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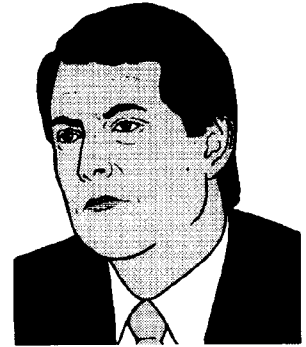
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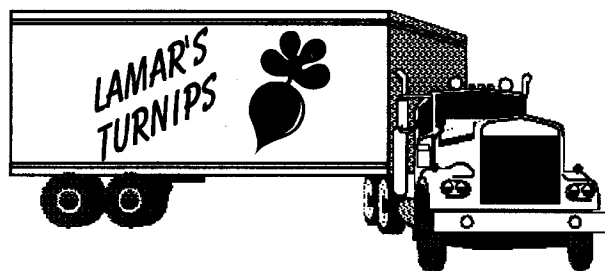
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STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe the Bible to be the verbally inspired and only infallible, authoritative, inerrant word of God; the final authority in all matters of faith and practice. (2 Tim. 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21)

We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; that Jesus Christ is God and that He became man, without sin, for the purpose of giving His own life as a payment for the sins of those who would be saved (1 Tim. 2:4, 2 Pet. 3:9, Gen. 1:1, Matt. 28:19, John 3:17-18; 10:30; 10:37-38, Romans 5:10). There is no other name given among men whereby we can be saved. (Acts 4:12)

We believe in the death of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth (Isa. 7:14, Matt. 1:23, Luke 1:35), in His sinless life (Heb. 4:15; 7:26), in His miracles (John 2:11), in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood on the cross (1 Cor. 15:3, Eph. 1:7, Col. 1:14 Heb. 2:9; 9:12), in His bodily resurrection (John 11:25, 1 Cor. 15:4), in His ascension to the right hand of God the Father (Mark 16:19), and in His personal return in power and glory (Acts 1:11, Rev. 19:11-16).

We believe that man is sinful by nature (Romans 3:23) and that the Holy Spirit regenerates and indwells the Christian, enabling the believer to live a Godly life. (Acts 1:8, 1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19-20, Eph. 4:30; 5:18, Titus 3:5-7)

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost: They who are saved to eternal life in the presence of God and the lost to eternal damnation. (John 5:28-29)

We believe in the creation of man by the direct act of God. (Gen. 1:26-28, Gen 5:1-2)

We believe that the family is the first God-given institution established in the Garden of Eden. God gives parents stewardship and primary authority over their children. (Deut. 6:4-9, Psalm 127:3-5)

We believe that the ministry of the local church is to be a called-out, separated people, belonging to the Lord; that the church is designed to glorify God (Eph. 3:21), to edify its members (Eph. 4:11-12), to be purified by the Lord (Eph. 5:25-27), to provide Godly associations (1 Cor. 5:4,7), to evangelize the world (Matt. 28:19-20, Mark 16:15-18, Acts 1:8), and to retard corruption in the world (Matt. 5:13, Eph. 5:11); and that it meets for teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, prayer and providing for the needy as outlined in Acts 2:42-47.

We believe that government is not responsible for the education or welfare of our families or our children. It is the responsibility of government to reward good and punish evil judiciously. (Romans 13:1-4) ✠

From the Publishers



Back on track (almost).

Several months have gone by now since our first issue came out and almost simultaneously a rapid series of crises occurred — Lynn's unexpected major surgery, his

mother's diagnosis with cancer, and then her passing. Things are slowly getting back on track again after experiencing some delays. Thank you for the outpouring of support and prayers. Lynn is well on the recovery and has now returned to work. The doctors say that his prognosis is good for a full recovery. We praise God for this good report!

This month we are doing some Spring housecleaning. The first three issues are in the mail and we have received an excellent response to our publication. We get large amounts of mail inquiring about a variety of things. In an attempt to simplify matters, we have printed some answers to your most frequently asked questions in this month's column.

Behind Schedule

Because of our unanticipated delays, the April and May issues will be somewhat later than usual, probably one to two weeks. If you should experience a delay longer than several weeks, you might want to check with your local post office. We ship *The Christian Conscience* bulk rate, not 2nd class, which usually takes longer. We would appreciate your prayers as we work to get back on schedule.

Out of Stock

The first edition of the magazine, the Inaugural Issue of January 1995, is now out of stock. Additional copies of the February and March issues may be ordered in small quantities at \$3.50 per issue. The reprint of the Promise Keepers article from the first issue is still available \$1 ea. or 10/\$6. We will mail free sample issues of our magazine to lists of potential subscribers that you provide to us.

Conventions and Meetings

We now have fliers advertising our publication available for distribution at meetings and conventions. Our flier looks like

the back inside page (page 47). Just tell how many you anticipate and we will ship them out at no charge. In a pinch you are free to photocopy page 47 and distribute it! We will also ship a small quantity of current or back issues of the magazine (if in stock) to your convention or meeting. Please let us know the quantities that you desire several weeks in advance.

We have received inquiries regarding distribution of the magazine at state home school conventions. If you have contacts in your state who would be willing to do this, please let us know.

Advertising

We have received a number of requests to run ads for items other than written material. Our policy is to run tasteful and appropriate ads for other items as well. Inquiries for ad rates and policies can be made by fax or mail. We provide layout services at no charge. Most of the ads that you see in *The Christian Conscience* are designed in-house. Take a look at their quality!

We encourage researchers who have prepared packets or written reports to consider advertising them. Our classified ad rates are very reasonable. This is one excellent way to share your valuable expertise!

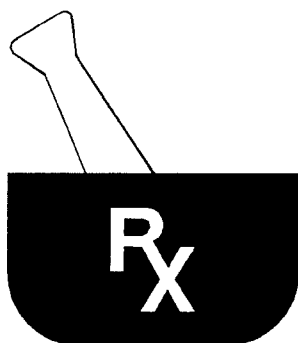
Writers

We have received a number of unsolicited articles. We simply don't have the time to read all of the material that we have been sent so far. To save yourself the time and energy (not to mention us!), please contact us for our writer's packet in advance. This way you will know what our specifications, requirements and guidelines are. Book reviews are always welcome.

Prayer Request

The family of Barry Bear has requested nationwide prayers for his quick release from State captivity. Many of our readers have followed this case from the beginning (Sam Blumenfeld wrote about this in his newsletter and the *Free World Research Report* carried his story). Barry Bear was the test case in Iowa to remove a home-educated child from his home and place him in the child welfare system. Barry has remained in the state system since 1989 but continually expresses a strong desire to go home. The State of Iowa is resisting his efforts to become free and is now seeking adult placement for him. We hope to publish a complete update soon. †

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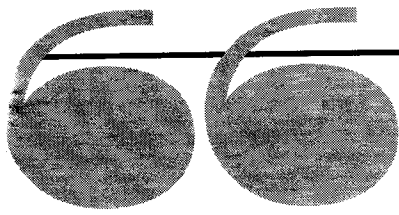
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Let no man deceive you with vain words... Eph 5:6

Next World Leader?

Maurice Strong, Canadian businessman, co-chairman of Stockholm environment conference, and generally a friend to leftist causes, says he has Russian backing to succeed UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, who has said he wants only one term.

"FOR THE RECORD," NATIONAL REVIEW, APRIL 3, 1995, P. 10.

8th Grade Education

[Lamar] Alexander has said a goal should be to ensure that every American receives the equivalent of an eighth-grade education. He acknowledged that the goal may not seem ambitious enough but said, "If all Americans had an eighth-grade education today, we'd be leaving most of our worldwide competitors in the dust."

"BUSH NOMINATES REFORMER FOR EDUCATION POST," DES MOINES REGISTER, 12/18/90.

1999 Deadline

NESIC's [National Education Standards and Improvement Council] stamp of approval on a state assessment will be limited to five years. The tests are to inform the public of the state's progress toward reaching its education goals and improving student performance. They may not be used to determine grade promotion or graduation UNTIL March 31, 1999.

"GOALS 2000 WILL SHAPE STATE, LOCAL SCHOOL REFORM," EDUCATION DAILY, SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT, VOL. 27, No. 102, 5/27/94, P. 3, EMPHASIS OURS.

Amen!

One of the most important issues facing the new Republican majority in Congress is what to do about the United States Department of Education. It would be a mistake, however, to think of the issue solely in terms of whether or not there should be a Department of Education. The real issue is whether there should be a FEDERAL ROLE in education.

MICHAEL FARRIS, "MORE THAN THE DEPARTMENT — IT'S TIME TO ABOLISH THE FEDERAL ROLE IN EDUCATION," HOME SCHOOL COURT REPORT, VOL. 11, No. 1, 1995, P. 1

Preamble

The people of the earth having agreed that the advancement of man in spiritual excellence and physical welfare is the common goal of mankind;

that universal peace is the prerequisite for the pursuit of that goal;

that justice in turn is the prerequisite of peace, and peace and justice stand or fall together;

that iniquity and war inseparably spring from the competitive anarchy of the national states;

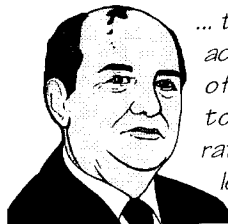
that therefore the age of nations must end, and the era of humanity begin;

the governments of the nations have decided to order their separate sovereignties in one government of justice, to which they surrender their arms;

and to establish, as they do establish, this Constitution as the covenant and fundamental law of the Federal Republic of the World.

A CONSTITUTION FOR THE WORLD, PUBLISHED BY THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS, 1965.

Gorbachev's 10 Green Commandments



Global Green USA['s] ... three-fold mission: to accelerate the clean-up of Cold War military toxics, to draft and ratify international ecological law, and to foster a global value shift in regard to the environment through mass media programming and education...

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wards a global civilization, the Earth Charter will guide the environmental conduct of all peoples and nations, serving as a "Ten Commandments" of the environment...

From the industrial world to developing nations, a new paradigm is necessary that reflects a value shift in regard to the environment...

LETTER FROM GLOBAL GREEN USA, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GREEN CROSS INTERNATIONAL, MIKHAIL S. GORBACHEV, PRESIDENT, 665 BUENA VISTA DR., SANTA BARBARA, CA 93108, 805-565-3485.

Keeping It In Perspective

Why do the heathen rage and the people imagine a vain thing?

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying,

Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.

PSALM 2:1-5

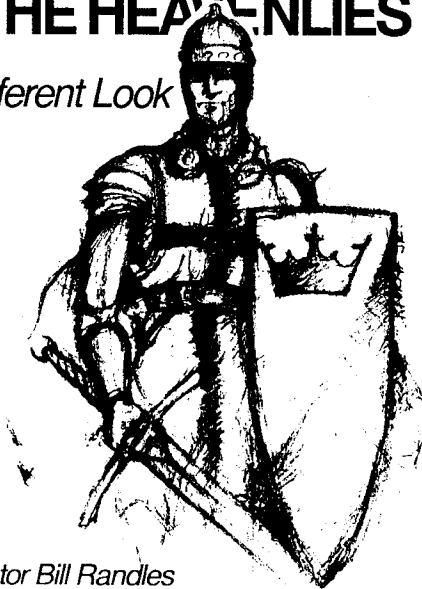
Define "Common Good"

Our nation urgently needs a reaffirmation of our shared commitment, as American citizens, to the guiding principles of the Religious Liberty clauses of the First Amendment to the Constitution. The rights and responsibilities of the Religious Liberty clauses provide the civic framework within which we are able to debate our differences, to understand one another, and to forge public policies that serve the common good in public education.

"RELIGIOUS LIBERTY, PUBLIC EDUCATION, AND THE FUTURE OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY," A STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES (CIVIC GROUND RULES FOR ADDRESSING CONFLICTS IN PUBLIC EDUCATION) INITIATED BY THE ASCD, SIGNED BY NOTABLES LIKE THE CHRISTIAN COALITION, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR EVANGELICALS, PEOPLE FOR THE AMERICAN WAY, THE NEA, AND OTHERS.

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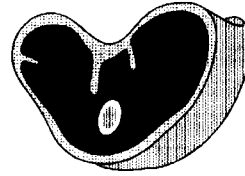
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Wolves In Sheep's Clothing?

By Charlotte T. Iserbyt

When conservative and Christian leaders act in a contradictory fashion, it becomes difficult to tell the sheep from the wolves.

I have compiled a thoroughly documented list of so-called "conservative" and "Christian" leaders. This list is for use with people who can't believe they have been "had". Unfortunately, we will not be able to save America if we do not know who are our friends; and who are our enemies. Compiling this list represented one of the most unpleasant jobs I have ever tackled, for obvious reasons. The list could be much longer, but I leave it to you to add names, organizations, etc. [Ed. note: see address at the end of article.]

There are many excellent researchers/activists/writers/speakers, etc. who have previously exposed this treason, and I congratulate them for their courage to speak out when the treason was less obvious; and when even suggesting that the leadership wasn't "pure" brought on persecution, isolation, libel, etc.

The 1984 Hearings

I became suspicious in 1984 when not one single national conservative leader, with the exception of Phyllis Schlafly of Eagle Forum, would help me get people to testify at the U.S. Department of Education's hearings related to regulations for the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA). Michael Farris (presently the very effective President of the Home School Legal Defense Association, but then working for Beverly LaHaye's Concerned Women for America), excused that organization from participation in the hearings by saying they were very involved in fighting "humanism"! What was the PPRA all about if it wasn't a result of years of "in-the-trenches" warfare against secular humanism in the schools?

Such a response, surprising as it was at the time, was not unique. Dr. James Dobson, President of Focus on the Family, which also would not become involved, was busy with the devel-

opment of Rick Little's drug and alcohol program (QUEST) — probably the most controversial, humanistic, values-destroying drug and alcohol "prevention" program ever to be developed. Dr. William Coulson, a former colleague of humanistic psychologists Carl Rogers and Abraham Maslow, now speaks around the country, documenting QUEST's ineffectiveness.

After the PPRA regulations were issued, the National Education Association asked me which fundamentalist Christian groups had helped us, to which I was able to respond "NONE, the effort was one of parents and teachers, PERIOD." NEA must have learned something very important from this chapter in the American parents' and pupils' rights movement.

Republican "Conservatives"

The Washington Post, May 14, 1984, carried a UPI article entitled "Industrial Policy Urged for GOP" which stated: "A conservative study group founded by supporters of President Reagan is about to issue a report that advocates Republicans shed some of their deep-rooted antipathy to a **planned economy...**" [emphasis mine]. It goes on to say, "The Industrial Policy Debate' is to be issued today at the Institute for Contemporary Studies, a think-tank founded by presidential counselor Edwin Meese, Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger and other Reagan supporters." And we now wonder how and why our schools are becoming full employment/global work force training sites?

Professor Eugene Maxwell Boyce of the University of Georgia, in *The Coming Revolution In Education*, 1983, said in regard to planned economies:

In the Communist ideology the function of universal education is clear, and easily understood. Universal education fits neatly into the authoritarian state. Level of education, and consequently the level of employment, is determined first, by level of achievement in school. **They do not educate people for jobs that do not exist.** No such direct, controlled, relation-

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ship between education and jobs exists in democratic countries. [emphasis mine]

It is important to recall that the CED (Committee for Economic Development, a subsidiary of the Council on Foreign Relations or CFR) produced the seminal documents calling for life-long education under the umbrella of the schools (commonly known as community education). A community educator from Alaska, at a conference in the mid-70's, likened U.S. community education, with its unelected advisory councils, to the system in Communist China. An unelected advisory council is, according to *Webster's Dictionary*, a "soviet". CED's goal is to change the physical, mental and spiritual aspects of Americans in order to create the new Soviet Man for the New International Economic Order. Attainment of CED's goals requires global work force training, job quotas and unconstitutional partnerships between the public and private sectors.

CED's first report, published in 1981, set the stage for the Reagan Administration to buy into the change in our government system from representative republic (elected officials/free enterprise) to corporate fascist (unaccountable unelected officials/socialist/merger of the public and private sectors.) The CFR and the CED both use the tax-exempt foundations, especially Carnegie, multinational corporations, the government, and non-governmental organizations (NGO's) to carry out their totalitarian agenda. In their latest support for social reform, they used the Business Roundtable and the Chambers of Commerce to push for educational restructuring (AMERICA 2000/GOALS 2000).

The "Conservative" Who Wrote AMERICA 2000

On March 3, 1985, I made a phone call to Chester Finn, who was later to become the author of AMERICA 2000 (now GOALS 2000). I explained my concerns over what my old office, the Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI) in the U.S. Department of Education, was doing since he was about to become OERI's Assistant Secretary. He agreed in

a wishy-washy way that I should go ahead and write an exposé of what I had uncovered. He agreed with me that the federally-funded Northwest Regional Education Laboratory, which, starting in 1971, crafted most of the "outrageous" outcomes of outcome-based education floating around the nation, should be exposed, along with its support for mastery learning/OBE, the method, and the use of management by objectives and values clarification in the classroom. He also stated, "Mastery Learning is the most manipulative on the teaching technique spectrum. ML techniques are kind of scary since they seem Orwellian." To be fair, Checker also continued to provide me with very important documentation on other matters of interest to parents — **his** conscience at work perhaps?)

