want to include a message about who you are. For example, “This spooky bunch who just knocked on your door is from Heritage Baptist Youth Group.” Teams of two or three should take about 10 bags each and go knock on doors. When people welcome you with candy, just say, “Thank you, but we don’t want any candy. Instead we want to give you a treat from (fill in your church name).” They will be surprised, but usually do not refuse. In fact, you will probably hear comments like, “That’s different. I’ve never had anyone give me a treat before. Thank you.”

This is an excellent way to get the community talking about your church and possibly spark interest in visiting. And what about the youth? They think it is fun and a great opportunity to do something crazy. Promote this event well and you will cover a lot of territory.

Happy tract-or-treating!

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**Praising & Pastorings**

**The Invitation Results Follow-Up.** These calls are extremely important due to two factors. People are usually dealt with at an altar when they respond to an invitation. We do not take much time with “the convert.” We show him a few verses and ask him to repeat a short prayer. There is not enough time to effectively and thoroughly counsel with the person.

A member of the pastoral staff should make a follow-up call within two to three days. During this call, ascertain why the person responded to the invitation; determine if he really understood the implications of his decision; further instruct him from the Scripture concerning baptism, church membership, tithing, holy life, assurance, repentance, restitution, and so on; answer his questions; give him some positive steps to follow in continuing on in his decision (personal Bible study, new convert class); show him that you care for him as an individual and not just a statistic for the church records.

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**Martha Harper**
THE EDGE OF EVIL
by Jerry Johnston

The Edge of Evil is a gripping expose of the phenomenon of satanism. Jerry Johnston, a noted authority on the teen culture, has investigated from every angle the almost endless wealth of information on this frightening subculture. His mammoth effort, which includes interviews with experts in psychotherapy, law-enforcement officials, public and covert satanists, and ritualistic murderers, provides an unbiased and authoritative source concerning this almost unbelievable movement. Johnston hoists the lid off the caldron of hell and reveals the true intentions of this illusive and vicious plot of Satan.

This book will heighten your awareness of the subtle motives of those intoxicated with satanism—an insatiable lust for power and pleasure. Johnston aptly exposes the gamut of deceptive tools, many that depict the sadistic and deplorable behavior accompanying satanic rituals, that seduce ignorant souls into Satan's clutches. Law-enforcement officials report grisly crimes marked by occult symbols and drug abuse in small hamlets to metropolitan cities. The author concludes that the widespread satanic activities have no geographical, sociological, or humanitarian boundary. It is a deadly movement.

The last two chapters, “Educating the Educator” and “Parent's Precautions,” advise of the protective measures we can take to detect and correct the problem of satanic involvement. This checklist is invaluable. The appendix and glossary contains material on occultic symbols and language, and possible resource contacts throughout the country.

Although the author's rambling first-person style lends to redundancy, the book overcomes this minor weakness by its in-depth content. Due to the graphic subject matter, reader discretion is advised (Word Publishing, 276 pp., $14.99).

Charles Orr

RAVAGED BY THE NEW AGE:
SATAN'S PLAN TO DESTROY OUR KIDS
by Texe Marrs

Texe Marrs's newest book, RAVAGED BY THE NEW AGE: Satan's Plan to Destroy Our Kids, continues a theme found in his two earlier books, Mystery of the New Age and Dark Secrets of the New Age: Satan's agents are in our world, they are active, and they are implementing the plan that will ultimately usher in the Antichrist.

Marrs's claims are not tied into biblical prophecy, but they are enough to make any parent sit up and take closer notice of the television programs, movies, toys, and books surrounding our children. The satanic influence of the New Age is present from the cradle. A best-selling New Age baby name book urges parents to choose "magical or astrological names" as well as...
names used in incantations to summon or exorcise spirits."

Macy's department stores now offer, says Marrs, a line of futuristic clothing for teens called "New Order." Inside each garment is a label that reads: CONFUSION, CHAOS, DARKNESS...DIRE. THEN, DESTINY'S MERGENCE WITH MUCH DESIRE—A GRANDE HORIZON AND EXPANDED NEW BORDER...NEW ORDER.

Marrs convincingly points out the New Age doctrine in Disney's Captain EO production, Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting, the YMCA and YWCA, NASA's space program, and in many unwitting Christian churches. New Age symbols and teachings are found in common comic books (many of which are
pornographic), picture books, teenage novels, and acclaimed library books. Sorcery and evil forces are depicted in movies like Star Wars, Raiders of the Lost Ark, E.T., Superman, Heaven Can Wait, and Willow. Even Mighty Mouse has snorted cocaine on his Saturday morning cartoon show!