I went on and wrote the exposé, which turned out to be my book *Back to Basics Reform Or... OBE... Skinnerian International Curriculum*. If it hadn't been for national Christian radio host Marlin Maddoux's help, this 46-page little book would never have been published. 1000 of his

listeners (God bless their souls!), in response to an interview I did with

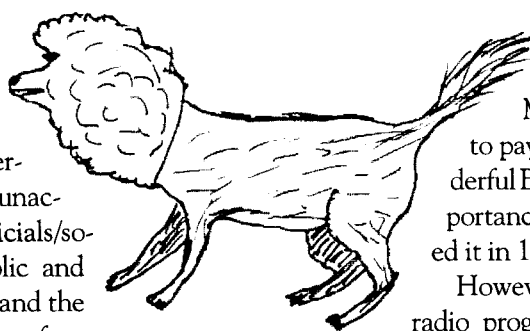
Marlin, provided \$5 each to pay publication costs. Wonderful Barbara Morris saw the importance of the book and published it in 1985.

However, other than Marlin's radio program, not one single so-called "conservative" national organization would distribute that 100% documented book, although most of them were asked to do so by me and their state affiliates. Bill Jasper of *The New American* did an excellent review of the book in September 1993, eight years after I wrote it.

If our so-called friends had pushed this little book, OBE, restructuring, and the internationalization of American education (U.S.-Soviet merger, work force training, etc.) would have been exposed and the parents and good teachers of America might not have such a mammoth battle on their hands in 1995.

U.S./Soviet Agreements

In 1986 I tried to inform the American people that President Reagan and the Carnegie Corporation had signed education agreements with the Soviet Union, which virtually merged the



two systems. I wrote to thirty leading conservative organizations, enclosing my article which exposed this treason. Few bothered to respond. Tom Winter, editor of *Human Events*, which had previously published my articles, told me that his subscribers would not understand my article. This was strange since the mainstream *Bangor Daily News* published it in its "Guest Column". *The Spotlight*, *The New American* and Eagle Forum gave the subject "once over lightly" coverage, but it was not until 1987 when Robert Morris, President of America's Future (PO Box 1625, Milford, PA 18337), published my flyer "Soviets in the Classroom... America's Latest Education Fad" that a real effort was made to inform Americans. Sad to say, the American Legion destroyed all of my documentation after deciding not to put the Maine Legion's unanimous resolution for rescission of the agreements to a vote of the entire national membership at its annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

The Soviets are now in American classrooms. If you doubt it, just care-

fully check your local papers for references to Russians working with our local schools. The Soviet *system* is now in our classrooms (this is what global work force restructuring is all about).

Won't You Come Clean, Bill Bennett?

On August 10, 1988 The National Citizens Alliance (NCA), formed in 1985 to try to get the U.S./Carnegie-Soviet education agreements cancelled, held a press conference at the National Press Club, Washington, D.C. The purpose of the conference was to call on Secretary of Education William Bennett before he left office, to:

1. End funding and promotion of programs such as *Tactics for Thinking* which employ hypnotic-like processes and altered states of consciousness techniques on children;
2. Cancel the education portion of the 1985 U.S.-Soviet education agreement;
3. Force Pennsylvania to adhere to the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (the Anita Hoge case);
4. Investigate the National Assessment of

Educational Progress' (NAEP) tracking of student attitudes and behavior.

Parents' groups had been requesting these actions of Bennett's Department of Education, including personally and unsuccessfully pleading with him not to fund the values-destroying Thomas Jefferson Research Center's character education, ever since he replaced Secretary of Education Terrell H. Bell in 1985.

Education Daily, "the education community's independent daily news service" covered the press conference and on August 11, 1988, wrote it up, stating in its last paragraph, "Bennett spokesman Loye Miller

said he is not aware of the complaints to which NCA refers. An OERI spokesman declined to comment."

Smoking Out the True-Blue Conservatives

Last fall I finally decided to smoke out the true-blue conservative leadership by faxing to fifteen of the major conservative groups' D.C. headquarters excerpts from the federally-funded National Education Goals Panel Toolkit — you know, the "Brainwash the Community Into Accepting GOALS 2000 Toolkit" — with an offer to send them **FREE** the computer diskette containing the 300-page project so that they could alert their membership nationwide before the

"A nation can survive its fools, and even the ambitious. But it cannot survive treason from within. An enemy at the gates is less formidable, for he is known and he carries his banners openly. But the traitor moves among those within the gate freely, his sly whispers rustling through all the alleys, heard in the very halls of government itself. For the traitor appears not traitor; he speaks in the accents familiar to his victims, and he wears their face and their garments, and he appeals to the baseness that lies deep in the hearts of all men. He rots the soul of a nation; he works secretly and unknown in the night to undermine the pillars of a city; he infects the body politic so that it can no longer resist. A murderer is less to be feared."

—Cicero, 42 B.C.

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—V. Molotov

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education establishment dumped the project on their local communities. (The U.S. Dept. of Education was charging \$35 for the packet.) Of the fifteen national organization headquarters contacted, one, Traditional Values, responded.

"Conservative" Support For COS

Most recently, Senator Jesse Helms introduced legislation supporting the highly controversial Conference of the States (COS) being pushed by the regional government apparatus, the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (ACIR) and its uneducated/naive minions (Governors) across the country. (By the way, Governors, a communist writer for the *Communist Daily World* stated in the early 70's that communism calls for regionalism.) If the necessary 25 states call for the COS, it will very likely result in a Constitutional Convention and the adoption of a new Constitution for the United States of America, which is necessary for membership in a one world government (the same international communism advocated by Lenin). Interesting that Vyacheslav Molotov, Foreign Minister under Stalin, said in an interview in 1986 that "the world will be Communist by the end of the Century."

Sen. Helms is not the lone conservative supporting the COS. Heritage Foundation, Paul Weyrich of the Free Congress Foundation, and Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition have all jumped on board. However, Helms most clearly illustrates the depth and seriousness of the problem discussed in this article, as did our 100% true-blue conservative Congressman Phil Crane from Illinois when he came out in support of GATT. If you can't depend on these guys to represent your children and grandchildren's best interests, upon whom can you depend?

Wolves In Sheep's Clothing?

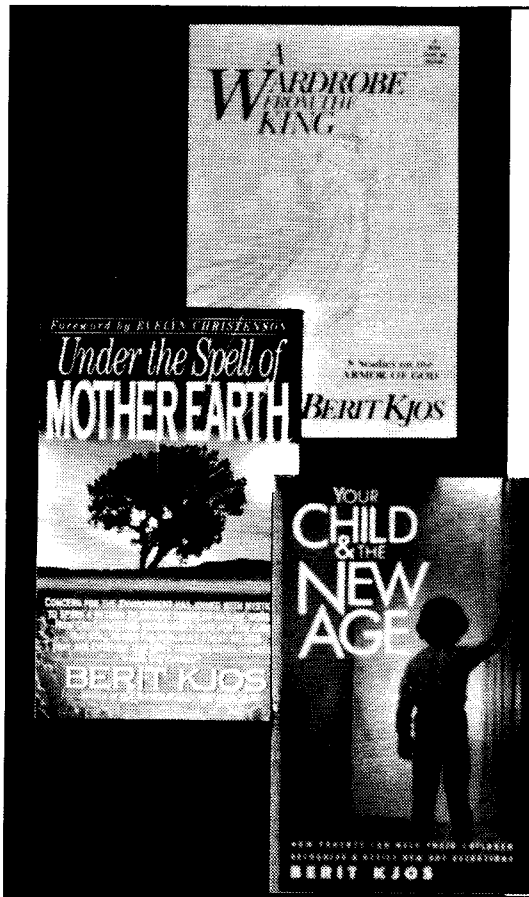
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- Edwin Feulner, President of Heritage Foundation, strongly supported the U.S.-Soviet education agreements, has an office in Moscow, supports Soviet-style magnet schools (i.e., tax-supported choice/charter schools), and has state affiliate organizations across the nation writing charter school legislation that reads like it has been written by the U.S. Department of Educa-

tion, the Carnegie Corporation and the National Education Association.

- Robert Simonds of Citizens for Excellence in Education recently formed an organization with his former enemy, sociologist/OBE guru, William Spady. The Bob and Bill caravan is presently going into school districts where controversy exists and playing the role of conflict resolvers. Spady is willing to give up his big, bad transformational outcomes in order to hold onto the mastery learning method. Simonds is being used to convince the parents "all is well now". This writer wouldn't use mastery learning/OBE to teach the Ten Commandments! It's Skinner's pigeon work force training method.
- Paul Weyrich's American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) gave an award to Oregon's Department of Education for its education reform, especially the work force training component and its certificate of initial mastery (CIM) necessary to get a job. Weyrich has served as an advisor to Russian President Boris Yeltsin of recent Chechnyan genocide fame. In 1986 he wrote an article in *The Washington Post* which virtually recommended a new Constitution and form of government for the U.S.
- William Bennett's heavy (\$300,000,000) funding of the late Professor Ron Edmonds' Effective School Research on Mastery Learning/OBE.
- Presidential candidate Lamar Alexander's support, when Secretary of Education, to the Effective School research crowd (Donald Thomas and Columbia University's Dale Mann) going to Russia to work on the merger of our education systems. We were supposed to benefit from the "pedagogic systems and theories which have been highly developed in Russia." (See *Effective School Report*, 11/91 and 11/92.) Lamar, in good communist fashion, wants your children at birth and is big on the Soviet Polytech work force training system.
- We know enough about Newt Gingrich of the World Futures Society, who admires Alvin Toffler, John Naisbitt, Nelson Mandela, Ron Dellums, and Franklin

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Roosevelt. High on Newt's education expert list is Lewis Perelman, author of *School's Out*, who studied under B.F. Skinner, Vassily Leontieff (Mr. PPBS), and Jay Forrester, all of whom Perelman holds in high regard. Need I say more?

- The conservative media spokesperson who anesthetizes on a daily basis the average common sense Joe six-pack into believing the persons/organizations mentioned in this article will return America to its former status as the beacon of freedom and economic opportunity for the rest of the world, is Rush Limbaugh who is a close friend of "Mr. Virtues" (Bill Bennett) and who supports the unconstitutional NAFTA and GATT Treaties.

I believe that if these cases of treason and/or stupidity were brought before a judge, he/she would have a hard time

ruling that these organizations/individuals were what they claim to be.

I could go on and on, but you have the point, and the list backs up what you already knew or suspected. Give it to good Americans who are in denial. That's a tall order. You'd have to give it to 250 million people!

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PART III: The Abrahamic Covenant And Joyous Feast Of Tabernacles

Today, "new revelations" in the body of Christ reveal a new agenda for the Church: fresh outpourings, laughing, unity, revival, Tabernacles, covenant, God's Army, the blessing of the nations. What does it all mean? And what about those who don't buy the new truths? As the new agenda is implemented, the line drawn in the Church becomes more evident. On one side of that line are those whom God has separated for Himself, a people who will adhere to his word as it reveals Jesus Christ. On the other side are those attempting to make "all things new" before their time, based on a prophetic mixture of the Abrahamic covenant and the Old Testament feasts of Israel.

THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT: A "New" Covenant For Society?

In 1979, Jeremy Rifkin, New Age author of *The Emerging Order* [of later "Beyond Beef" vegetarian campaign fame, ed.], almost perfectly described events now coming to pass:

We are in the early stages of a second Protestant Reformation. While Charismatics are generating a potential liberating impulse, the

more mainline evangelical movement is beginning to provide the necessary reformulation of theological doctrine that is essential for the creation of a new covenant vision and worldview...

If the charismatic and evangelical strains of the new Christian renewal movement come together and unite a liberating energy with a new covenant vision for society, it is possible that a great religious awakening will take place, one po-

reformation emerging between now and the year A.D. 2000.¹ [emphasis mine]

The traditional Church is founded on the New Covenant in the Blood of Jesus, through whom individuals of all nations can receive the promised Spirit by faith in Him. But there are evidences that the strong unity described by Rifkin is now emerging, as well as his "new covenant vision and worldview" for society. Thanks to Latter Rain teaching and the prophetic arm of the laughing movement, a corporate child (see part II) is being birthed into the world. This child points not to Christ, but to itself as the one through whom all the nations of the world will be blessed.

Abraham's Blessing Through His "SEED"

Latter Rain teaching misinterprets the five verses in Galatians which refer to blessings given to Abraham. For example, British teacher Alan Vincent says that God promised to bless every family on the face of the earth through Abraham's seed, which is the Church. But carefully read these verses:

The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. The Scripture does not say "and to seeds," meaning many people, but "and to your seed," meaning one person, who is Christ. (Gal. 3:16)

Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham. The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you." (Gal. 3:7-8)

That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ,

tentially powerful enough to incite a second Protestant reformation.

[Rifkin said he would examine] the interrelationship between the great economic transformation taking place and the evangelical awakening that is spreading across America and speculate about the likelihood of a second Protestant

THE LAUGHING PHENOMENON Part III

Ed Tarkowski

that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. (Gal. 6:14)

If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. (Gal. 3:29)

Taken together, these verses mean that God spoke promises to Abraham and to his one seed, who is Christ. What He promised through Christ was the Holy Spirit and the gospel, which would be offered to all nations. This blessing of Abraham would come through Jesus, who FULFILLED the promise, and be given to the HEIRS, who are all who belong to Christ.

Four points need to be made here:

1. Christ is the one who blesses the nations by giving the Holy Spirit to all who believe. This was fulfilled at Pentecost and is ongoing. The recipients of the blessing are those who receive the Spirit by faith in Christ: *Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law, or by believing what you heard?* (Gal. 3:2). Those who do not believe in Him are excluded from the blessing. But Latter Rain teaches that every person on earth is to receive this blessing, not from Christ personally and through faith in Him, but through the Church and its celebration of Tabernacles. In other words, the recipients replace Christ by themselves becoming "distributors" of the Spirit based on their own intercession.

2. In Latter Rain teaching, the Church intercedes for the nations, and then God releases the blessings promised to Abraham through the Feast of Tabernacles. Salvation is moved from a personal level to a territorial one, with emphasis on "taking the land" and setting up God's Kingdom.

3. Latter Rain teaches that the blessing of Abraham will be released into the nations as the Church celebrates Tabernacles or the Ingathering of the Harvest. But, this promise was fulfilled when Christ sent the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Therefore, any spirit "released" through Tabernacles cannot be the Holy Spirit.

4. The Spirit seals all believers as God's guarantee that when Christ returns to judge the nations and establish His rule, we will receive all of God's promises. But Latter Rain teaches that the Church is the promised seed which enters into its inheritance by 1) celebrating the Feast of Atonement, 2) experiencing Pentecost, and 3) entering the time of the Feast of Tabernacles. The expected outcome of this "journey" is that Christ becomes incarnate in His perfected members, bringing them immortality and enabling them to be His endtime army, Joel's Army. As they take the blessing of Abraham to the nations, this Army ESTABLISHES that which the Scripture says they are to INHERIT: the Kingdom of God. (Matt. 25:34)

This is what Toronto and Rodney Howard-Browne are all about. Let's recap what we stated in Part II about the "child Isaac, meaning laughter," and see how Rifkin's "new covenant" for society emerges, in part, through a misinterpretation of the Abrahamic Covenant. Let's review what the leaders of this movement are saying:

- **Wimber:** "Season of new beginnings." He then cited Gen. 18:10, Sarah's response to God: "Shall I have this pleasure in my old age? ...This was a word of life from the Lord, and it touched me deeply."²
- **Mode:** "God is romancing his Church, and through that romance he says I'm going to then impregnate and through the impregnation will then come new birth..."³
- **Cerullo:** God "will make you pregnant with [His] reality..." through "sacred... revelations... never heard preached anywhere."⁴
- **Foster/Cornwall:** "I am now impregnating some of my mature, older ministers with truth [not now being taught]... to carry that truth to full gestation and... to raise it up once it is delivered."⁵
- **Hickey:** "God is new and He's a growing person as anything that is

alive... Just let God be God in you as a child, as a child be... never old, ever young, growing, a growing thing."⁶

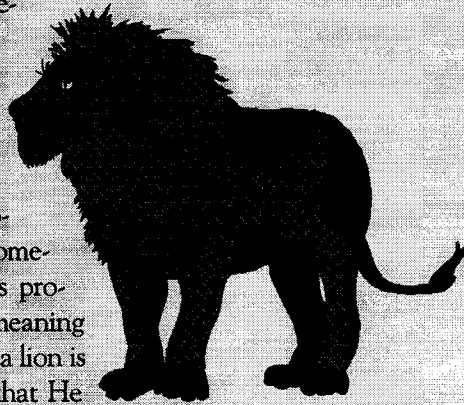
- **Master Potter:** "Prophetically, the child Isaac, which means 'Laughter,' is being released in nation after nation as the new wine is being passed."⁷
- **Endtime Handmaidens:** "Sarah is a type of the Church. The Church is 'withered,' and its womb is dried up in many places, but God is sending a revival of joy to awaken and renew the Church so that she can bring forth the 'man-child' of joy, even the army of overcomers who will go forth in the likeness and image of the Lord in these last days."⁸
- **Mode:** "We're in the romancing and impregnation stage right now but we've got to pray in and cry out for the harvest... This is the pre-stage of it."⁹

A "new covenant" vision and worldview are being set in place by means of replacement theology, which applies certain select Old Testament passages to today's Church. We shall see that Wimber's "season of new beginnings" is being called the Feast of Tabernacles, and the "new" sacred truths being revealed are built on the Latter Rain teachings. In a taped talk entitled "God's 'Suddenlys'," Alan Vincent indicates that he, too, was inspired by the type of Sarah's child Isaac, meaning "laughter," but this time as "Abraham's seed." Vincent's new revelation brings together "Isaac" with the new version of the Abrahamic covenant and the feasts of Israel. Vincent speaks of God using His body (the Church) to laugh (Isaac), a laugh that will shake the world:

But I tell you what God said to me was, He said, "Alan, I am moving the Church from the Day of Atonement to Tabernacles. I'm, frankly, just beginning to laugh." And He took me to Psalm 2, verse 4, where it says, "the rulers of this

AND THE LORD WILL ROAR FROM ZION — by Ed Tarkowski

One phenomena that occurs frequently during laughing meetings is people making animal noises, such as roaring lion sounds. Advocates of this phenomenon believe this is prophetic in nature, meaning a man roaring like a lion is God prophesying that He is coming soon as a roaring lion.