Though many of his warnings may seem extreme to some who have not read the book, Marrs provides research and documentation on the background of satanic symbols and ancient religious rites. “Surely toy-makers and comic book artists are not all embroiled in a scheme to capture our children,” a parent may think, but there is a darker force behind the steady encroaching evil philosophy. This book, as well as the others Marrs has written, are well worth reading. You may not agree with every example, but your eyes will be opened. Satan is alive and well on our planet, and many do his bidding without realizing it (Living Truth Publishers, 270 pp., $8.95).

Angela E. Hunt

Booknotes

SATAN’S EVANGELISTIC STRATEGY FOR THIS NEW AGE
by Erwin Lutzer & John DeVries

According to this book, America is being converted to a new religion. Its evangelists include Shirley MacLaine, Werner Erhard, Edgar Cayce, Terry Cole-Whittaker, Jose Silva, Napoleon Hill, and Marilyn Ferguson, in addition to such movements as Transcendentalism, New Thought, Theosophy, and psychoanalysis.

The authors trace this religion to ancient Babylon (Isa. 47:8-11) and thence to the future (Rev. 17:18). The New Age is a revival of the Old Age and will be the Final Age. It is today a mixture of Hinduism, pagan magic, health, wealth, and individualism.

Satan introduced religious paganism as early as the Garden of Eden. He told Eve four lies: 1. You will be like God. 2. You will not die. 3. You will know good and evil. 4. Your eyes will be opened. Lutzer and DeVries call these the “Four Spiritual Flaws.” Today these lies appear as New Age Eastern religious ideas: pantheism, reincarnation, relativism, and esotericism. The bottom line of New Age philosophy is the self-sufficiency of man. The source of all reality exists in the human mind. Man’s problem is ignorance, not sin.

Although this book tends to discuss its subject in a faddish, popular way, and many propositions are unsupported, it nevertheless deals with an increasingly important issue and is worthy of careful reading (Victor Books, 191 pp., $11.95).

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Satanism Attacking Our Children

by Tim and Beverly LaHaye

Ever since the terrible, ritualistic, satanic killings of young boys in a Texas border city, we have been thinking about the danger this poses for children still attending public school.

The Bible predicts that during the Tribulation period one of the rampant sins will be “the worship of demons.” We are already seeing an enormous increase in demon and satan worship—not way over in India or Turkey—but right here in the United States.

We receive stories of schools where witches give instruction to children on their religious teachings. A friend of ours in Dallas, who is an expert on Satan, magic, and demonic practices, has given a series of lectures in the Dallas public schools. He told us that “20 percent of the children in the fifth grade testified they had seen the remains of satanic sacrifices.”

Yesterday we read a detailed account by a non-Christian psychiatrist describing the terrifying child abuse (both mental and physical) inflicted by leaders of the satanic church on both their own children and on those they kidnap, or on the children of those whom they recruit.

Some police officials privately admit that the growth of satanic cults and their practice of human sacrifice is frightening because it often goes undetected and prosecutions are so difficult to make.

If the Lord tarries another decade, you can expect this phenomenon to grow. For that reason we recommend that you:

- Provide your children a Christian school opportunity, if at all possible.
- Keep in touch with your children about what they are learning in school, and complain loudly if witchcraft or satanism is brought in.
- Watch their peer groups. First Corinthians 15:33 says, “Evil communications corrupt good manners,” or bad companions ruin good morals!
- Do not let your children out of your sight unless accompanied by someone you trust.

Primary age children are a special target for satanists, homosexuals, and child-molesters.

We are sorry to mention this, but two children in our neighborhood, almost within walking distance of our nation’s capital, were molested in “safe, comfortable” communities. One was murdered and the other was abused so badly it may have been better if he had been. (These broken-hearted parents would be more careful if they had it to do over.)

- Build a hedge of prayer protection around each of your children—physically, spiritually, and intellectually.

You can still raise children to love and serve God today, but it will take more attention and protection on your part than it took for your parents to raise you. But those children of yours are worth it! They are your greatest possession.

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God never intended smiles to be reserved only for occasions of mirth and joy. Rather, He designed them with an infinite capacity for variety. Smiles can communicate love, humor, compassion. They can minister, nurture, heal. As we use them, they enrich not only the lives of those around us, but our own as well.

Communicator par excellence. Have you ever caught the eye of a loved one across a crowded room—and been the recipient of a treasured smile? Remember how it set your heart racing? In the romance department, smiles have few rivals. They carry delightful, secret messages, even from a distance. They give wings to private, personal expressions shared by no one else.

Smiles communicate love in the most trying of circumstances. Whether one is swamped by the little crises of life, or struggling with one of major proportions, a loving smile cuts through problems with encouragement and hope. It lifts both heart and spirit like love always does.

Smiles carry unspoken messages of acceptance. They say, “I am not standing in judgment on you. I like you. I do not demand change in order to interact with you.”

Smiles communicate forgiveness. Even without words, a smile—though wrested from a hurting heart—can relay an invitation to reconciliation. It doesn’t eliminate the need for words, but it can initiate healing.
before the necessary words can ever be managed. At the same time, the smile helps to dissipate anger and pain in the one who has been wronged. 

Balm to the Human Spirit. The smile is a unique tool for keeping the gears of human relationships running smoothly. One of its special talents is easing tension. It accomplishes that equally well with family, friends, or strangers. A timely smile in a tense situation can put everyone at ease. Often a smile may be appropriate when nothing else is.

Smiles excel in radiating encouragement to friends and strangers alike. The harried checkout girl, the terrified child about to perform (or hand you his report card), the spouse who has had a formidable day—for each one a friendly, loving smile cannot fail to lift the burden.

You can even encourage yourself with a smile. Don’t laugh! When you need strength or courage to get on with the task, taking a moment to stretch, take a deep breath, and smile can bring much-needed release to knots of tension. You can even direct your smile to the Lord with a brief prayer (“Lord, we sure do have a challenge here!” or just “Lord, thank You for Your faithfulness”). Whatever your circumstance, He understands! Smiling, rather than scowling, make it more effective and easier to receive.

Personal growth can be beautifully nurtured by putting the smile to wise and judicious use. Human nature desires to please the one who loves, who accepts, who encourages—not one who disapproves. Parents can profit from remembering this. Spouses and educators can, too. Correction done in anger builds walls, and it seldom accomplishes its goals.

Another, more direct, way smiles serve as balm to the human spirit is that they cultivate healing. (Prov. 17:22).

Be Genuine. A smile must be genuine. A “fake” smile, or one used to manipulate others, is like outright lying.

But how does one smile genuinely when the heart is heavy and the burdens of life overwhelm? God understood this when He gave us promises such as Philippians 4:13, “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” He is the One who can give the heart attitudes necessary to minister this God-given gift. With His aid we can cultivate the heart of gratitude that cannot help but overflow on the face.

To a friend bowed with grief, a smile of love and compassion says, “I care. I hurt with you.” If a smile is from the heart, then this gift from God cannot be harmfully misused.

Is smiling a habit worth cultivating? It pays such rich dividends, works even from a distance, is delightfully contagious, and is all the while free.

Esther M. Gross

"Why should Christians be such a happy people? It is good for our God; it gives Him honor among men when we are glad."

—Charles H. Spurgeon
why didn't somebody tell me that motherhood is a 24-hour-a-day assignment?” Sara asked her visiting aunt. “I’m never caught up with washing and picking up after the kids. There is not enough time to relax with Bill. When I try to be alone with God, kids pop up like bread out of a toaster. I’m exhausted most of the time.”

The older woman gave her niece a warm hug and tried not to see the sink of unwashed dishes and baby bottles, or the floor strewn with children’s toys.

“Yet God gives mothers their children to train and care for,” Aunt Carrie said gently. “There’s a loving verse in the Bible that tells us children are a gift, a reward from the Lord” (Ps. 127:3).

“I know,” Sara said wistfully. “I really want to do my best to train our children.”

When work piles up and a mother feels frazzled, what shortcuts will gain time for her? We hear a lot about time management. One definition of the term is “doing the things you want to do in the time available.”

Some of the time-savers career mothers have learned on their jobs, such as organization, first things first, planned neglect, and overcoming procrastination, may also help stay-at-home moms.

Plan the day.

Jennifer, an office manager with a large computer firm, makes a daily office schedule, numbering items in the order of importance. “That way,” she says, “I don’t squander my time on a lot of trivial items. I try to be realistic and not cram too many jobs onto my list.”

Planning the day will also help full-time homemakers. Decide what’s most important, keeping in mind the long-term goals of Christian maturity for each child. Allow some crannies for fun with the little ones. Perhaps this is the day to walk along the creek and feed the ducks, or to teach children about wildflowers and trees, or to romp in the winter snow. Such interruptions may add up to planned neglect of less important activities. Finishing every item on your list is not important. Rather, make the best use of time.

Stick to the plan. If preparing lasagna for dinner is on the list, don’t be sidetracked into sorting your recipes, no matter how badly needed. Wait until it is on the agenda.

Use the phone wisely. A local phone call can save time and gas. It can also waste time. For a week keep track of the actual time spent on the phone. Would it have been enough time to accomplish something important?

Laurie makes the most of incoming calls from friends inclined to chat for long periods. “Do you have a problem we can pray about now?” she asks. If not, she suggests one of her own. Then she talks to God with the caller. Both Laurie and the caller are pulled away from meaningless chatter and gossip.