For instance, Amos 1:2a says,

The Lord will roar from Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem.

But this is immediately explained that this means judgment:

And the habitations of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither. (Amos 1:2b)

The idea of God describing Himself as roaring from Zion, then, would mean that great judgment is coming, not revival as explained by the supporters of the Toronto Blessing. Amos also explains to us how to understand this “roaring” — it is an announcement that God will do something. A lion won’t roar until he has found something to eat (Amos 3:4). When the trumpet is blown, the people will be afraid of what will happen, and in the same way, Amos tells us, God Himself will show us what He will do: “He will reveal His secret unto His servants”. And as we will have fear when a lion roars, the prophets will

prophecy when the Lord has spoken (Amos 3:8). So the “roaring of the Lord” is not an audible roaring which sounds like a real lion, but it is the speaking of God to His servants, the prophets, in imagery. When He speaks, then they shall prophecy.

There’s a difference between the Old and the New Testament. Under the old covenant the Holy Spirit wasn’t indwelling the believers. And most of the prophets had revelations only at special occasions. The Lord was leading His people through His prophets. But as we have a new covenant, the Holy Spirit is indwelling in every Christian. This means a completely new way of leading. Jesus tells us that the Holy Spirit will not come as a Comforter only, but that He will explain to us all the truth and He will show us where we are wrong. He Himself will teach and lead us.

God commanded some of his prophets to do some strange things, e.g. to lie on one side for a long time or to marry a prostitute. But again, there are two main differences:

1. This is the Old Testament way of guiding His people (through prophets and outward signs), not the New Testament way (Word, indwelling Spirit).

2. Normally the prophet wasn’t forced to do a special thing (in the way that the Holy Spirit came upon him in such a power that he wasn’t able to do anything else). No, not like a puppet! The prophets heard the words of God and then they acted in faith, by their own will and their own strength!

Does the Holy Spirit, then, tell us personally, “I want you to roar like a lion and to jump like a kangaroo. I want you to do so during the next service”? No, and in the Toronto Blessing, “it” usually comes upon them and then, afterwards, they arrive at the supposed purpose. This contradicts both ideas 1 and 2. †

This sidebar was taken from a study by a researcher and brother in the Lord from Germany.

world will take council together against the Lord and against His Christ.” And then it says, “The Lord will laugh, he will have them in derision,” and if you look up those Hebrew words, they are words of great strength. You get a picture of God rolling on the floor, laughing at the absolute ludicrousness that the devil could possibly frustrate His eternal purpose. As if the devil could stop him fulfilling his covenant to Abraham. As if the devil could even stop Him from using the Church. He said, “The

whole idea makes me laugh.” He said, “I’m starting to use my body to laugh,” ’cause, He said, “The Day of Atonement is over and Tabernacles is coming, and I’m getting ready to laugh and I’m getting ready to roar, and I tell you this whole world is going to feel the shaking of that laughter and the power of that roar.”¹⁰

How will Vincent’s God fulfill His covenant promise to Abraham through the Church? According to his heresy, it will be by moving the seed of Abraham

into the celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles, a celebration in which God uses His corporate body to laugh.

THE “NEW” ABRAHAMIC COVENANT: The Toronto Blessing — “every family on the face of the earth will be blessed”

It is appropriate that the Laughing Phenomenon is called the Toronto Blessing because Alan Vincent considers the covenant promise of Abraham’s seed (“Isaac”, i.e. “laughter”) to be a blessing for every family on the face of the earth.

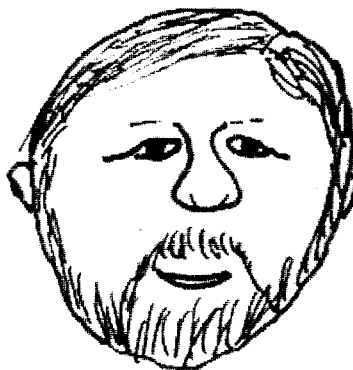
Later, he relates that this blessing must include a rejection of the dispensational "rapture theory," but with a bizarre twist. In order to come to faith about its inheritance, the Church must look past Pentecost to the Feast Of Tabernacles, or the Ingathering of the Harvest. Working out of his mastery of replacement theology, Vincent continues,

They [the 120 at Pentecost] came to faith about their inheritance. If you read on in Acts chapter three, you'll find in verse 25 Peter again explaining what was going on. He says,... "[God's] had this on His agenda for millennia, and now you're privileged to see the fulfillment of all of that the prophets have said." That was true, of course, for the nation of Israel, it was true for the city of Jerusalem, now it's becoming true for every single city on the face of the earth because God promised through Abraham, He said, "I will, through your seed, which is the Church, every family on the face of the earth is going to be blessed. Every single people group, every mishpachah¹¹, every ethnic group, every tribe, every household, every gathering together of any community for any reason which gives them an identity." He said, "Now every single mishpachah on the face of the whole earth is gonna' be blessed just the way this one [Jerusalem] is being blessed by turning every one of them away from their iniquities."¹²

How does Vincent propose to turn every city away from its iniquities? Through a combination of the supernatural power evidenced in Toronto and intercession to claim the land:

So ...if you can't carry the whole world on your heart [and intercede for it], carry some of the mishpachahs on your heart. Get a nation, get a city, get a tribe, get a people and say, "God, you promised Abraham, seven full times you

repeated it, you swore it by an oath, every time you talked about a covenant, you said this is the heart of the thing." And soon as the Spirit comes and starts to shake the city of Jerusalem, Peter says, "Oh, this is what the prophets have talked about!" This is just one city experiencing what every city must experience. Otherwise, God's the



John Wimber

biggest liar there ever was, and of course, that's impossible. I'm saying that quite shockingly. Beloved, God HAS to keep His word. It has to happen. Why should God keep saying again and again, "This is what I'm going to do through the seed," and then Jesus coming in the sudden rapture theory, and spoiling God's covenant promises to Abraham? It's impossible for Jesus to come until these things are fulfilled.

And so, they came to faith about their inheritance because he goes on to say, "You are the sons of the prophets." And you know the word in the NIV, the word "huios"¹³ is actually translated, "You are the heirs" because that's the main meaning of the word. You're the people that are going to inherit every word that the prophets ever said. It's yours to go and get by faith. You can have it by faith. He said, "You are the sons of all that

God promised Abraham," saying, "Through your seed every single family on the face of the earth will be blessed" ...They were looking at the promise of that. Soon the city was in uproar, and in the short space of time they were accused of filling the world, of turning the world upside down, and filling Jerusalem with their teaching.¹⁴

In Part II, we discussed replacement theology and quoted part of Mark Dupont's Toronto prophecy:

Like Jerusalem, Toronto will end up being a sending out place. It is of God that there are so many internationals in this area. The Lord is going to be sending out many people, filled with His Spirit with strong gifting, vision, and love to the nations on all continents.¹⁵

Just as the Spirit shook Jerusalem at Pentecost, Toronto is now being likened to Jerusalem. It has been shaken and now becomes "one city experiencing what every city must experience." But this outpouring is not through the Feast of Pentecost, but through the Feast of Tabernacles. Why? Because Latter Rain teachers say Pentecost is not enough; it must come to maturity in Tabernacles.

LATTER RAIN DOCTRINE: Passover, Pentecost, Tabernacles

In an article entitled "Beyond Pentecost" in Rick Joyner's *Morning Star Journal*, Robin McMillan and Steve Thompson wrote of their new understanding of Israel's feasts as applied to an endtime Church "stirred to move out into [its] communities":

Individuals and congregations are breaking into uncontrollable holy laughter, often lasting hours. Many people appear to be so spiritually "drunk" in the joy of the Lord that they cannot even walk or talk. Although these manifestations appear abnormal and questionable to many, people are being profoundly touched by God. Not only are heal-

Promise Keepers: A Militant Unity? — By Ed Tarkowski and Sarah Leslie

Promise Keepers, a rapidly growing ecumenical men's movement, may be the best tool for those holding the Manifest Sons of God doctrines to market their beliefs to the rest of the American church. These beliefs, which are foundational to the Laughing Phenomenon associated with Rodney Howard-Browne, are now entering mainstream churches of all denominations via Promise Keepers. The Manifest Sons of God believe that Christ cannot incarnate in a divided body; therefore, it's crucial that the Church be united. Another term for this is "Joel's Army". Promise Keepers has been likened to this army. An article in Jewell van der Merwe's *Discernment* newsletter states:

In a recent interview in response to a question as to whether the Promise Keepers could be fulfilling the prophecy in Joel of raising an army, [Pastor] James Ryle answered, "Yes... 300,000 men have come together so far this year under Promise Keepers... Never in history have 300,000 men come together except to go to war. These men are gathered for War."²⁹

According to the *O Timothy* newsletter, "Promise Keepers is a men's movement started... by members of John Wimber's Vineyard Fellowship."³⁰ Ryle, who has ministered with John Wimber and Paul Cain,³¹ is pastor of the Boulder Valley Vineyard and, in association with Boulder member Bill McCartney, founded Promise Keepers in 1990.³² Ryle is presently a member of the Board of Directors of Promise Keepers, a 'non-denominational,' parachurch organization [whose stated goal] is to celebrate biblical manhood and motivate men toward Christlike masculinity."³³ Vineyard head John Wimber has given his wholehearted approval to the Laughing Phenomenon.

Ryle isn't the only one to promise endtime warriors. During a Pastors' Meeting at the Airport Vineyard in Toronto, where the Laughing Phenomenon is ongoing, Rev. John Arnott said:

And so now we're starting to see people prophetically acting like lions and oxen and eagles and even warriors... it's a wonderful thing and we've seen it spontaneous... We had all four of those manifestations happening at the same time. So what did the man look like? He looked like a warrior, just yelling Ahhhhh!!!![It] just may be the Holy Spirit putting an empowering, like a warrior, on them.^{34A}

Promise Keepers has incorporated key doctrines of the Manifest Sons of God into their material. The February 1995 issue of *Suitable Helpers*, a newsletter for women participating in Promise Keepers expresses that believers can become Christ Incarnate: "Our Lord is calling out a great host of men ready and willing to become 'Christs' in their homes: Promise Keepers. In grand, bold sweeps, God has mustered an army."

Noticing the potential political nature of this men's movement is none other than *The New Age Journal*, which ran an article favorable to Promise Keepers in its April 1995 edition. Writer Jeff Wagenheim noted the odd combination of New Age men's movement ideology (Robert Bly's pantheism) combined with the political evangelicalism of Pat Robertson:

...despite the group's assertions to the contrary, Promise Keepers is an organization with vast political influence. The fact that hundreds of thousands of men are being actively encouraged to adhere to a highly conservative set of values and to work to instill those values in their communities and nation should not just be a matter of theological interest.

An historical precedent for a military-style political/religious movement such as Promise Keepers can be found in Germany during the 30's. According to author Richard Terrell in his provocative book, *Resurrecting the Third Reich* (Huntington House, 1994), orthodox Christianity was supplanted by the German Völkish faith:

What was to take possession of the German consciousness was a **militant romanticism**... According to this way of thinking, the Divine Spirit is manifested in the spirit of a people, in their **collective genius** and total culture or **Völkgeist**... Germany developed a kind of **communal mysticism** which contained its own Teutonic concept of a chosen people, called to redeem civilization from its decadence. (p. 44)

Terrell describes the advent of this full-blown religion:

...rallies were **glorious pageants** that stirred the emotions, which depended not on any revelation of Scripture, but on **pure feeling**... Even today, still photographs of these meetings have a powerful and gripping presence...

The Völkish concept of the **social organism** was effectively symbolized in **mass meetings** that expressed a sense of eternity, awe, and mystery, effects stimulated by a "cathedral of light" nighttime mass meetings in which anti-aircraft lights sent brilliant shafts of illumination into the darkened sky. (p. 59)

Is Promise Keepers creating a new "folk" religion? The large mass rallies, the exaltation of emotion over reason, the lack of doctrinal integrity, the taking of oaths (the 7 promises), the focus on fatherland and fatherhood, and the ecumenical inclusion of aberrant esoteric doctrines bears a disconcerting similarity to an era which gave rise to one of the most dreadful armies in history. The infiltration of Manifest Sons of God doctrines into Promise Keepers (via Vineyard) combined with New Age ideologies (via Robert Bly and Robert Hicks) appears to create a new American folk theology: pantheism, the idolatry of self, the belief in a divine mandate to take the land, the superiority of a group, and the necessity of group hysteria.

While many in the church are jumping wholeheartedly into the Laughing Phenomenon and Promise Keepers, it behooves the rest of the Church to take a sober, steady look at the historical, theological and philosophical underpinnings of these popular movements of our times. †

[All emphases ours.]

ings and deliverances accompanying these manifestations, but entire congregations are being renewed as their members are stirred to move out into their communities in the love and power of God. After observing this firsthand and experiencing it in our own congregations, we began searching the Scriptures to uncover the meaning of this visitation. Our search led us to the great feasts of Israel.¹⁶

The one verse always tied to this "revival" spreading across the globe is: *This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then the end shall come.* (Matt. 24:14) But what gospel? In their article, McMillan and Thompson also replace Christ and Israel with the Church. They assert that the gospel was foreshadowed in three Old Testament feasts of Israel, based on Ex. 23:15-16:

PASSOVER: celebration of deliverance from the Angel of death while in slavery. Christ our Passover lamb has been slain (1 Cor. 5:7-8); for the saved, Passover has been celebrated.¹⁷

PENTECOST: the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. According to McMillan and Thompson, Pentecost "is not the complete harvest... it is not enough."¹⁸

TABERNACLES: They say: "There is another realm of spiritual experience typified in scripture by the Feast of Tabernacles. Until we understand and partake of this feast, as we have both Passover and Pentecost, we will never fulfill our destiny and calling. We must discover the meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles and 'celebrate' it along with Passover and Pentecost..."

"What God did among Jews in Jerusalem, He is going to do among humanity and worldwide. Pentecost will come to maturity in the Feast of Tabernacles."¹⁹

Scripturally, the Feast of Tabernacles commemorated the desert wanderings of

Israel after her exodus from Egypt, a time when the Jews constructed homemade booths, or tabernacles, for shelter. This Feast also marked the end of the agricultural year in Israel, when the harvest of the orchards and vines was celebrated with joy and gladness. But in Latter Rain teaching, the completion of the Feast will come only in the endtimes. According to replacement theology, the Church's experience of Tabernacles would begin after it passes through a "dry bones" period symbolic of Israel's wandering in the desert. For some, this prophecy was fulfilled by a 40-year period of dryness just now ending in the Church, and the time of joyful celebrations of the harvest is now upon us.

Al Dager gives a basic foundation for the Latter Rain movement's replacement theology in his book, *Vengeance Is Ours*:

In 1951, [George Warnock] wrote his book, *The Feast of Tabernacles*, in which he laid out a specific doctrine for the Latter Rain Movement. He taught that the Church was about to usher in the completion of God's feasts through perfection of the saints and their dominion over the earth.

Essentially, this Latter Rain teaching implies that the three great annual feasts of the Lord in Israel's worship (Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles) typify the whole Church Age, beginning with the death of Jesus on the cross, and consummating in "the manifestations of the Sons of God" — the "overcomers" who will become perfected and step into immortality in order to establish the Kingdom of God on earth.