Expect family cooperation. Talk this one over with the entire family. “Order,” says one psychologist, “is important when training a child. It teaches respect for others and for civil law.”

Teach children these lines from an anonymous writer: “If you open it, close it. If you turn it on, turn it off. If you want to use it, get permission. If you make a mess, clean it up. If you don’t know how to run it, leave it alone.”

Mary Jo’s preschoolers frequently strewed toys from one end of the house to the other. One day she took a length of clothesline and formed it into a big circle in the family room.

“Keep your toys inside the rope,” she told them. “Toys outside the rope will be put away until tomorrow.”

Eliminate nonessentials. Some work must be done. Other tasks can be skipped or performed less frequently. Speaking
at a family seminar, a minister said, “God loves you even if you don’t dust every day.” Ask yourself, “What would happen if I didn’t do this?” If the answer is, “Nothing,” don’t do it.  

**Learn to say no.** Any capable young mother will be asked to do more than she can. At church, school, in civic affairs, people tend to think that a mother who stays home has plenty of time for volunteer jobs. Learn to be selective. Except for the neighborly volunteer jobs anyone naturally does, common sense warns you not to take on much volunteer work while the children are small.  

**Overcome procrastination.** When the clothes are dry, fold them and put them away. When the mail arrives, dispose of it at once—letters to answer, bills to be paid later, junk mail in the trash, magazines to read when the children sleep.  

**Schedule time for yourself.** When Vivian’s twins outgrew naps, she decided they still needed a daily rest period, and so did she. She took her Bible into their room and sat in a rocking chair. As long as they listened quietly, she let them hear her singing hymns, reading Scripture, and praying, often for the children.  

**Develop friendships with other young mothers and exchange baby-sitting.**  

**Turn the day over to God.** First thing in the morning ask God for instructions. Throughout the day pray with the children. Teach them to fold their hands, close their eyes, and thank God. Laugh with them. Sing with them. Trust God for results, but never forget the admonition in the Bible: “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it” (Prov. 22:6).

In God’s Word we read rules and patterns for rearing children, standards for right and wrong that apply to parents as well as to children. As mothers teach their children Bible truths, they will find some of their own questions answered.  

Norma put her career on hold to be a stay-at-home mother. “Bill and I soon learned what a financial sacrifice we were making. We cannot match the lifestyles of our two-income friends. When the kids are older, I plan to return to work, perhaps on flex-time.”  

**Mothers of young children hold in their care the workers, craftsmen, teachers, preachers, and parents of the future.** Full-time moms as well as those with a career know they are working at the most important job there is for a woman—training their children to become responsible Christian adults.  

Since mothers have only 24 hours of time every day, time-savers such as those above will help them do the things they want to do in the available time.

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**Family Bookshelf**

**Destination: Moon** by James Irwin, astronaut and one of the 12 men who have walked on the moon, brings to earth his exciting adventure to the moon. He mentions the importance of God the Creator and stresses the fact that God is in control of our lives.  

Full of historical photos and facts, this book should prove educational and inspirational to 8- to 12-year-olds (Multnomah, 48 pp., $9.95)  

**Creative Family Times,** by Allen and Connie Hadidian, and Will and Lindy Wilson, offers a bundle of creative ideas for spending time with your children, your spouse, your family, and gives practical activities that will help build your child’s character. An insightful book written by parents for parents (Moody Press, 63 pp., $3.25).  

**Heartland.** Author Diane Siebert and artist Wendell Minor take the reader on a journey through America’s heartland. The lyrical poem/story along with the lifelike illustrations paint a beautiful picture of the Midwest and its culture (Thomas Y. Crowell, 30 pp., $13.70).  

**Crossword puzzle by Donovan A. Epp, Donovan’s Crossword Syndicate.**

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ANSWERS TO PUZZLE ON PAGE 58