According to Warnock, this will be accomplished through the restoration of the Church in unity...²⁰

TABERNACLES: Ecumenical Unity

Beginning in the 1950s, denominational walls have been slowly but steadily coming down. The barrier between Pentecostals and Charismatics was the first to go, but thanks to the drawing power of Restorationism and now Toronto's Laughing Phenomenon, others are crumbling as well. Referring to the Toronto Blessing, English clergyman Sandy Miller said, "It's not confined to any one denomination... It's happening across the board... all over the place."²¹

Now, forty years after Warnock promised "restoration of the Church in unity," McMillan and Thompson also associate the current drive for unity with the endtime Feast of Tabernacles. It's interesting that this required unity again carries the sense of birthing and new revelations. They write,

If you wanted to be where His Spirit was birthing a fresh revelation of Him at the beginning of this century, you had to find Him once again in a stable, among the makeshift benches at 312 Azusa Street. Only the humble are able to follow the Lord in the place that He chooses.

This same humility enables us to walk in unity with our brothers as well. During the Feast of Tabernacles, all of Israel dwelt in booths, the rich and poor alike. As they left those things which defined their station in life and separated them into different classes, they celebrated the goodness of God in unity, without division.²²

TABERNACLES: The Joy of The Harvest

Because denominational differences fade under the influence of the Laughing Phenomenon, it will be very useful in bringing about the restoration of a united Church as well as supplying the manpower to handle the coming harvest. In their article, McMillan and Thompson

envision the joy of this great harvest associated with Tabernacles:

The manifestations of joy and spiritual drunkenness which we are seeing and hearing in these days are only the beginning of the great rain of the Holy Spirit that God promised to pour out in these times. They are a witness that He is bringing restoration and hope to people for the largest harvest of souls that has ever occurred — the Feast of Ingathering or the Feast of Tabernacles.²³

According to Dager, Warnock taught that the Church would “usher in the completion of God’s feasts through perfection of the saints and their dominion over the earth.”²⁴ The Feast of Tabernacles in particular will be completed through Church unity, the harvest, and the manifestation of the Sons of God who will take dominion over the earth and establish God’s Kingdom. And because Israel’s feasts and God’s covenant with Abraham have now been conjoined, “Sarah” and her child “Isaac” (laughter) will figure even more greatly in the joyful celebration of Tabernacles.

LATTER RAIN DOCTRINE: The Manifest Sons Of God

The fulfillment of the Feast of Tabernacles is approaching, say McMillan and Thompson, and a united Church will soon be rejoicing in the endtime ingathering of souls. But they also promise a release of maturity into the Church:

...our participation in a spiritual celebration of the feast of Tabernacles is the key to God releasing fullness and maturity in the church. It is a feast of joy and release, bringing restoration. It is also a feast of humility, unity and ultimately, the ingathering of many lost people. It is the celebration of the harvest.²⁵

Where will this “fullness and maturity” be found? In the coming forth of the Manifest Sons of God. This teaching on

the Manifest Sons is the culmination of all other Latter Rain doctrines. It’s based on Romans 8:19 (*For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God*) which traditionally refers to believers being manifested or revealed to the world as sons of God at the time of the return of Christ.²⁶ But in the aberrant beliefs of the Latter Rain movement, the Manifest Sons of God will be revealed prior to Christ’s return, and will be mightily used by God to prepare the world for His coming by establishing His kingdom.

This teaching has two main aspects. Individuals become Manifest Sons of God. But together, they are a corporate body, often referred to as God’s endtime army, based on Joel 2.²⁷ These Manifest Sons will be perfected through the new, progressive revelations of a restored ministry of apostles and prophets. Steve Montgomery, a critic of the movement, describes this transformation:

“Christ” Individually: Jesus is considered the Pattern Son. He was the first to make it as a divine, immortal sinless Manifest Son of God. This accomplishment will be duplicated by each individual who, by following Jesus the Pattern Son, becomes a Manifest Son of God. To achieve this goal is to reach Full Sonship, perfection, completion, immortalization, glorification, body salvation, or the third salvation, at which point the Glory of the Father is to inhabit the physical body as typified by the feast of Tabernacles and demonstrated by the Transfiguration of Christ. This Christ Company, now individually manifest as Sons of God, would then be revealed to the world as Many Saviours who would take dominion (establish Theocracy) and execute judgment (annihilation of those they deem as ungodly).

“Christ” Corporately: They consider the corporate body of Christ to be Christ. The body of

Christ is thought to be a literal extension of the incarnation of Christ. This causes both scriptures that refer to His ruling the nations and judging the world to find fulfillment through themselves. A distinction is made between Christ’s coming, appearing or manifestation to rule and judge the world through the Sons of God and His later individual, personal return. He is unable to return until the stage is set by the establishment of His rule and reign through the sons of God subduing the nations, or taking dominion, and executing judgment on the ungodly. This would usher in the new age, the new world order, the theocracy, divine government, divine order or kingdom age.²⁸

This eschatology bears little resemblance to orthodox Christianity. Also, because it’s essential to the Latter Rain agenda, the evangelical dispensational doctrines of the tribulation, the rapture, and Christ returning to subdue the nations are all dismissed. The MSG belief is the Church will bring in the kingdom of God through its Warriors, the Manifest Sons of the Latter Rain. John Arnott of Toronto Airport Vineyard explains:

And so that brings in a whole lot of eschatological questions, you know. Is this the time? I don’t know. Is this the time Jesus is coming? Will He find faith on the earth when He returns? ...Yes, Lord, we’re going to go for it, we’re gonna try to do our part to bring the kingdom of God here. And, I don’t know what it all is going to look like in the aftermath, but I just cannot believe God would go to so much trouble to save fallen humanity and say “Well, we gave it our best shot, but we’re miserable failures,” you know. Can you? There’s this poor little remnant hiding in a cave somewhere waiting for the rapture to happen. I just don’t see that as a

Sovereign Lord. Everything He does, He does well.^{34B}

According to Manifest Sons of God doctrine, the judgment of God will fall on all who break His covenant and do not follow His ways. This judgment will be administered by Joel's Army, the corporate body of Manifest Sons now come to full stature. The rise of the endtime Joel's Army has been portrayed as a military battle. This can be seen in this word from the Toronto Vineyard in which Wes Campbell relates a 1984 vision concerning the Church:

And the church was gathered in a large civil war-type big stately mansion, a big ballroom, and they were dancing. And they were dressed in colorful clothes and happy, and they were moving and they were laughing and they were dancing and they were just having the wonderful party of their life."

And he looked at that and Bob began to laugh and he said "Look at them dance, look at them have fun" And an angel came and said "Wait. Not yet." And then what happened is that strangely in the ballroom, the crowd began to change, and they began to take sides, and they began to have blue coats and gray coats, and in a moment civil war broke out. A bloody civil war broke out. James Ryle has had a similar vision. The Lord even showed him how the blue coats stand for the revelatory, the revelation, and the grey for grey matter, man's wisdom. And in this context the north fought the south and the south fought the north, and the south wanted to keep the people enslaved. They wanted their money. They wanted their bodies. They wanted their personhood to keep the system going. And the north said, "No! Freedom! Freedom!"

And they went into a terrible fight, and it was father against son,

brother against brother, and a man's enemies were in his own house. And the angel said this: "There won't be a house that escapes weeping." We do not know how long this time of visitation will continue in this capacity. But when the time is up you run with all your might, because as this begins to be known throughout the entire Christian community of the world, there will come a polarization. There always has come a polarization.

And there eventually will become wars. There will be wars in your household. Your own family may not understand what's going on. Your own family may turn against you. That doesn't mean they're evil. That just means as Christians they haven't seen this aspect of the Holy Spirit. 'Cause they're Christians. We're talking about Christians. But the end of the vision was this: that after the time of bloodshed, the Lord was going to heal the breach. And then the harvest will come in.³⁵

There is no such thing prophesied in Scripture, and the very idea in the light of all we have shared is chilling.

THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE IS YOURS

This universal move is pervading the entire Church and bringing forth an army, and Latter Rain teachers say it is God's Army. Through major ministries, hundreds of thousands have come into the Laughing Phenomena. For what purpose? So that God can roar like a lion and laugh through them, and thereby draw the world to Himself. But what of those who question this and won't go along with the agenda? As individual Christians responsible to God for our actions, we should be asking, "Do we have a choice in all of this?" Yes, we do, and time is running out for making that choice. †

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And be not conformed to this world... Romans 12:2

The distinctiveness of the Church today is being lost as Christians rush to embrace the ways of our increasingly decadent culture. But, there is another way.

We are living in a time of moral confusion and our generation's immorality is reflected in many of today's styles. Today's fashion industry has little regard for modesty, and its products often project a look that is inappropriate for someone who wants to mirror Christ.

The marvelous grace of God in our hearts compels us to reflect His holiness in the part of our being that other people see. When a person becomes a Christian, his experience changes every facet of his life — not just the inward person but the outward person as well.

A Biblical Principle

The Bible instructs us to wear modest clothing, that is, clothing with a godly appearance. Of course, our outward appearance cannot substitute for inward holiness. Adam and Eve covered themselves with fig leaves after they sinned, but God found their efforts inadequate. By making clothing of animal skins for them, He confirmed that they indeed need modest clothing, but He also revealed that holiness in appearance must be associated with God's provision for our sins. Only by the death of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, do we obtain

the righteousness of God that we seek to reflect outwardly.

God instructed Israel's high priest to wear "holy garments," for he represented a holy God (Exodus 28:2). God also ordered the priests to wear clothing that covered their nakedness and forbade elevated altars upon which priest would walk and thereby expose their nakedness (Exodus 20:26; 28:42).

Proverbs 7:10 speaks of a woman with "the attire of an harlot." Clearly, certain garments are associated with sin and are not suitable for godly people to wear.

are an unspoken witness of the transforming power of Christ.

I Timothy 2:9 admonishes "that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamedfacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array." I Peter 3:3 gives similar instructions.

I Corinthians 11:1-16 teaches that a woman should have long hair, for it is her glory, and that a man should not have long hair. A person's hair serves as an important visible symbol of his or her submission to God's plan of authority and as a distinguishing mark between the sexes.

Revelation 16:15 uses clothing as a symbol to instruct the church to stay close to God: "Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame."

Clearly, God puts emphasis on the outward appearance of a person. To an extent, clothing reflects the condition of the heart, and it sends a message to others about a person's values.



CONTENDING FOR MODESTY

A Response to God's Grace

Advocating modesty of dress and outward dedication does not mean advocating salvation by works. Wearing godly dress is not a meritorious work to earn salvation; rather, it is a response to the saving grace of God. The blood of Jesus is our only righteousness. Our salvation comes from God, never from our good works. To think that we could earn His marvelous grace by adhering to dress codes would be a terrible mistake.

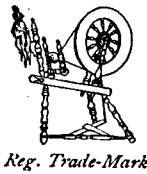
But to accept the grace of God and then be indifferent to Christ's command-

The principle that God wants His people to reflect His holiness applies to the New Testament church (I Peter 1:15-16). We are called to be living epistles read of all people, declaring to the world God's holy nature and His abiding presence (II Corinthians 3:3). Our outward appearance is one way in which we

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If we are to honor God in our hearts, it is consistent to honor Him with an outward dedication. I John 2:15 instructs us, "Love not the world"; surely, then, we would be foolish to mirror worldly values in our appearance.

The Protection of Modesty

Adhering to a modest, godly standard of dress and conduct offers protection from the surge of immorality that plagues our generation. Clothes and appearance transmit nonverbal signals. Christians who verbalize goodness and godliness but at the same time nonverbally declare sensuality and ungodliness destroy the effectiveness of their gospel witness.

The primary purpose of many fashion designs is to exalt the ego, attract undue attention to the flesh, stir desires, and ignite passion in others, thereby appealing to the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, which the Bible condemns (I John 2:16). If we are to honor the holiness of God, we must not dress in such styles and with such motives.

We must not naively ignore the complex causes of immorality and marital infidelity, but neither should we ignore the influence that sensual dress has on adultery and fornication. If a man looks with lust upon a woman he commits adultery in his heart (Matthew 5:28). If a woman provokes a lustful look by her appearance is she not partly responsible for the man's sin? If people would dress in ways that do not provoke lust, the moral fiber of our society would be strengthened.

The danger of overemphasizing any discipline in the Christian life is that some people allow the discipline to become a legalistic code. Some people who harbor unholy attitudes such as hatred,

ment for holy living would discredit His mercy. If the church preaches Christ and His saving grace without teaching biblical guidelines to live by, it leaves people open to confusion and failure. Deliberate and continuous disobedience to God's Word will lead to the loss of saving faith.

Who can view the Cross without wanting to conform to Christ? Who

would want to continue his or her old sinful patterns of living when Jesus Christ died to bring deliverance from those sins? When people comprehend His holiness, they desire to become holy. While it is true that the blood of Jesus cleanses from all sin, it is also true that genuine love for Him restrains a person from presuming upon His marvelous grace.

bitterness, envy, and strife falsely think they are spiritual because they wear modest clothes.

Such distortions are hypocritical and wrong. But we cannot dismiss the need for modesty in dress because some distort it. The biblical alternative to legalism is not permissiveness or license but self-discipline motivated by grace, faith, love, the Word of God, and the Holy Spirit. (See John 14:15; I Corinthians 9:24-27; II Timothy 2:4-5; I John 2:3-6.)

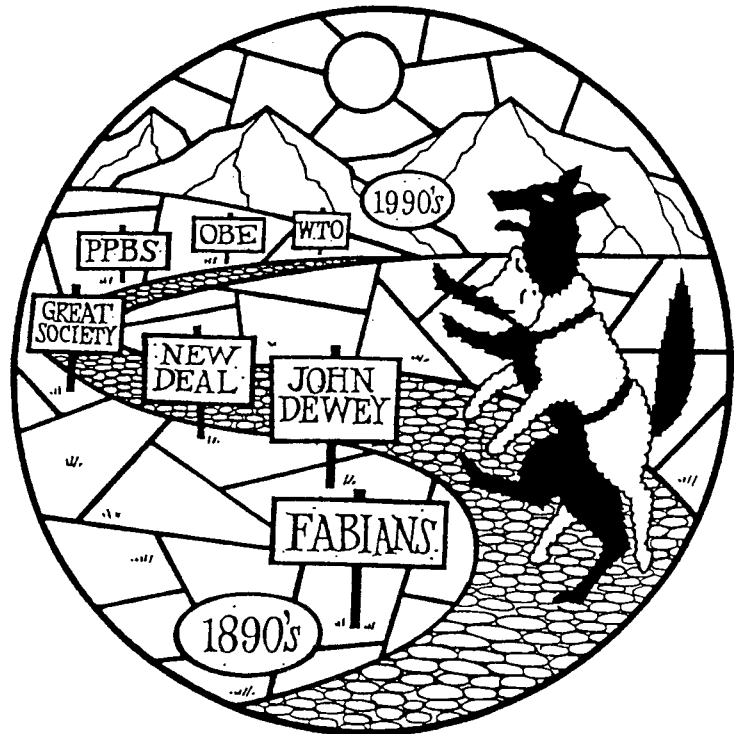
For the sake of our children, we must teach them to respect the holiness of God in all areas of life. Allowing or encouraging preteens and teenagers to dress in many of today's fashions is an invitation to social and spiritual problems.

A dress code will not automatically remedy the decaying moral fiber among youth, but it does remind them of God's commandments. We must begin somewhere to teach children and youth moral responsibility, and standards of modesty in dress offer us this opportunity.

When we honor God and His Word in our hearts and in our outward appearance, He places an umbrella of protection over our families. While moral decay sweeps modern society and many modern churches, we are able to remain relatively untouched. The world may scoff at our modesty, but we dare not lay down our cloak of protection and our obedience to the Word of God. †

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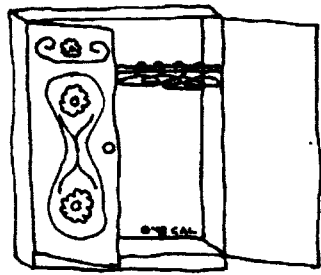
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The Emperor's Closet

...bring to light the hidden things of darkness... 1 Cor. 4:5

The environmental movement uses hysteria and hype to further its purposes.

Recently I received a well-written letter from a Steel on Steel listener reprimanding me for my outspoken views on whacko elements in the environmental movement; well-written, from the standpoint of someone who has accepted the for-public-consumption view of environmental issues but who hasn't a clue as to the underlying agendas and flawed philosophies rampant in the movement. It might do well to take a brief romp through the wonderful world of GreenThink.

The backswell of resistance to the tremendous damage caused by heavy-handed, highly arbitrary environmental policies has been building for some time and is now beginning to surface in proposed Congressional legislation coupled with protests among groups furious about the government's lousy track record regarding property rights. Greenies are concerned that the government might be forced to pay for property owners if its environmental regulations devalue property or if property is seized, which is common. Although this is Constitutional, the fact that the Constitution has been regularly violated in enforcement of environmental laws has not been a Green concern.

Indeed the tragic tale of the cost of GreenThink in lost jobs, millions in property and revenue loss not to mention jail

terms for citizens who were desperately trying to comply with highly complex and constantly changing environmental regulations has gone untold in the liberal press. It is this lack of concern coupled with Green hysteria that has fueled the growing opposition.

The most common assertion about environmentalism is that its philosophy is based on sound science and that those

ine science mixed with a generous dollop of unsupportable assumptions and allegations (Vice President Al Gore's book *Earth In the Balance* is a prime specimen of this), pantheistic or occult theology, such as the channeled writings of Alice A. Bailey plus a liberal dousing of hysteria to provide a motivational engine for the public. Genuine environmental scientists who oppose the hysteria are routinely denied publication space, denied funding for projects that would disprove a lot of the environmental hype and a number have been blackballed from employment in their industry. GreenThink has become big business.

The pantheistic/occult connection alone should set up red flags for Christians who genuinely want to be environmentally wise, but for some reason it doesn't and I am sad to say, critical thinking doesn't seem to be one of the church's priorities nowadays. If we boiled the radical environmental agenda down to a few points they would be:

1. The earth is ready to kick the bucket. The sky is obviously falling and therefore we must "Save the Earth!"

2. Mankind is the cause of the earth's impending demise. Earth suffers from a cancer called Population.

3. What is the ideal Earth? The only acceptable Earth is one free from human interference.

involved simply want to "save the earth". While I have no doubt that many Christians who align themselves with the Green movement really want to be good biblical stewards of the earth, they should do some research and uncover exactly what agendas they are aligning with.

In reality the global environmental movement is an amalgam of some genu-

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John Loeffler

4. How then do we save the Earth? Mankind, being the evolutionary cancer that it is, must be curtailed at every opportunity.

To be sure, this is the radical environmental view but as Dr. Dixie Lee Ray documented in her book *Environmental Overkill*, it is the extremist view which drives the environmental agendas — the inmates are running the asylum. Besides, good and flawed science are so intertwined, it becomes impossible to separate out acceptable from flawed philosophies.

Coupled with this is the fact that the Green movement worldwide has been hijacked by the global socialist moment, earning global Greenies the name “watermelons” — green on the outside, red on the inside.

The Rio Veggie Bake

The United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) which took place in Rio was nothing short of a pantheistic, socialist veggie bake. Gro Harlem Brundtland, Prime Minister of Norway and a darling driver of U.N. global socialist projects proclaimed openly to the press that the UNCED agenda had been derived directly from the International socialist political platform. The economic and political proposals that came out of Rio would have had Comrade Lenin standing up and cheering if they'd just stop re-embalming him.

Two themes at UNCED predominated, although they went curiously unreported in the liberal western press:

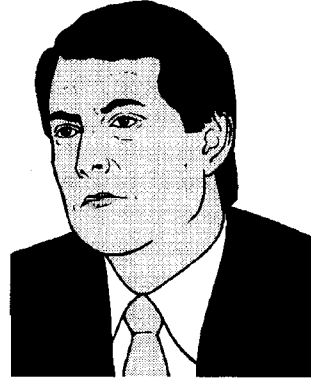
- The United States and the West are the world's greatest polluters responsible for the world's pollution problems (which is blatantly untrue). As such western economy must be collapsed and brought down to the level of third world

economies; only socialism can save the earth.

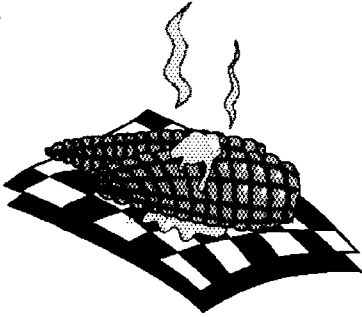
- The great wealth of the United States must be transferred to third world countries to help. Comrade Lenin tried to cheer at this one.

This was the essence of the Biodiversity Treaty, which the U.S. refused to sign, causing much press hoopla — not about what it contained, but only we stood out since we wouldn't sign it. How we were supposed to simultaneously have our economy collapse while funding third world de-population efforts and environmental causes was never addressed. Ignoring serious critiques and inquiry from opponents is a hallmark of global Green-Think.

The best example of socialist hijacking of has been Al Gore summed up by Ms. Judi Bari of the Earth First organization who said, “I think if we don't overthrow capitalism, we don't have a chance of saving the world ecologically. I think it is possible to have an ecologically sound society under socialism. I don't think it's possible under capitalism.” Enough said.



Al Gore



Perpetual Hysteria

The issue of perpetual hysteria must be dealt with. Since the 1960s, the western world has been bombarded with one series of alleged environmental crises after another. Decades ago, population expert Paul Ehrlich forecast that we would all be starving by now due to population explosion. Obviously he miscalculated a tad since I'm trying to lose 10 pounds. That wasn't the only misfire. What's tragic is that Greenies are still promoting him as a population expert.

There has been a long series of now-debunked doomsday predictions, which, when uncovered, did not inspire public penance on the part of GreenThinkers.

Rather, one by one as each crisis failed and was proven false, it was quietly shelved and a new one erected in its place. It is this kind of intellectual dishonesty that makes much of Green-Think unpalatable to thinking people.

Over the last twenty years the U.S. has made tremendous strides in cleaning up its environment. However, Vice President Al Gore said in his book that we don't want to tell people that; it would dampen the momentum we have. In essence, let's keep hysteria going. It's good for business.

As an example, one of the latest scares is ozone holes — We've discovered the sky isn't falling this time; it's dissolving. The latest politically correct Green gospel claims chlorine in chlorofluorocarbons

(CFCs) is destroying the atmosphere's ozone layer and we're all going to die of cancer. This is stated as fact everywhere. Under the Bush administration Green-Think rammed through national legislation banning CFCs (such as freon) in the U.S. after 1995, at a cost of millions of dollars to the U.S. economy and an already-estimated thousands of lives.

So what? We have to save the ozone layer! It's worth it! Right? What you're not being told is that this is the latest in a series of ozone scares, all of which previously proved false. There were known holes in the ozone layer, especially in Antarctica, before any CFCs came into use in the 1950s. Further, nature's own volcanoes belch magnitudes more active chlorine into the upper atmosphere than anything people have done. Mount Pinatubo alone in the Philippines a couple of years ago put hundreds of times more chlorine into the upper atmosphere than **all the CFCs used since the mid 1950s**.

Finally, what you're not being told is that not one serious scientific study has been done to prove or disprove this the-

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ory — that's all it is; a theory which is coming under more and more genuine scientific fire. But thanks to GreenThink we're going to detonate millions out of our economy based on an unproved theory that the sky is falling.

Moreover, we have no adequate substitutes for CFCs. All the substitutes we're going to use in our refrigerators and air conditioners are not as efficient as freon, resulting in much higher energy consumption to achieve the same amount of cooling. In addition, all the compound candidates we have are toxic and corrosive and damage the systems in which they're used. Cooling systems require retrofit. All this is based on an unproved theory which Greenies have been yelling will destroy mankind as we know it. But it does satisfy the global socialist call for ramping down the western economy. Time to wake up gang!

The same goes for global warming, which is constantly being stated in the press as a proven fact. Al Gore stated that there was an overwhelming consensus among atmospheric scientists that global warming was a real threat. After *Earth In the Balance* was published, a poll was taken among this group. Only 14% agreed with the VP. Some consensus.

What the public needs in the environmental arena are serious scientific facts; not hype. What is tragic is that a lot of people have been duped into serving agendas they know little about in the name of saving the earth and that there are serious environmental concerns, serious species endangerments, serious habitat issues that must be dealt with that are likely to get crushed in the fire fights to come. But it should be pointed out that the Green movement brought this on itself with its irresponsible hysteria and lack of concern for the effects that legal enforcement of the hysteria had on the citizens of this country. †

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CONSCIENCE CLAUSE

Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. 1 Tim. 3:9

What gives Christians the right to engage in public discourse on Scriptural matters?

The Lord Jesus Christ warned: *Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing...* (Matt. 7:25)

Christians frequently ask us about Christian leaders. They wonder why many well-known men are going down dark alleys: leading sheep astray on various tangents, pursuing worldly political interests, compromising biblical positions on vital doctrinal matters, and the list could go on... We do not know the particular reasons why, nor can we guess what their motives or ambitions might be. It is easily perceived that some shepherds have questionable associations, some have backgrounds and training in worldly matters that seem to have an effect on their view of the Gospel, and there are other tangible reasons that could account for the more widespread error in our times.

Taking a stand against some of the most popular movements of current Christianity, and the leaders of these movements, is not an easy thing to do. One man recently asked us how we could possibly differ over an issue that a very esteemed Christian leader supported wholeheartedly. Of course, our answer was to take him back to the Bible, the final authority in all matters.

Are people (like us) who oppose error simply being divisive? Or, are they acting upon conviction that the Bible admonishes every Saint to expose false teachers and their errors. In an excellent tract from the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Pastor E.L. Bynum addresses the issue of

"Is It Right: To Judge, To Expose Error, & To Call Names?" He warns:

"We are to look out for those who preach another gospel. Paul warned about those who preached *another Jesus... another spirit... or another gospel* (II Cor. 11:4). How can we know them unless we judge their Jesus, their spirit, and their gospel by the Word of God?"

But what of those Christian leaders who seem to teach the Gospel, yet still have error? Biblical Discernment Ministries reminds us that "the Church's function is not only the propagation of the faith, but its preservation also. Obvi-

ously, if the faith is not preserved, it can't be passed on to others." ("Why Expose False Teachers and their Teachings?")

logical chasms relatively unscathed. The men who have access to wide Christian audiences through various media have become a sort of ecumenical super-elite group who defy criticism. The modern parachurch movement, which is so extensive, has created a vast network of Christian activity that is totally outside the confines of the local church, thereby circumventing the normal procedures for accountability and discipline as spelled out in God's Word. Further, because these leaders have political, cultural and social interests, they have bridged a number of gaps between the Church and the world, which has dramatically altered the Church's view of Biblical separation.

Some parachurch leaders have stated or inferred that anyone challenging them is causing great disunity in the church, is "divisive," a "heresy-hunter" or a "Jezebel." But, is this truly the case?

Discerning Errant Shepherds

Lynn & Sarah Leslie

ously, if the faith is not preserved, it can't be passed on to others." ("Why Expose False Teachers and their Teachings?")

The Church today is not accustomed to exposing errors in the public square. While there are numerous theological divides over fine points of Scripture, the recognized and esteemed Christian leaders seem to walk through massive theo-

Public Discourse

There is a great confusion in the church over private vs. public correction. Pastor Bynum's tract gives a number of Biblical examples of public correction:

- Paul named Peter publicly,
- Paul named Demas for loving the world,
- Paul named Humenaeus and Alexander,
- John named Diotrefes, etc.

Godly Christian men from centuries past engaged in public discourse on issues of doctrinal error. Martin Luther, for example, published numerous pamphlets opposing the established leaders of his day.

Confusion arises in the church today when Matthew 18:15-17 is mis-applied to matters of public discourse. While the passages in Matthew 18 pertain to personal offenses, they are not applicable to public doctrinal matters. Jay Adams, in his *Handbook of Church Discipline* clearly explains the difference between private and public discourse:

Some think that if one Christian differs with the writings or public statements of another Christian on a point of doctrine, without rancor or any problem between them as persons, he is wrong for stating the differences publicly before going privately to the brother with whom he disagrees. This is a misconception. First of all, there is no unreconciled condition between them; they simply differ. Secondly, therefore, there is no matter of church discipline involved. Thirdly, even if this were a matter of discipline, the first party wrote or spoke publicly — he put it before the church or the world; he did not speak privately. For that reason it is as appropriate for the second brother to write or speak as publicly as the first did in refuting what he thinks is a wrong interpretation of the Scriptures and which, therefore, he believes may hurt the church if he doesn't. (pp. 34-35)

Biblical Discernment Ministries, in a pamphlet entitled "False Doctrine & Matthew 18*: 'Private' vs. 'Public' Correction" explains:

what teachers say in books and on television, etc. is part of a public domain, subject to review, analysis, and critique of any kind. Anyone who makes public declarations intended to influence large audiences through books, radio, television, etc. ought to know that he is responsible for what he says, and will be held accountable.

The pamphlet goes on to quote Dave Hunt, from the foreword to the book *PsychoHeresy*:

...If [a particular teaching is] valid and Biblical, then its proponents have nothing to fear from a factual and Scriptural analysis of its tenets; and if its precepts are in fact false and dangerous, then lovers of God and truth will be grateful when error is exposed.

Some writers who publicly challenge the public ministry of another speak with the leaders privately beforehand. While this is commendable, it is not always possible, nor feasible. It is also not required by Scripture.

Discerning Bad Shepherds

There are many Christian leaders who have stated that they do not believe, or teach, certain things. Yet, a careful review of their work reveals that this is not the case. There are others who have stated that they have changed, yet they have not published a public renunciation of their false or misleading teaching.

Some leaders practice dialectics, or situation ethics in subtle fashion, entangling themselves in political compromises or worldly pursuits that seem expedient but erode the Christian walk. They have left the standard of God's Word and Truth. Some of these leaders purport to represent American Christianity, which is a false assumption. The compromises that these men make do not reflect the beliefs of orthodox Christianity.

God Gives Discernment

Situations like these require careful scrutiny and discernment on the part of believers. James 1:5 promises that all believers can have godly wisdom: *If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.* King Solo-

mon prayed that God would give him *an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad...* (1 Kings 3:9) and the Lord was pleased to answer him: *Lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart...* (v. 11).

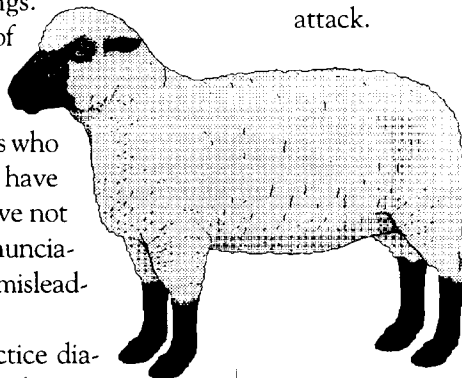
It is true that people in our modern culture are poorly educated and ill-equipped to understand the issues involving deception. Yet, God has given us His Word, which is truly *a lamp unto [our] feet.* (Ps. 119:105) In all matters requiring discernment, the Word should be the final authority.

Certainly, if you saw a shepherd leading his flock down a slippery and dangerous path that ended in ruin you would shout an alarm in hopes that both the shepherd and his sheep would turn back from such a course. Pastor Bynum writes:

Only a coward will be silent when the truth of the Bible is under attack.

We believe that the "most loving thing we can do for the Body of Christ is to warn believers of those who propagate false teachings, and the most loving thing to do for the perpetrators of error

is to continue to speak forth through literature in hopes that they will repent." ("False Doctrine & Matthew 18") †



Resources: For the believers who wish to do a more careful Biblical study on these matters we refer the reader to Biblical Discernment Ministries, PO Box 6154, Bloomington, IN 47407-6154. A number of tracts on this topic are available. The tract (#A-322) by Pastor Bynum can be ordered from Tabernacle Baptist Church, 1911-34th St., Lubbock, TX 79452. (10 for \$2.00, 50 for \$5.00, 100 for \$8.00, 250 for \$16.00, 500 for \$28.00, 1000 for \$44.00)



The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers

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[Power Rangers have] "built one of the most passionate groundswells of devotion in the history of Kids' entertainment."

—Peter Stack

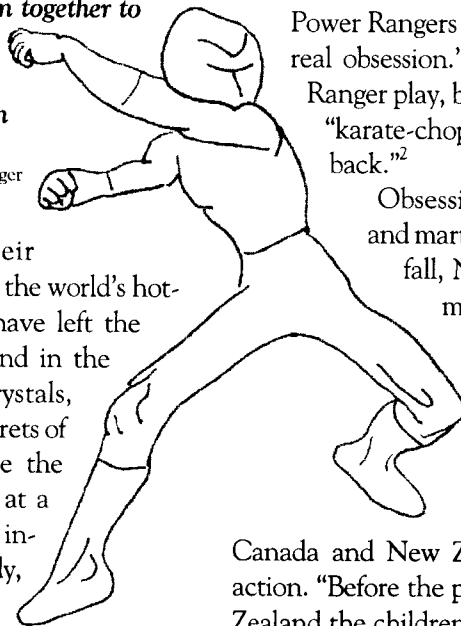
Immensely popular, these characters present a different gospel.

"Ordinary teenagers have been chosen to save the world from Evil Space Aliens. Using special Power Morphers, the teens call on the spirits of the ancient dinosaurs and transform into incredible Power Rangers with the ability to summon the mighty Power Zords. When all else fails, the Power Zords join together to form even more powerful battle machines. Will they be strong enough to save us from destruction?"

(On cover of box containing Power Ranger action figures.)

Karate-kicking their way to global fame, the world's hottest super heroes have left the Ninja Turtles behind in the dust. Armed with magic crystals, megazords, and the ancient secrets of martial arts, they claim to be the saviors of the world — ready at a flash to combat evil aliens and inhuman monsters. Blending body, mind and animal power into an Eastern form of supernatural empowerment, they are super-fast, super-strong and super-dedicated. And they are concerned about the environment.

Like pied pipers, the Power Rangers have won an army of small but impassioned disciples around the world. They have rallied the children to the most thrilling of their noble causes: fighting evil with supernatural power. The six chosen Rangers not only transform themselves into high-kicking warriors, they have an uncanny power to "morph" their young devotees into leaping, wrestling, kicking combatants.