**Bible-Centered Crossword**

**ACROSS**

1. Son of Eliphaz (Gen. 36:12)
7. The prophet is a __________ of a fowler (Hos. 9:8)
12. Whose vineyard? (1 Kings 21:1)
14. Belonging to the king's chamberlain (Esth. 2:3)
15. There was no room for them in the ________ (Luke 2:7)
16. Father of Canaan (Gen. 9:18)
17. Camping place of Israel (Num. 21:10)
18. First garden (Gen. 2:8)
20. The king thought to set him over the whole (Dan. 6:3)
21. Son of Merari (Exod. 6:19)
22. That is __________-stratus
23. A rough valley, which is neither __________ nor sown (Deut. 21:4)
25. Mimicking cage bird
26. Jethro's son-in-law (Exod. 4:18)
27. Jethro's son-in-law (Exod. 4:18)
28. Trim (Scot.)
29. British thermal unit
30. Interstitial cell-stimulating hormone substance (abbr.)
31. British thermal unit
32. Relief pitcher (abbr.)
33. Relief pitcher (abbr.)
34. Gaggle of __________
35. Thou doest, do quickly (John 13:27)
36. Climbing herbaceous vine
37. No man can serve __________ masters (Matt. 6:24)
38. Variation of 31 down
39. Tumor (suf.)
40. Authored Psalm 89
41. This wisdom descendeth not from above but is earthly, __________ (James 3:15)
42. We spend our __________ as a tale that is told (Ps. 90:9)
43. It therefore in your hearts (Luke 21:14)

**DOWN**

1. Ye pay the tithe of mint and __________ (Matt. 23:23)
2. Wilderness diet
3. Murdered by Joab (2 Sam. 3:27)
4. I am with you always (Matt. 28:20)
5. Variation of 31 down
6. Medieval Chinese ruler
7. Son of Nahash (2 Sam. 17:27)
8. Bel boweth down, __________ stoopeth ( Isa. 46:1)
9. I knew a man in Christ above 14 years __________
10. Beheaded John the Baptist (Mark 6:16)
11. Let them sing loud upon their __________ (Ps. 149:5)
12. The labour of the __________ shall fail (Hab. 3:17)
13. They from the city, every man to his tent (2 Sam. 20:22)
14. There was no room for them in the __________ (Luke 2:7)
15. Whose vineyard? (1 Kings 21:1)
16. No man can serve masters (Matt. 6:24)
17. Bel boweth down, stoopeth (Isa. 46:1)
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**Clue Relevancy**

- **Con 12:2**
- **Num. 31:8**
- **Exod. 9:25**
- **Gen. 31:38**
- **Isa. 46:16**
- **1 Thess. 4:16**
- **1 Cor. 12:14**
- **1 Cor. 12:14**
- **1 Thess. 4:16**
Tiananmen Square
Silence Follows the Slaughter

Prior to "Bloody Sunday" the world cheered the student demonstrations in Beijing, hoping that positive democratic change could actually come to China. No one thought that political hardliners would regain the control they once exercised.

Now, months after "the worst day of bloodshed in Communist China's history" (TIME, 6-12-89), silence has replaced the moment-by-moment news broadcasts that revealed in graphic detail the horrifying carnage wreaked in Tiananmen Square in just a few short hours. But images of what some are calling China's "Great Leap Backward" remain clear, and reports from China indicate that the Christian community there is experiencing intensified persecution as a result of a government crackdown.

Many describe the current political atmosphere in China as very similar to that of the mid-1970s, when the Gang of Four was in power. Leaders of that era took a severe stance toward religion. "All religions are the vain and erroneous responses of man to his feelings of impotence and fear in the face of natural and social forces. . . . Therefore Marxism says, 'Religion is the opiate which lulls the spirits of people and is the tool by which the exploiting class controls the people.' Marxists all oppose religion in any form" (People's Daily, March 15, 1979). A return to this pronounced opinion against religion will indeed mean difficulties still ahead for China's Christian community.

News Network International reported in mid-June that "China's Christians are bracing themselves for the worst in the wake of the Beijing massacres." Researchers for Overseas Missionary Fellowship, a mission agency that has long worked with Chinese people in Hong Kong and in mainland China, predicted, "Repression of Christianity is to be expected as an inevitable result of the Tiananmen protests, later this year and early next year."

A growing persecution, directed primarily at the house-church movement, has now become increasingly evident. According to Dick Andrews of OMF, many house-church leaders in Shandong and Anhui provinces south of Beijing have already been arrested.

A Chinese representative of a Christian organization on the West Coast, who wished not to be identified, verified that the individuals currently in power in China have long been hostile to any religion. Marxists all oppose religion in any form. "Marxists all oppose religion in any form in China," he said, "many brothers have been arrested and their Bibles confiscated."

Chinese officials are attempting to stifle any reports of heightened persecution since the Tiananmen massacre. Because of continued arrests, executions, and verbal threats, people are afraid to speak to foreigners. This is also true for Chinese Christians who have to be concerned about the repercussions churches will receive if they continue contacts with Western believers.

The long-term aftermath is still uncertain. Many hard-liners in power are in their late seventies and early eighties, promising hope for the future when new leaders come to power. However, as News Network International quotes one Christian leader, "Either way, we win with God: If the hard-liners do their worst, the persecution will only drive more toward God; if the reformers are restored, the freedom will be exploited to spread the gospel more widely."