"One simply has to say 'Trini' [a former Ranger's name] and abracadabra, and the little curmudgeons transform before my very eyes into an entire martial-arts army," says Fannie Elliott, a teacher at Kedren Headstart Preschool in Los Angeles. With grunts, groans and cries of "HI-YAH!", they kick and karate-chop their way around a roomful of potential aliens.¹

Lori Pino, a teacher in Massachusetts, shared Elliott's concern. "I noticed that with the Power Rangers it was different, there was a real obsession." She tried banning Power Ranger play, but the children simply kept "karate-chopping the air, behind [her] back."²

Obsession with power, violence and martial arts can prove fatal. Last fall, Norway, Sweden and Denmark banned the show for a season after a five-year-old Norwegian girl was kicked unconscious by classmates and died in the snow. Apparently, a children's cable network in

Canada and New Zealand took more lasting action. "Before the program was pulled in New Zealand the children would skulk around kicking each other in the playground," reports Wendy Graham, a teacher who was kicked by a six-year-old student. "The boy simply went mad one day at the mention of the Power Rangers," she says. But "with the show off, things are back to normal."

There is no sign of such cool-down in America. Since the Power Rangers premiered on the Fox network last year, they have "built one of the most passionate groundswells of devotion in the history of Kids' entertainment," says San Francisco Examiner writer Peter Stack. "Or zombie-like groundswells, depending on your point of view."³

Biblical Worldview

GOD is personal, holy, all-seeing, all-powerful, monotheistic, eternal and self-existent.

GOD alone can save the earth — and enable people to cooperate with His plan.

GOD is the source of all power. He gives believers the strength needed to carry out His plans.

Believers enter into new identity and eternal life by faith in JESUS CHRIST, the “Bread of Life,” and His redemptive work at the cross.

Christians dedicate their lives to GOD.

Christians overcome Satan by GOD's Word, power and authority.

GOD promises power and protection to those who are in Christ and follow Him.

New-Age Worldview

The primary god, Zordon, is an all-seeing master-mind shaped by human imagination.

The Power Rangers save the world by invoking their designated animal power.

The Rangers manipulate power through rituals, mind control, magical symbols and fetishes: crystals, swords, rings...

New Rangers are initiated into their new identity and powers through an occult ritual using the “Sword of Life.”

“I dedicated my whole life to the study of martial arts,” says the White Ranger.⁸

The Rangers overcome evil by manipulating occult powers.

Zordon promises that “the power will always be with you and protect you.”

Morphin Madness

Zombie-like groundswell? Could the Rangers' soaring popularity have anything to do with the pulsating rock beat, flashing lights, and occult themes that mesmerize millions of older youths at rock concerts? “People have compared what we do to Pink Floyd [rock group]... and that's just the kind of knock-'em dead style we've pursued,”⁴ said Frank Roach, vice president of family entertainment for MCA Concerts Inc., a subsidiary of giant MCA which runs Universal Pictures. Roach helped organize the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers Live Tour across the country this winter. Critics described the tour as a rock concert in disguise, full of “pyrotechnic and aerial stunts driven by searing rock music.”⁵ Is this really family entertainment?

To calm Morphin madness, parents and teachers are counterattacking. Some play soothing music. Others tiptoe around certain words to avoid triggering a kinetic explosion. At a child-care center in at California State University in Fullerton, “children are allowed to pummel orange traffic cones and take turns going into the cloakroom to HI-YAH their hearts out,”⁶ writes *Wall Street Journal* editor Joseph Pereria.

While many parents give in to the kicks and screams that follow attempted restrictions, others simply accept it, hoping that the good out-

weighs the bad. After all, the Rangers demonstrate discipline, teamwork, and the right use of force, don't they? They fight monsters, not humans, so there's no blood. And, since it's just fantasy, the violence won't matter much...

“There's no gray area,” says one mother. “That's positive. The Rangers use logic and team planning to fight evil. And there is always a moral message at the end.”

But the list of virtues mean little to Lee Sizemore, a California day care mother. She sees what the show does to her kids. “Their legs go up,” she says. “They can't help themselves. And kicking is kicking. I wish they would yank it off the air...”⁷ She finally chose to turn off the TV and face the wild protest that often accompanies Power Ranger withdrawal.

What would you do? Before you decide, ask yourself these two questions. What does the program teach children about reality? Does it train them to look at life from a biblical or an occult perspective?

Since young children soak up images along with words — without much analysis or evaluation, their understanding of the world will be formed by the most forceful, persuasive and constant messages they receive. Children raised on daily diets of biblical truth will recognize and resist occult images. But daily doses of Power Ranger magic will reduce their resistance to

“People have compared what we do to Pink Floyd...”

—Frank Roach

"Their legs go up. They can't help themselves."
—A mother

deception. Fantasy or not, the repeated themes and occult context will train their minds to believe the timeless lies that have always drawn people from truth to myths.

The chart on page 31 exposes some key differences. It also shows similarities that make the supernatural world of the Power Ranger believable to many Christians. Remember, the most deceptive counterfeits look most similar to the genuine. We discern the difference by knowing the Truth.

Cool Ranger Fever

To cool Ranger fever with Christian children, try asking some leading age-appropriate questions. For example:

- What is the source of the Power Rangers' power?
- What must they do to get their supernatural power?
- Who gets the credit for winning the wars?
- Does someone in the program pretend to be God?

- Did you see magic symbols or charms associated with the occult?

God tells us to *Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.* (Prov. 22:6) This means helping children build a biblical world view, a mental framework based on God's Word, not the world's distortions. Viewing the world through the filter of Truth, children will accept what God loves, discern what He hates, and enjoy the safety He offers those who follow Him. †

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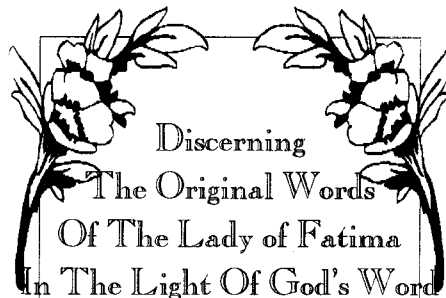
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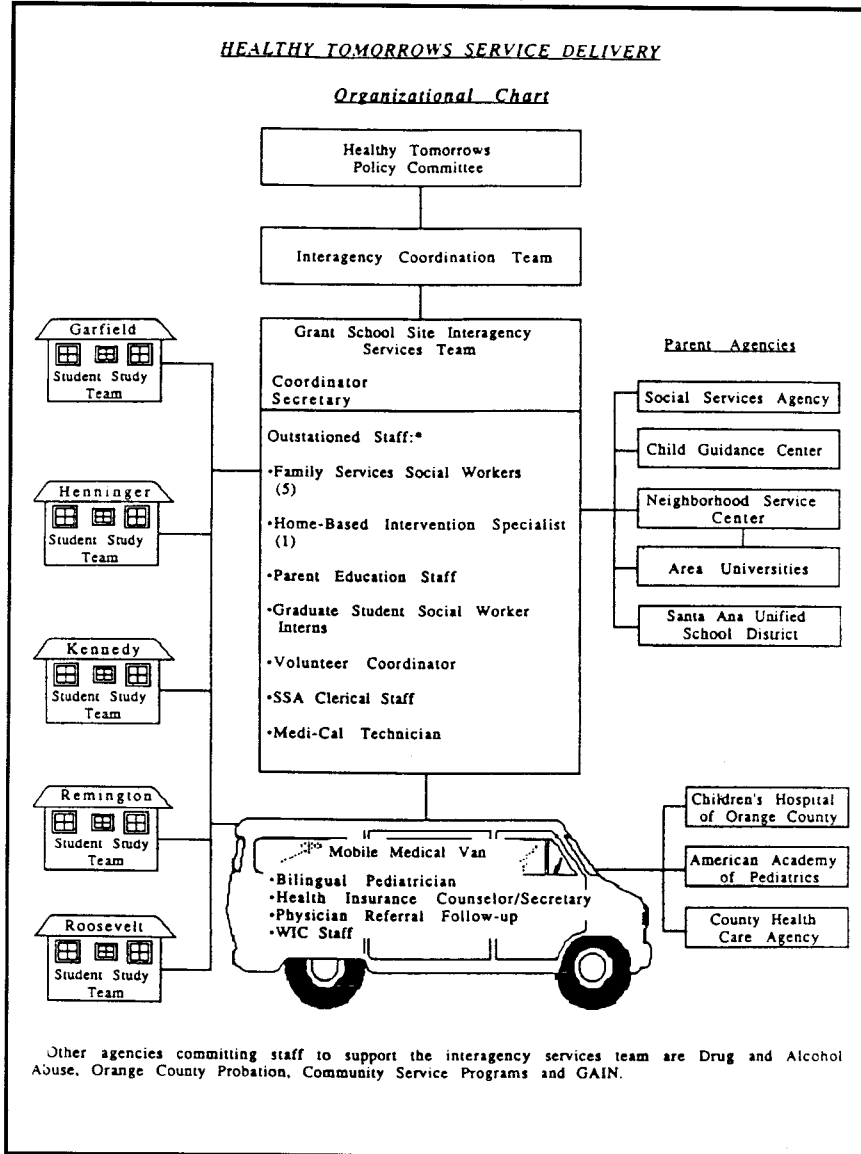
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The Real Lamar Alexander

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"I would go down to the maternity ward of the local hospital... and find out how many babies are born out of wedlock."

—Lamar Alexander

Alexander Opened Door To U.S., State Control

When Lamar Alexander, was governor of Tennessee, he was known as a big spender. According to a Tennessee businessman who was an intern on the governor's staff, "It was practically a requirement that Lamar's staff be made up of Ripon Society Republicans" (very liberal Republicans).

And a national news weekly recently stated that "in 1987, as head of the 15-member President's Commission on Americans Outdoors, [Lamar Alexander] was directly involved in a major push to further federal land control, spending and almost inevitably, taxes."¹ Concerning education, it was when Alexander was governor in the early 1980s that the State of Tennessee asked to be made a party to the case against fundamentalist Christian parents who asked that their children be allowed to read another state-approved textbook series, rather than one that contained 35 stories of children lying or rebelling against their parents with no negative consequences. This was even though the parents had not sued the state, and the state's attorney at the federal Appeals Court level stated that the objectionable texts were "part of Lamar Alexander's 'Better Schools Program,'" which has as one of its objectives teaching "interdependence" (possibly negatively impacting upon American national sovereignty rights).

In 1991 I predicted that if Alexander became Secretary of Education, he likely would have two principal advisors. One would be Mrs. Alexander, who was a volunteer worker for Planned Parenthood,² and was quoted in the Nashville Banner as wanting "family-life planning courses taught in schools." The other would be Chester

E. Finn Jr., about whom *Education Week* (Feb. 22, 1989) said, "former head of the Education Department's research branch told business leaders here last week that he favored the development of a 'national curriculum.'"

An American Perestroika

Describing his own vision of what he called "the brand-new American school," Alexander said at a Nov. 1, 1989, education conference in Kansas that we need "an American perestroika." He endorsed Charles Whittle's (founder of Channel One news program including ads in schools) idea that President Bush should give \$1 billion to someone to set up "the brand-new American school" in each state capital. The school would be open year-round from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., and each child would have a work station with a computer. He said we can't afford not to do this (code for more taxes).

Alexander said "the brand-new American school" would serve expectant teenage mothers' needs, and "I would go down to the maternity ward of the local hospital... and find out how many babies are born out of wedlock." This raises questions about privacy, and his judgment about when children should be served by schools is extreme as well. He said, "these schools will serve children from age 3 months to 18. That may be a shocking thought to you, but if you were to do an inventory of every baby in your community, and think about what the needs of those babies were for the next four or five years, you might see that those needs might not be served any other way."

Alexander's educational philosophy is certainly not conservative, but rather seems more in line with the liberal proposals of Carnegie's Ernest Boyer, who advocated that schools should no longer be seen as academic centers but should be turned into "social service centers," that school-based health clinics should be com-

bined with day-care facilities, and that schools should assume the responsibility for feeding students all three meals since they would be in the school building from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Expanding the Bureaucracy

However, the last thing American education needs is a mentality that advocates a greater centralization of authority in the hands of federal or state bureaucrats. As nationally syndicated columnist Warren Brookes stated in the April 1990 issue of *Imprimis*, "American public education suddenly went into... a tailspin in the middle 1960s. That tailspin coincided with the rapid centralization of public education away from parental control and local accountability, and into the hands of state and federal bureaucracies." Brookes noted that in 1963, when SAT scores were highest (983), local funding composed 59.4 percent of educational appropriations, but in 1987, when scores had dropped to 904, local funding was only 43.9 percent, according to U.S. Department of Education figures.

Alexander has made a number of positive proposals, such as merit pay and career ladders for teachers. He also supports educational "choice" and does not believe in totally eliminating local control. On the other hand, he supports the National Board for Professional Teaching Standard's efforts for national teacher certification, which could eventually lead to control of American education by the NEA.

He also was chairman of the National Governors Association in 1986 when its report recommended state takeovers of schools not meeting state-established educational standards. And he said he believes "the Secretary of Education primarily needs to be the President's helper in being an agent of change in American education...The Secretary ought to be a strategist and helper. In other words, I think the President ought to be a Mao and the secretary ought to be Chou En-lai." What an analogy!

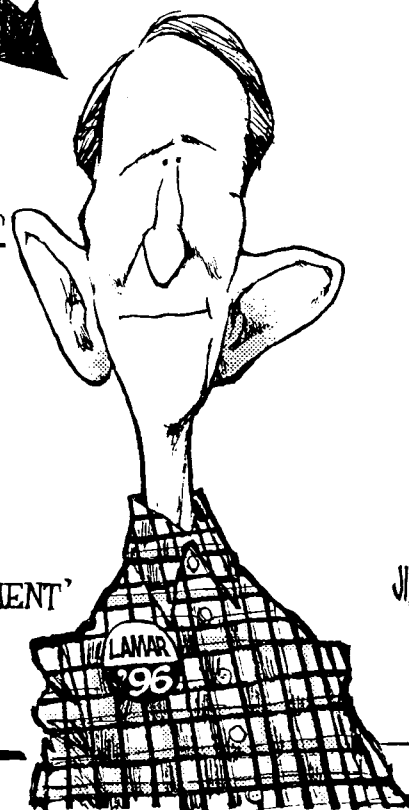
Alexander's vision of "the brand-new American school" opens the door for greater state and federal involvement in education. That inevitably will mean greater control of education by state and federal bureaucrats, but with the dis-

"I think the President ought to be a Mao and the secretary ought to be Chou En-lai."

—Lamar Alexander

This MAN IS:

- A** Lamar Alexander, GOP PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE
- B** NO, REALLY.
- C** "Not one of those Washington Insider types."
- D** SECRETARY OF EDUCATION in the Bush Administration
- E** That guy who played Patty Duke's Dad on the "Patty Duke Show"
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Lamar and the Turnip Truck — *Melanie K. Fields*

Hey, Lamar Alexander, you must think we just fell off the turnip truck. If the Republican Party nominates you for President, they will have truly earned the Samuel Francis dubbed title "The Stupid Party."

Who can forget the hours of video-taped America 2000 contrived town meeting propaganda where you had a monthly love-in with the latest education fads? You embraced, "Break the Mold Schools," "School Within A School," TQM, and array of other offensive OBE-style Big Brother we-know-what-is-best-for-you Department of Education-funded programs.

At the infamous 1989 Governors' Conference in Kansas you endorsed schools as one-stop shopping we-can-meet-all-your-needs centers, saying schools should serve (raise) children ages 3 months to 18. You endorsed year-round schools, open 6 AM to 6 PM so (cough) families will be "supported." You even said someone should go to hospitals to count babies so these schools can get prepared.

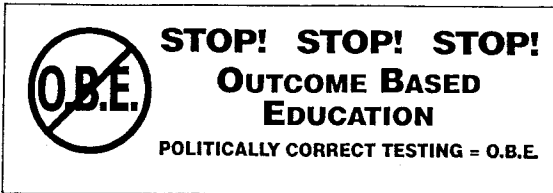
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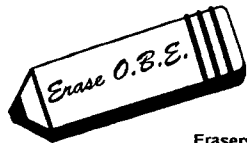
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mal shape of American education today as the result of these bureaucrats' increasing authority, even greater control of education by such people is the last thing this country needs. †

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Endnotes:

1. Philosophically, Mr. Alexander said in his books *Steps Along the Way* (1986) and *Six Months Off* (1988) that the volume that changed his thinking the most during the past 10 years, and which he's tried to read once a year since the early 1970's, is René Dubos' *A God Within*. The title in Greek is "entheos" from which is derived "enthusiasm," which according to Dubos' implies "divine madness" in the original Greek sense. Dubos says this is Socrates' "mania," and he quotes Plato as saying: "In reality the greatest blessings come to us through madness, when it is sent as a gift of the gods... madness, which comes from god, is superior to sanity, which is of human origin." Dubos explains that "apparently certain drugs can help in generating this inspired state." The "god" of this book is not the Judeo-Christian God of The Holy Bible, but rather a pantheistic "god" where the rocks and plants are supposedly our brothers and sisters. Reincarnation is also introduced through Dubos' quote of Miranda: "Thou shalt have the power to degenerate into the lower forms of life, which are brutish. Thou shalt have the power... to be reborn into the higher forms, which are divine."

2. In early 1995, Lamar Alexander announces as a Republican presidential candidate, and he is pro-choice" on the issue of abortion.

3. "Choice" here means only the parental right to choice of public schools.

A God Within? — Sarah Leslie and Marla Quenzer

Former Tennessee Governor, former U.S. Secretary of the Department of Education, now turned Presidential Candidate, Lamar Alexander, has written a number of biographical books. *Steps Along the Way: A Governor's Scrapbook*, published in 1986, includes an interesting statement: "The book that changed my thinking the most during the last ten years: *A God Within*, by René Dubos.

Dubos' book is subtitled *A positive approach to man's future as part of the natural world*. An examination of its contents reveals that Lamar Alexander has been highly influenced by New Age environmentalism. For example, Dubos asserts:

The earth is literally our mother, not only because we depend on her for nurture and shelter but even more because the human species has been shaped by her in the womb of evolution... Our salvation depends upon our ability to create a religion of nature and a substitute for magic suited to the needs and knowledge of modern man. (p. 38, 41)

Dubos refers to the earth as a "living organism" and states:

Both polytheism and monotheism are losing their ancient power in the modern world, and for this reason it is commonly assumed that the present age is irreligious. But we may instead by moving to a higher level of religion. (p. 42)

The fact that this book has so affected Lamar Alexander is noteworthy when one considers Dubos' view of science:

Science is at present evolving from the description of concrete objects and events to the study of relationships as observed in com-

plex systems. We may be about to recapture an experience of harmony, an intimation of the divine, from our scientific knowledge of the processes through which the earth became prepared for human life, and of the mechanisms through which man relates to the universe as a whole. A truly ecological view of the world has religious overtones. (p. 42-43)

Dubos further states:

One of the worst demonic forces in technological civilization is the craving for growth, which is enhanced by countless institutional devices ranging from national prestige to real estate promotion, and other forms of commercial advertising. (p. 213)

In other words, freedom and free enterprise is a "demonic force" that is killing the planet!

Rene' Dubos, who sits on the Board of Planetary Citizens, a wacky new world order organization, clearly espouses an evolutionary view of the world that is congruent with the Planetary Citizens message: "The world is one, humanity is one, and our future together is one" (quoted in a May 1988 letter written by P.C. President, Donald Keys). Constance Cumbey documented the activities of this organization in her works.

Apparently, such an evolutionary spiritual view of man, replete with constant denigration of western civilization, has highly influenced this man who would be President. Perhaps Lamar Alexander should offer Al Gore the Vice Presidential slot on his ticket. They would go well together! †

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Out of the Classroom Onto the Couch

Jan Mickelson

*"...these questions do not allow a timid client to challenge the heterosexual assumption of opposite-sex dating."
—R. Schaecher*

The Des Moines' gay rights in the classroom agenda keeps getting worse!

For the last two issues of *The Christian Conscience* we've told about the sexual diversity controversy in Des Moines Public Schools. An outraged citizenry protested the school board's proposal to "infuse" teaching about homosexuality into the school curriculum K-12. The school board backed off the idea while asserting the existing nondiscrimination policy.

The board will implement "common ground" principles with which to continue school district policy, including two troublesome guidelines:

6. Ensure that a trained professional staff is available to support all students who seek help in dealing with their emerging sexuality.
7. Support all students, including gay and lesbian students, who are at risk of suicide, drug, and alcohol abuse and dropping out of school, with counsel and factual information.

We worried that to transfer the issue from the classroom to the counselor's office is no solution unless the counseling theory is carefully defined. We said: "As long as the school board's anti-discrimination policy exists, no sane counseling theory is possible. It is necessary to discriminate in order to protect our children from poor counseling theory and from those who would prey upon them."

Quality Education?

Well, our concerns were justified. Early in March, the Des Moines Public Schools sponsored a Professional Educators' Convention

called "Quality Education: Pathways to Tomorrow." Information packets were dispersed to conference attendees which continue typical gay rights propaganda lines.

In a paper by Robert Schaecher, "Working with Lesbian and Gay Youth", he tells counselors to avoid asking boys questions like, "Do you have a girlfriend?" Or of a girl, "Are you dating any boys?" He says "...these questions do not allow a timid client to challenge the heterosexual assumption of opposite-sex dating. More appropriately, the counselor might ask, 'Are you currently dating anyone?'"

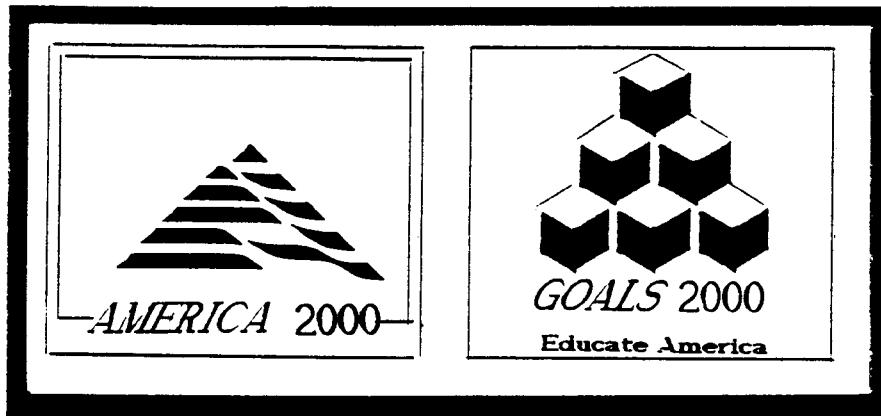
Schaecher tells counselors to "avoid questions [which are] asked in a subtle attempt to **coerce the adolescent into heterosexuality**. The assumption behind these questions is that heterosexuality is normal and homosexuality is unnatural." (Emphasis added)

Youth is a time of curiosity, exploration, and experimentation, and although homosexual behavior is sometimes just a phase, it may turn out to be an identity consolidation that is genuine and lasting. It is not the counselor's role to say that it is just a phase. To foreclose any options for young people, rather than to assist them in exploring what is best for them, violates the self-determination of the client... the overall goal should be to assume that the young person should be self-determined and grow to his or her maximal potential.

Another handout was funded by Des Moines School Phase III Grant money and distributed by Intercultural Programs. Educators are encouraged to "treat the topic of 'affectional orientation' as you would any other human variation; not good or bad, but only different."

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CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, ETC.

"Reforming the United Nations" Conference: The U.N. Victimizes Orange County

By Cathy Duffy and Bob Rico

The comedian scans the audience, then inquires, "Who would like to come up on stage with me to help for just a minute?" Everyone knows that the audience "victim" will become the butt of the joke, but, still, someone always volunteers.

Well, Orange County has just been victimized in the same way, not by a comedian, but by the United Nations and its supporters. On Friday, February 10th, Chapman University, with the assistance of California State University Fullerton, the United Nations Association, and others sponsored a conference entitled, "Reforming the United Nations." It was billed as an opportunity for Orange Countians to voice their opinions about the U.N. and make suggestions about its future direction. Whatever the voiced purpose, the result was a sham.

Organizers brought in big guns from the U.N. itself, along with assorted other personages such as a gentleman from the State Department, University professors, a Sierra Club representative, a U.S. Marine Brigadier General, and Richard Nixon's grandnephew (a high school senior). Presentations were made at a general session, then participants divided up into four forum sessions. At each such session, panelists presented their views on the topics "Keeping the Peace," "Caring for the World Environ-

ment," "Accelerating World Development," and "Reforming the U.N.'s Agencies," then the audience was given a short time to ask questions of the panelists.

We were told right at the beginning that dissolving the U.N. was not an option to be discussed since, of course, it would be ridiculous to envision a world without such an organization, and who wants to try to create another one? Speakers ensured that the audience knew they were "being candid" by acknowledging that the U.N. does have some serious structural problems. But, they assured us that they are being discussed and corrected.

Limits To Candidness

But the limits to their candidness were fairly obvious from the beginning. Orwellian double-speak was the language of choice. I lost track of how many times we were reassured that the U.N. is not a world government. Such statements frequently came partnered with comments like "We just need to figure out how to 'manage this' or 'take care of that.'" But of course, these couldn't be references to governmental functions since the U.N. doesn't have any interest in being a government.

Peace keeping was probably the hottest topic at the conference. Presentations were far ranging, talking about purposes, methods, and effects. However, none of them dealt with the tough questions such as how does the U.N. decide that we need to intervene in Somalia but not in Chechnya? It was stated that the U.N. only goes into a country when invited to do so by that country or by two conflicting groups, but I cannot recall Saddam Hussein inviting the U.N. to visit Iraq. Imposition of sanctions

upon recalcitrant countries was defended as a sometimes defective and overly blunt tool, but an effective one in many situations. One of the few dissenting voices was a gentleman from Yugoslavia who claimed that U.N. sanctions were doing nothing to inhibit warfare, but, instead, were killing infants, the sick, and the elderly. A few platitudes were expressed, then on with the discussion. The Brigadier General let us know up front that he wouldn't touch the issue of whether or not U.S. troops should be under the jurisdiction of the United Nations. Other speakers sidestepped important issues by jokingly claiming that they wouldn't dare question the foreign policy of the United States government.

One alarming but revealing event happened at the peacekeeping forum. A gentleman from the University of Chicago was allowed a few minutes to express his opinion. (After all, this was supposed to be a democratic gathering). When he introduced the idea that U.N. leaders and representatives might not always be motivated by pure altruism and good will, but that it was likely that greed, power, and other unpleasant ideas played a role in some of their policies and actions, the audience reaction was absolutely rude. You have to understand that close to one half the audience in this session appeared to be high school and college students who participate in their schools' Model United Nations programs. The majority of the remaining audience was obviously in support of the U.N. They did not want to hear anything negative about their utopian organization. The furthest they could go in conceding problems was in expressing a general sympathy for Taiwan's rejection

because of the influence of the Republic of China.

When it came time for the wrap-up session at the end of the day, one person read a summary from each of the forums, relaying the key ideas expressed to the entire audience. Curiously, the only dissenting idea that made its way into the wrap-up was the Taiwan issue.

Nowhere was there opportunity to address topics like U.N. generated treaties with the potential to transform our family and societal structures — treaties like the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child and the U.N. Convention on the Rights of Women.

Nowhere could we get straight answers about why our Marines are being trained to operate under U.N. guidelines for their actions within our borders. The general was asked:

In view of your statement that the U.S. does not need a larger force structure than it currently has, and that it is legitimately reducing force strength, would that be in keeping with Stage Three of the U.S. State Department policy found in *Freedom from War: The United States Program for General and Complete Disarmament in a Peaceful World*, which sets forth the objectives of disbanding “of all national armed forces and the prohibition of their re-establishment in any form whatsoever other than those required to preserve internal order and for contributions to a United Nations Peace Force... And further, the manufacture of armaments would be prohibited except for those of agreed types and quantities to be used by the U.N. Peace Force and those required to maintain internal order. All other armaments would be destroyed or converted to peaceful purposes?”

The question continued:

This is the policy of the United States under the United Nations and the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. In view of this

policy, was your statement about reducing American forces the carrying out of Stage Three?

The General grabbed the booklet from which the questioner was quoting and demanded, “Where did you get that?” [The booklet is Department of State publication #7277, *Disarmament Series Five*, released September 1961.]

A follow-up question was asked regarding this policy and any connection it might have to the document titled, *Peace-Keeping Criminal Justice Standards for Military Police*, issued by the U.S. Marine Corps. [The handbook is printed with Marine Corps insignia on the cover and the U.N. insignia on the cover’s reverse side and the words *United Nations Criminal Justice Standards for Peace-Keeping Police*, Handbook prepared by the Crime, Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch, United Nations Office at Vienna, February 1994.]

It was pointed out to the general that the foreword of this booklet states that “the civilian police components” are for the use of “United Nations peace-keeping operations... One of their main responsibilities is to monitor law enforcement activities of local officials...”

Unanswered Questions

The question asked was, “Since when did the U.S. Marine Corps become civilian police and monitors of civilian police forces?” The General just looked at him without answering, so he attempted another follow-up question dealing with the Marine Corps survey given at Twenty Nine Palms Marine Corps Base on May 10, 1994 to S.E.A.L. teams and veterans of operations “Just Cause,” “Desert Storm,” and “Restore Hope.” The survey contained these two questions:

45. I would swear to the following code: “I am a United Nations fighting person. I serve in the forces which maintain world peace and every nation’s way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense.”

46. The United States government declares a ban on the possession, sale, transportation, and transfer of all non-sporting firearms. A thirty (30) day amnesty period is permitted for those firearms to be turned over to the local authorities. At the end of this period, a number of citizen groups refuse to turn over their firearms. Consider the following statement: **I would fire upon U.S. citizens who refuse or resist confiscation of firearms banned by the U.S. government.** [emphasis ours]

The general replied, “These are inappropriate questions to ask.” The questioner responded, “I’m only asking you to answer the same questions that the U.S. Marine Corps demanded from the enlisted men questioned at Twenty Nine Palms.”

Most disturbing of all (to a very few attendees) was the realization that we were being used. The presenters and the audience of 500 or so people were videotaped, with the footage slated for the creation of a promotional tape on the U.N. The gathering was referred to as a democratic expression. Of course there were no votes, and only a few people were allowed to ask questions or make statements, but this will be portrayed as democracy at work in the U.N. This tape will likely be used across the country and around the world to demonstrate that even here in this bastion of conservatism, the U.N. is approved and applauded. Perhaps the purpose is to forestall Congressional efforts to reduce U.S. funding of the U.N. or perhaps, the concern is to prevent redirection of U.S. defense funds to the country’s own self defense rather than the purposes slated by the U.N. Whatever the motivation for the conference, I will be amazed if any real dissent makes its way into the final cut. After all, we can’t have the comedian looking like a fool. ☩

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Status Report on the CONFERENCE OF STATES

By Virginia Birt Baker

If the Conference Of States decides to convert itself into a constitutional convention, the conference's actions cannot be stopped.

Article V

Article V of the United States Constitution establishes a two-step process for amending the Constitution. This two-step process includes two ways of proposing new amendments, and procedures for ratifying amendments.

A new amendment may be proposed either 1) by a two-thirds vote of both houses of Congress, or 2) on application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the states to Congress to call a constitutional convention. All amendments in the history of this nation thus far have been pursuant to the first method. No amendment has ever been proposed by a constitutional convention.

Once an amendment is proposed, there are only two procedures to make the amendment effective: 1) By ratification of the legislatures of three-fourths of the states, or 2) by conventions of three-fourths of the states. It is Congress's sole discretion to decide which method of ratification is required. Both methods of ratification, by legislatures or conventions, call for action by deliberative assemblages representative of the people, which it was assumed would voice the will of the people.

The Conference of States

The Conference of States (COS) was proposed by the Council of State Governments (CSG) and outlined in a document produced at the January 1994 Republican Governor's Conference held in Williamsburg, Virginia, called the *Williamsburg Resolve*, whereby the legisla-

tures of the states are to adopt resolutions that commit them to participate in the COS. The COS was then formally initiated by Republican Gov. Michael O. Leavitt of Utah and explained in his position paper dated March 20, 1994, titled "Action Plan to Restore Balance in the Federal System." He said our national government "is outdated and old-fashioned, not suited for the fast-paced, high-tech, global-marketplace we are entering."

Virginia, under the leadership of Gov. George Allen, passed her *Resolution of Participation* (SJR278) the week of January 16, 1995, and Ohio's Gov. Voinovich has recommended a "reordering of state and federal responsibilities" in "a new covenant" to determine who should deliver government services. It sounds like a custody battle between Father Fed and Mother State over who is going to take care of the kids, with nary a word about the constitutionality of it all. Similar proposals are popping up everywhere; a dozen states already have *Resolutions*, many have passed in one chamber, and only three have been defeated.

The Council of State Governments (CSG) is an agency already established by the states, supported by the states (including start-up money from the Rockefeller and Carnegie Foundations), and made up of state government leaders from the executive, legislative and judicial branches of every state, allegedly to promote "interstate cooperation" (double-speak for regionalism). The CSG in reality is a para-government adjunct to government, coordinating the activities of its various member organizations towards a common goal. The CSG, assisted by "think tank organizations and business leaders," will be the convener and fiscal agent for COS.

Conference of States Inc. will be formed by the delegates from each state, who will act as incorporators. The stated purpose in the *COS Williamsburg Resolve* is to adopt "an agreed agenda for constitutional reforms and other measures to re-invigorate federalism," to "enhance excellence in state government through

leadership," and "compete for power in the federal system." It "would enable state representatives to consider, refine and adopt proposals... to forge consensus... for structural change in our federal system." According to Sen. Charles Duke of Colorado, under the Ninth Amendment, thirty-eight states have any power they wish so long as the Constitution does not prohibit it.