Howard Erickson

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In the 1950s Lucy and Ricki Ricardo slept in separate beds on "I Love Lucy," even though they were real-life husband and wife.

In the 1970s Mike and Carol Brady of "The Brady Bunch" became the first TV couple to share the same bed.

In the 1980s viewers not only see television couples in bed together, they also witness couples in situations formerly found only in R-rated films.

Due to this recent outbreak of excess sex, as well as violence, Christian leaders nationwide have organized a watchdog group known as CLear-TV (Christian Leaders for Responsible Television).

In December 1988 this group of over 1,600 Christian leaders met in Chicago to establish a game plan in their battle to return family values to network broadcasts. They would monitor the networks during the rating "sweeps" period (April 27 through May 24) to determine which advertisers were sponsoring the majority of these controversial shows. Advertisers sponsoring shows featuring gratuitous violence, excessive sexual situations, vulgar language, and anti-Christian stereotyping would be singled out and targeted with a one-year boycott of their products by supporters of the group.

Billy Melvin, executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals and chairman of CLear-TV, says the group had to take such extensive action in order to be taken seriously.

Melvin is joined by Rev. Donald Wildmon, executive director of CLear-TV, in this task. Wildmon is also founder of the American Family Association, a group that has promoted traditional values in the entertainment field for quite some time.

During the sweeps period, two companies were found to have sponsored a high amount of sexual and violent programming. They were Mennen and Clorox.

Melvin told Fundamentalist Journal, "Over 500 corporate sponsors who used network television advertising were written to by our group."

"We explained that we would be monitoring them throughout the sweeps period, and pleaded their help in addressing this problem." To be fair, he says, each company received an additional two letters before the actual monitoring process began. At the end of the sweeps weeks, Mennen and Clorox were found to be the two most frequent advertisers sponsoring the controversial fare.

The boycott began July 17.

This is not the first product boycott CLear-TV has organized. An earlier highly successful boycott singled out Noxell and Mazda, two leading sponsors of violence and vulgarity.

"That boycott," Melvin said, "was over in four months because the two companies contacted us and were extremely anxious to satisfy our concerns."

"They sent us written commitments to correct their advertising policies, and have thankfully kept their word."

With history in their favor, CLear-TV leaders are hopeful that the current campaign will bring more success.

At this time, Melvin says neither Mennen nor Clorox have responded to the boycott. He maintains, though, that his group has the attention of American advertisers.

"There were three shows recently that did not sell due to their content," he said. "This proves that advertisers are not just using demographics to sell their product, but they are examining the content of the shows as well."

He says that advertisers are now asking themselves if they want their product associated with particular broadcasts.

"We must impact these companies if they want their product associated with particular broadcasts."

Advertisers are now asking themselves if they want their product associated with particular broadcasts.
economically in order to achieve our goal,” he said.

It is up to individuals to make the difference. Indeed, one person can make a difference in this effort to clean up the network airwaves, as Michigan housewife Terry Rakolta found out earlier this year. She rocked the Fox network sitcom, “Married… with Children,” after she penned a simple letter of protest to the sponsors of the show, asking that they reevaluate their products’ association with the Sunday night series.

Mrs. Rakolta quickly gained celebrity status after she received letters from the sponsors agreeing with her that their products would be better suited on more traditional programming. Over 25 companies responded to her letter, several of them promising to cease advertising with the show. Others guaranteed a stricter screening process for the series.

Certainly, “Married…with Children” must stand as the series most frequently stepping out of the bounds of good taste. Asked why the sitcom was not included in the Clear-TV boycott, Melvin explained that the Fox network had not been included in his organization’s monitoring system. Only the three major networks were observed during the programming watch.

Wildmon explains that this plan can effectively cost the networks thousands of dollars. “If a company decides not to help sponsor a program because of violence and vulgarity, the networks must sell that time on the program at a reduced rate. For instance, if a minute of time sells for $300,000 and advertisers refuse to help sponsor the program, the network will then sell that time for a reduced rate.”

This plan could certainly prompt advertisers, as well as writers and producers of network entertainment, to halt the seemingly relentless attack on family values.

The television series found to regularly offend Clear-TV brass are, “A Man Called Hawk,” “Tour of Duty,” “Miami Vice,” “Midnight Caller,” “Dreamstreet,” “Gideon Oliver,” and “Saturday Night Live.”

Melvin states that violence is the element that occurs most often in these series. Sexual situations and anti-Christian stereotyping, however, have increased according to his group’s findings.

After this present boycott, what can we expect as a follow-up effort cized by the major portion of the American media. “Entertainment Tonight” recently referred to the boycott as “chilling.”

Melvin says this criticism strengthens his statement that it is important for everyone concerned with this issue to participate in the boycott in order to display the unity and strength of this religious coalition.

* Mark Smith

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and intensity. There are three stages of the abuse cycle.

Escalation: the tension-building phase.

Explosion: the discharge of tension through physical violence.

Guilt or remorse: manifested through apologies, promises that this will never happen again, gifts, and expressions of physical affection.

Biblical, Spirit-directed responses can halt the cycle.

**Short-term gains or long-term victory?** Abuse is an ineffective means to achieve relationship change. One way to determine the uselessness of violence is to distinguish between short-term results and long-term consequences. Since violence is a powerful means to effect immediate change, the short-term results can be reinforcing. However, the long-term consequences of violence—fear, anger, and retaliation—never justify the short-term gains.

The best long-term solution is to strive to live a Christlike life by following God’s guidelines. Then there will be no need to resort to the short-term “solution” of hurting the one you love. The mutual goal should be to defeat the issue, not each other.

Has the war between the mates disrupted your home? Rededicate yourselves to God, reaffirm your love for one another, and apply this peace plan to your problems. You can put an end to the war.

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Judge Pressler Said to Be Bush Choice for Government Ethics Post

HOUSTON (RNS)—Paul Pressler, powerful leader in the Southern Baptist Convention and a justice of the Texas 14th Court of Appeals, is a leading candidate for nomination by President George Bush as director of the Office of Government Ethics, according to congressional sources. The justice, considered the chief strategist for the Conservative movement within the Southern Baptist Convention, could not be reached for comment. The post for which Judge Pressler reportedly is being considered is an agency of the Office of Personnel Management.

New Jersey Removes Religious Reference from Law Licenses

(RNS)—The New Jersey Supreme Court has removed the phrase “in the year of our Lord” from law licenses, after three lawyers complained about the religious reference. In a letter of protest, Adam Jacobs, Charles Novins, and Ann Sorrell—who described themselves as an agnostic, an atheist, and a Secular Humanist respectively—said they “are personally offended that the certificate indicates the date of conferral by making reference to and exalting (through capitalization of the word ‘Lord’) a deity in which we do not believe.” The lawyers said they “find it particularly objectionable that a direct reference to a deity is made on a document conferred by a judicial body, since the judiciary, among all other legal institutions, should be the most sensitive to maintaining religious neutrality on documents served in its name.”

NOW Proposes Third Political Party

“I think we’re sending a message to both political parties that they had better shape up or they will be out,” demanded Molly Yard, National Organization for Women president, at the organization’s July convention.

Definition of “Family” to Include Homosexuals

San Francisco homosexuals are attempting to be included in the traditional definition of “family.” Leaders in the city with the nation’s largest homosexual population are preparing a landmark ordinance that broadens the definition of family to include homosexual couples. This ordinance would allow gay couples to register at City Hall to become certified with a document similar to a marriage license.

NOW has only about 200,000 members, less than half the number in an average congressional district, as USA Today noted.

Of course, homosexual groups nationwide have praised the proposal for breaking new ground in the advancement of gay rights. Tom DiMaria of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force said the proposal “is a recognition that gay and lesbian
families are intrinsically the same worth as traditional families. It’s the fundamental basis for the gay rights movement, but probably one of the last things we’ll achieve nationwide.”

Supervisor Britt is being aided by attorneys from the American Civil Liberties Union and the San Francisco Mayor’s office in his preparation of this antifamily legislation.

Christian Cartoon May Air in Soviet Union

An animated children’s series called “Superbook” may soon be broadcast in the Soviet Union. Soviet programming officials have discussed the possibility of airing the program in Russia.

Should the cartoon series make it to the Soviet Union, it would become the first religious television program to be broadcast to the Soviet people, says Slavic Gospel Association President Peter Deyneka, Jr.

But Deyneka, whose organization attempts to spread the gospel in the Soviet Union through shortwave radio and religious publications, says it will be difficult to penetrate the anti-Christian philosophy of the Soviet government. He says “Superbook” is a program based in Christian ideology, “and that is in direct conflict with Marxist ideology.”

The animated show was originally produced in 1982 to reach Japanese children with a gospel message. The show has been banned in Beijing, China, due to what Chinese officials termed “propaganda.” “Superbook” is produced by the Christian Broadcasting Network.

Politics in the New Age

The New Age Movement has entered the halls of Congress. A recent bill, written by Senator Claiborne Pell, would create a privately funded group to study such New Age methodology as ESP and biofeedback.

One would think that such a measure would receive immediate ostracizing from the Senate, but surprisingly Senators Albert Gore and Nancy Kassebaum have decided to cosponsor the bill.