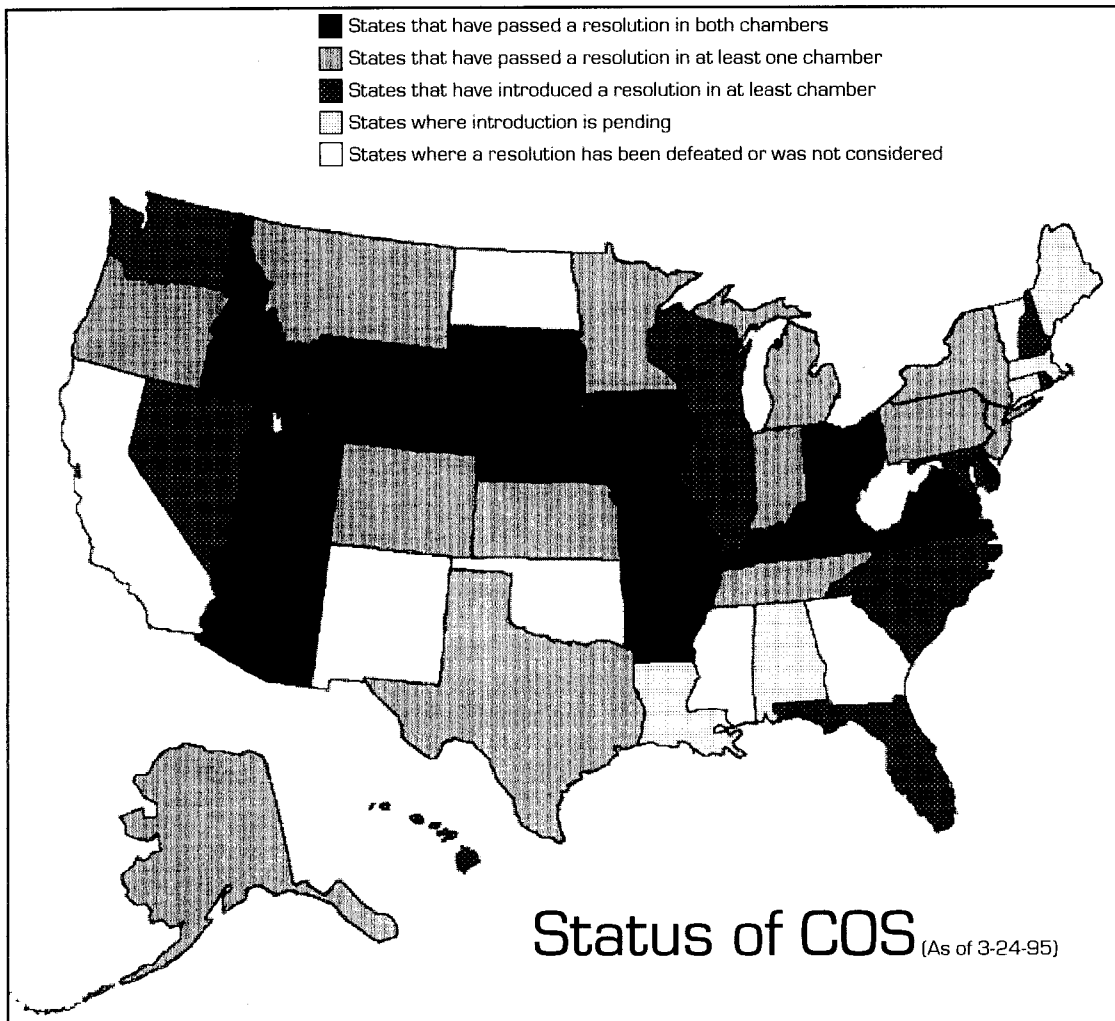
The Conference of States Plan

Step 1. Each state legislature will pass a *Resolution of Participation*, which provides that a state will participate in the COS. Texas House Concurrent Resolution 18 was introduced March 6, 1995, by Rep. Warren Chisum (R-Pampa, also president of the Texas Conservative Coalition); Texas Senate Concurrent Resolution 46 has already passed. In addition, each state legislature is to appoint a bipartisan official delegation of four legislators (presumably two from each house) and the governor.

Step 2. According to Gov., Leavitt's office, after *Resolutions of Participation* have been passed by a majority of twenty-six states, a meeting will be held in Chicago, July 6-9, 1995. When a "significant" majority, meaning a constitutional majority of two-thirds of the states, pass their resolutions, a conference will be held in a "historical city." This conference has already been confirmed for Philadelphia, the "historical" site of our country's only Constitutional Convention, on October 22-25, 1995, which happens to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations.

Step 3. First, in the context in which the Conference of States is being convened, the term "conference" is synonymous with "convention" and is troubling. It is believed that the term "convention" was carefully avoided to avert a correlation with the first Constitutional Convention of 1787.

Second, there is no precise agenda prior to convening the conference, and



the states and Congress is an "application" to convene a Constitutional Convention (see Article V).

Step 5. A copy of the *States Petition* will be taken back by the delegates to their respective legislatures for approval, including one that contains constitutional amendments. The document clearly contemplates that it has a "force of law" and "binding authority." In our present constitutional form of government, there is nothing with greater force of law or binding authority than the Constitution and its amendments.

Step 6. After passed by a constitutional majority (i.e., two-thirds) of the legislatures of the states, the *States Petition* will be

there are no restraints on the subject matters that can be raised at the conference. In fact, it is probable, if not inevitable, that the conference will raise, debate and vote on issues never contemplated or debated by legislatures that passed their *Resolutions of Participation*. United States Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said, "There is no such thing as a limited Constitutional convention."

Third, the conference will make its own rules and procedures, which were not approved by the legislatures.

Fourth, and most alarming, there is no guarantee that the conference will not ask Congress to call a constitutional convention. The Texas HCR 18 explicitly "petitions to the United States Congress for a Constitutional Amendment Convention under Article V." There is no case law concerning the second method of proposing amendments to the Consti-

tution. If the conference decides that it wants to turn itself into a constitutional convention it need only make "application" to Congress. In the past, the United States Supreme Court has interpreted Article V to place complete discretion in Congress when the amendment procedures set forth in Article V are involved. There is Supreme Court authority to support the proposition that the courts will not intervene in or interfere with the amendment process, and there may be no way to stop it once commenced.

Step 4. The Conference Of States will produce a written document entitled *States Petition*. The Council of State Governments (CSG) indicated that the petition is "a new instrument in American democracy" and "constitutes the highest form of communication between the states and Congress." Presently, the highest form of communication between

presented to Congress. Here the Council of State Governments will declare that "ignoring a constitutional majority of states will signal an arrogance on the part of Congress." One consequence of the COS could be that the States Petition calls for a Constitutional Convention. Thus, if the COS does not convert itself into a Constitutional Convention during Step 3, it can still accomplish that end in Step 6.

Keep in mind that Article V of the Constitution states that **The Congress... SHALL propose Amendments to this Constitution... on the Application of the Legislatures of two thirds of the several States [and] SHALL call a Convention for proposing Amendments...**

The Dangers

The predominate danger mentioned above is that in Step 3 the Conference Of States could decide to make "applica-

tion" to Congress to convert itself into a Constitutional Convention. Alternatively, there is a danger that the *States Petition* will serve as an "application" to Congress to call a Constitutional Convention. We note that HCR 18 in Texas desires this in its *Resolution of Participation*.

Another dangerous proposal, called "The States Veto" by Virginia's Gov. Allen, practically erases the Tenth Amendment from the Constitution.

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

Allen's proposal purports to embody the concept of states rendering invalid, by a three-fourths vote, unlawful federal legislation or regulations. However, he

says the state action could be reversed by a two-thirds override by the Senate and House. If a federal action is unconstitutional (vs. merely "objectionable"), and the states repeal that action, why should Congress have the power to override it? We would still be left with an unconstitutional federal action and an even stronger, unconstitutional, and more centralized federal power. The Tenth Amendment is declaratory and restrictive, and does not define the states as being "co-equal" with the federal government, as the *Williamsburg Resolve* asserts.

The danger of all this is there may not be a remedy once this process begins, and in order to completely understand the import of the COS, a review of U.S. Supreme Court decisions interpreting Article V is necessary.

Article V Court Decisions

1. Article V is a specific procedure to amend the Constitution. *Hollingsworth v. Virginia*, 378 U.S. (Dall.) 378 (1798).

2. Article V requires approval of amendments not by the people directly, but by three-fourths of either the legislatures of the several states or of conventions of the several states. *Hawke v. Smith*, 253 U.S. 221 (1920).

3. Congress has complete discretion under Article V to fix specific time limits for ratification of proposed amendments. *Dillon v. Gloss*, 256 U.S. 368 (1921).

4. If there is any impropriety in the manner in which a state ratifies an amendment, the dispute is political in nature, not judicial, and the remedy rests not in the courts but in Congress. *Coleman v. Miller*, 307 U.S. 433 (1939).

If the Conference Of States decides to convert itself into a constitutional con-

"Nothing New Under The Sun"*

The Children's Bureau Conference on Child Welfare Standards

The standards below which a nation cannot afford to let its children fall were the subject of the conference on child welfare held in Washington early in May. The purpose of the conference was to set up new standards for the health, education, and work of the American child. Foreign child-welfare experts were invited to attend and relate to the American specialists in child welfare how their respective countries had raised and maintained their standards of child care even under the strain of war. Committees were appointed in each section — one on standards for education and work, others on the baby, the pre-school child, the school child, the adolescent, and one on the child in need of special care.

The Washington conference set sixteen as the lowest age at which children should go to work in any occupation while school is in session. It proposed as the minimum educational standard nine months' schooling, either full or part time, for children between seven and eighteen. It declared that a child of sixteen should not go to work unless he has completed the eighth grade in school, and that education beyond the eighth grade should be provided for employed children between sixteen and eighteen years by day continuation schools.

According to the conference, the working day of minors should never be longer than eight hours, and for children between sixteen and eighteen should be less than the adult's working day; night work and employment in hazardous occupations should be prohibited; minors should be paid at a rate which, for full-time employment, would yield at least the "necessary cost of proper living."

The importance of normal home care for defective, dependent, and delinquent children was emphasized. The need of State supervision of agencies and institutions caring for children for whom home life could not be provided was urged; the principles governing modern juvenile court organization were set forth in detail.

The outstanding point of the discussion at the Washington conference was that without a decent wage earned by the father of the family complete protection of childhood is impossible. Professor Kelly Milelr, dean of the college of arts and sciences at Howard University, said: "The cure of poverty may not end social troubles, but they cannot be abolished until poverty is abolished." †

This Conference report was originally printed in The Outlook magazine, June 4, 1919, p. 184. April Fools Joke!

*Ecclesiastes 1:9

vention or to treat the *States Petition* as an "application" to Congress, then the conference's actions cannot be stopped. The COS and the methods used to facilitate it could be interpreted to be political in nature, thus shielding it from judicial review.

Possible Scenarios

Scenario 1. During Step 3, the conference decides that it wants to make "application" to Congress to call a Constitutional Convention. Congress could determine that the conference has no authority under Article V. Or, it could accept the "application" and call a constitutional convention, and the Conference Of States could then be converted into such a convention.

Pursuant to *Coleman*, Congress would be exercising its political discretion and exclusive power under Article V, and no judicial review would be sought. This is not far fetched, if one recalls what happened in 1787: see box.

Scenario 2. Upon completion of Step, the conference could send the *States Petition* to Congress as an "application." Similar to Scenario 1, Congress would have complete discretion to accept or reject the petition as being an "application."

Scenario 3. In Step 6 the *States Petition* could be transmitted to Congress. Similar to Scenario 2, Congress could accept the petition as an "application" and call a convention. One might argue that limiting provisions in the *Resolution of Participation* could serve to provide a basis for a court challenge. However, *Coleman* could be applied to prevent a court challenge.

It is likely that Congress would welcome the Conference Of States. On March 2, 1995, Sen. Hank Brown (R-Colorado) and Sen. Jesse Helms (R-North Carolina) introduced Senate Resolution 82, petitioning the states to convene a COS to consider a balanced

budget amendment to the Constitution. It resolved "... that such states then consider whether it is necessary for the states to convene a Constitutional Convention pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States in order to adopt such Amendment."

State legislatures should not pass any resolution to send any *official* delegates to a COS. This is the only way to insure that

The First COS

The first delegates met in Alexandria, Virginia, and at George Washington's house, Mount Vernon, Maryland, in 1785, at which time the State of Virginia proposed a conference of the thirteen states the following year to be held in Annapolis, Maryland. But only five states were represented in 1786, so their delegates adjourned after recommending another convention which was to meet at Philadelphia the following year. Twelve states (Rhode Island did not attend) met from May 25 to September 17, 1787, with Washington presiding. Little did anyone know that convention would be the thunderbolt that would lead to the birth of our present federal government. The Confederation Congress acknowledged what was happening and tried to minimize the impact by officially recognizing the COS, attempting to limit the convention's authority by stating that it would meet "for the sole and express purpose of revising the Articles of Confederation." The delegates sent to Philadelphia went there with strict guidelines to consider only amendments to the articles of Confederation. Once convened, however, they converted into a Constitutional Convention, tossed out the articles of Confederation, and drafted a new document. †

a constitutional convention is not convened. This is not to say that a self-appointed delegation, which is NOT sponsored by the state legislature, cannot attend or visit the COS. But, rather, state legislatures must not provide any legislative sanction to any delegation to the COS.

According to constitutional professors of law Steven G. Gey and Nat Stern at Florida State University, "the United

States Constitution is the greatest political document since the Magna Carta." The COS "could evolve into a wholesale assault on our Constitution... that no external authority — neither Congress, the courts, nor states that disagree with the convention's proposals — would have the legal authority to reject... This is truly a recipe for a constitutional crisis."

Amending the Constitution

The safest way to amend the Constitution is through the first method outlined in article V (i.e., whereby the U.S. Congress proposes the amendment). This procedure insures that there will be no runaway convention that results in altering the foundation of our constitutional form of government.

Who's Who in the COS

The Council of State Governments (mentioned above), the National Governors Association (NGA), and the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) are publicly pushing the COS, without grassroots awareness. The American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) has been a driving force working to get state legislatures to support the resolutions, calling for a Constitutional Convention ostensibly on the issue of a balanced budget amendment. COS has been endorsed by the *Wall Street Journal*, the *National Journal*, columnist George Will, *Washington Post* columnist David Broder, and *Human Events*.

The most prominent COS front man is global socialist Utah Gov. Michael Leavitt, a voting delegate. Although a Republican, Leavitt is a Clinton appointee to the federal Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (ACIR), described as a United Nations cell working within the federal government.

No known opposition to the COS is evident among internationalist special interest groups. One would think that

any one of them might be concerned that their global interests could be threatened if the states were engaged in a legitimate effort to take power back from the federal government.

Resources:

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The material also repeats the old Kinsey one-in-ten myth. "About one teenager in ten will affirm their gayness by the time he/she is an adult."

The Bulletin, published for Des Moines Public Schools Employees, also continue to advertise for "A Matter of Justice and Compassion: Serving Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Youth"...the sixth annual pro-gay conference coming in April.

In short, the gay agenda is alive, well and funded in the Des Moines Public Schools. †

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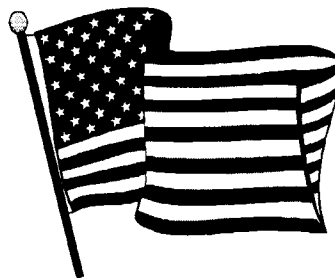
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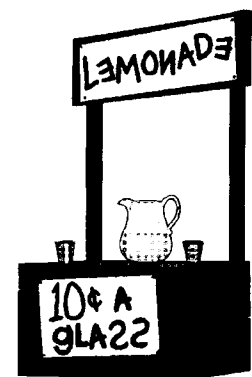
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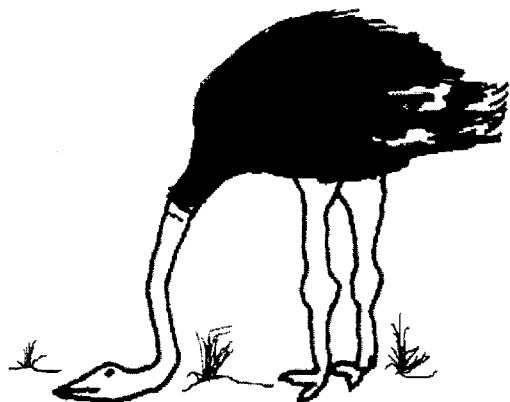


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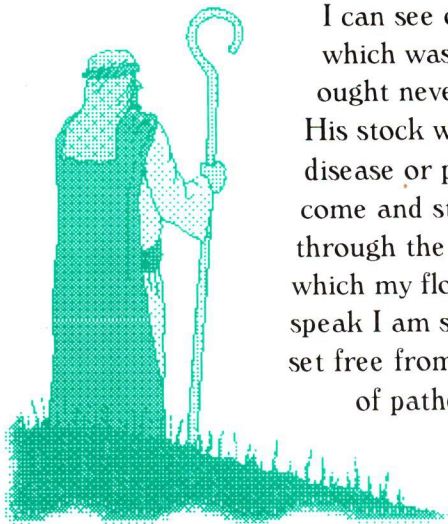
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