The bill, which Capitol Hill insiders say is sure to be soundly defeated, will attempt to create a National Commission on Human Resource Development in order to explore “increased fulfillment of human potential” through the techniques of New Age philosophy—transcendental meditation, Zen, Yoga, and other mental variations.

One Senate hearing witness recently testified that the Soviets are dominating the Olympic Games due to their practice of human potential techniques such as “autoconditioning training.”

Due to this bill’s cold reception in the Senate, it has been nicknamed “the spoon-benders bill.”

Accrediting Agency Pressing Southeastern; Enrollment Plummet

RALEIGH, N.C. (RNS)—Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, already suffering severe enrollment declines in the wake of a bitter battle between Conservatives and Moderates, received a new challenge recently from a national accrediting agency.

In a letter to seminary President Lewis A. Drummond, the Association of Theological Schools asked the seminary officials to “show cause... why it should not be placed on probation.” The association’s accrediting commission also questioned “the ability of the school to serve its stated purpose.”

Drummond was in Yugoslavia and unavailable for comment, but George E. Worrell, vice president for external affairs, dismissed any concerns and said the school’s academic credentials are secure.

The Wake Forest school has lost enrollment, since October 1987, when theological Conservatives took over the board of trustees. Former President W. Randall Lolley and others resigned in protest. Since then, relations among faculty, students, and staff have been in turmoil.

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A strange irony of our times is that animal rights are increasing while human rights are decreasing. Several years ago when doctors transplanted a heart from a baboon into “Baby Fay,” a reporter asked me, “What do you think about killing animals to transplant their organs into humans?” The clear implication was, “Why waste animals in this way?” I told the reporter, “I have no objection to sacrificing an animal so a human can live. We do it every time we eat meat! What concerns me most is not that one baboon died today so a little girl could live, but that 4,300 babies died today so some doctors could live better!” The silence was deafening on the other end of the line. “Thank you for your opinion,” said the reporter and promptly hung up. To my knowledge the comments were never printed.

How can the secular media muster more sympathy for tiny fish being killed by constructing a dam than for millions of tiny human fetuses in abortion? Amid objections to organ transplants from animals, babies are being aborted for fetal tissue.

Do animals have rights? Not any moral rights. Moral rights belong only to moral beings, and animals are not moral beings. They have no sense of a moral law and no moral responsibility. This is why we do not charge animals with crimes, nor sentence them to prison for doing wrong. To be sure, wild and dangerous animals must sometimes be killed to protect human life (Gen. 9:5). But animals do not do right or wrong in a moral sense. It is just plain nonsense to speak of “animal rights.”

Can we treat animals any way we please? Of course not. Animals have no rights, but humans have a duty to treat them rightly. Many things humans do to animals are morally wrong. The Bible says, “A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast” (Prov. 12:10). When God made His covenant after Noah’s flood it was not just with man but also with animals. Every living animal is part of God’s covenant with creation. He has promised not to destroy them and we should not either.

Crue!ty to animals is morally wrong because humans have moral responsibilities—even to animals. God created humans higher than animals and gave us dominion over them (Gen. 1:27-28). But dominion does not mean destruction. Man is to subdue the earth. But subduing does not mean destroying. Animals are to be used but not abused. They are a means of food (Gen. 9:3) and clothing (Gen. 3:21). But careless disregard and wanton destruction of animals is nowhere given divine approbation in Scripture.

We have an obligation to preserve threatened species. But Christian responsibility to care for and preserve the animals God has created must be kept in proper balance. We are created “a little lower than the angels” (Heb. 2:7) but also a lot higher than animals. Only humans are made “in the image of God” (Gen. 1:27). No animal reflects and resembles the Creator in a rational and moral way as humans do. No animal is called “immortal” as humans are (1 Cor. 15:54). To endow animals with human or divine-like immortality is sentimental mysticism.

God values each individual human being. He knows us before we are born. Our name is written in His “book” (Ps. 139:16). The very hairs on our head are numbered. While God cares for the birds of the air, and knows every sparrow that falls, He said clearly, “Are ye not much better than they?” (Matt. 6:26). One human soul is more valuable than the whole world (Mark 8:36-37). Each person has incalculable value in God’s eyes. To expend endless effort to save a few fish while manifesting little or no compassion to save millions of individual babies is a tragically twisted value structure. Even one of the 4,300 babies killed today by abortion is more valuable than all the baby seals in the world. We should not fail to attempt preserving both, but to neglect human life while focusing on animal life is a distorted sense of duty.

At the heart of the so-called “animal rights” movement is a fatal flaw. They obscure the humane treatment of humans while preaching the humane treatment of animals. This is a gross distortion of God’s created order and we should strongly oppose it. To cry “Save the seals” while at the same time doing nothing to protect the unborn is sheer hypocrisy.
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