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Editorial

Cults and the Occult

For some time we have been deeply concerned over the growth of "cults" and "the occult" phenomena in North America and around the world.

Van Baalen graphically describes it as "a cult bomb explosion," while Walter Martin has written authoritatively of "The Kingdom of The Cults."

Papers, magazines, television and radio are declaring the new day of the occult, those dark and dangerous practices and ideas that are swindling people out of their money, their sanity and their spiritual well-being.

This issue of the Recorder does not treat the subject exhaustively. Rather this is an introduction for those who do not know the cults, and a warning for the unwary.

The bibliography found in this issue may enable you to seek out helpful and informative books.

The article "Western Fever" by W. Elwyn Davies bespeaks his own surprise and horror, when in leading a discussion on the occult at Urbana '70, hundreds of young people gathered to share and discuss their experiences.

(As a result of the Urbana experience, I.V.C.F. has commissioned Mr. Davies to write a book, particularly for young people, on the dangerous development of the occult.)

Mr. Davies sees this as an epidemic, a "western fever." But it is not just the west. Italy's 10,000 witches and wizards applied for legal status, social security and state pensions! In the United Kingdom, the Witchcraft Act was repealed and Witches' Covens (13 in a coven) have multiplied by the hundreds.

In Germany witchcraft is rife in the home of the Reformation.

In North America, "The Editor and Publisher" says that 1200 out of 1700 newspapers carry horoscopes because of public demand. About 20 years ago, less than 100 newspapers gave space to them.

The Church of Satan (complete with a Satanic Bible) boggles the imagination. Jean Dixon's "My Life and Prophecies" has run through 5 printings.

Medical and cultural experiments have developed their own religious overtones and dangerous activities. Drugs, hippie philosophy, "soul" music and even nature foods are all used for spiritual, psychological and physical "trips" that simply lead their practitioners farther and farther from God.

Theosophy, reincarnation, Hare Krishna and Bahaiism bring eastern mysticism into the west.

And age is benefitting the Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Science, Spiritualism and other mid-19th century cults. People are forgetting from whence they came, and age brings an aura of respectability.

As the Program Director of National Opinion Research, U.S.A. said: "Astrology and witchcraft (and other aberrations) are becoming socially approved forms of behaviour."

Socially approved. But not God approved (see 2 Tim. 2:15). Not biblically approved. And certainly not Christ honouring.

We recommend a careful reading of the material compiled in this issue. Perhaps later we will enlarge on some aspects of these dangerous, soul destroying, mind shattering, "spiritual bombs" that have been exploded in this amazing twentieth century.

What the Bible Says About the Occult

Isaiah 47:13-15

"Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee.

Behold they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: there shall not be a coal to warm at, nor fire to sit before it.

Thus shall they be unto thee with whom thou hast laboured, even thy merchants, from thy youth: they shall wander every one to his quarter; none shall save thee."

Genesis 11:4

"And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth."

Exodus 22:18

"Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live."

Leviticus 20:27

"A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them."

Deuteronomy 18:10-12

"There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.

For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord: and because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee."

Isaiah 8:19

"And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God?"

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WESTERN FEVER

by W. Elwyn Davies

A great tidal wave of occultism is sweeping over the western world, and not even Christians are free of its influence.

For generations missionaries have returned home with stories about occult practices in pagan lands. Witch doctors, demons and fetishes have been the subject of many missionary reports. To most people these "belong to the mission field" — meaning Africa, India, China, or South America. Now the picture has changed radically. Occultism has invaded the Western World in strength, and Europe and North America have few cities where its baneful influences are not being felt.

In Europe the revival of occult interest and practice had a headstart because of the tragic dearth of preaching of the Word of God. Roman Catholic and Greek Orthodox traditions and practices have always emphasized a form of the miraculous that has been closely akin to magic. Claims of miraculous happenings have been associated with saints and their images, to say nothing of relics found in abundance in churches and pilgrimage centers. Thus millions of minds have been conditioned toward occultism. Once reverence for, and obedience to, the church waned, such minds turned naturally towards the occult. Likewise in Protestant areas, when once the Scriptures were discarded through rationalistic unbelief, men sought answers to their needs elsewhere.

In Europe

The result is that in FRANCE today it is estimated that there are more professional sorcerers and other non-medical healers than there are medical doctors. In Normandy alone more than 300 chapels are dedicated to occult activities. In GERMANY witchcraft is common. Dedication of children to Satan is a practice reported frequently. Meanwhile in ITALY 10,000 witches and sorcerers recently protested loudly when the Government refused to grant them legal status, social security benefits, and state pensions! In the BRITISH ISLES the old Witchcraft Act was repealed in 1951, and in the two decades following every form of occultism has flourished.

In North America

The picture is no different in North America. Twenty years ago 100 newspapers carried daily horoscope columns. Now 1200 newspapers feature horoscopes. Recently a well-known Canadian broadcaster who has frequently appeared on radio and television was arrested and charged with "fraudulently telling fortunes for a con-

sideration." The police seized 1,000 personal files of clients. This man has claimed "cabinet ministers" among his clients. Washington, D.C. has Mrs. Jeanne Dixon. Within twelve months of the appearance of MY LIFE AND PROPHECIES (Mrs. Dixon's latest book), it had run through five printings and at least one serialization. This remarkable woman makes fantastic claims of special revelations from God, is highly commended by at least one Roman Catholic prelate, and tells of occult knowledge passed on to national leaders in the past. Bishop James Pike made the headlines as he professed to have spoken with his dead son. In San Francisco "High Priest" Satanist LaVey organized the "First Church of Satan" in 1966. It now boasts a membership of ten thousand.

In the Word of God

It is evident that the Word of God is unalterably opposed to all forms of occultism. Reading back to the earliest times, God prohibited all trafficking with occult forces. Exodus 22:18 and Leviticus 20:27 declare that witches and wizards are to be punished with death. Deuteronomy 18:12 speaks of national judgment because of occultism. First Chronicles 10:13-14 reveals that King Saul lost all — his kingdom, his fellowship with God, and his very life — because of occultism.

For our day too, the Word has a warning. "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils" (I Tim. 4:3). First Corinthians 10:20 shows that fellowship with demons provokes the Lord to jealousy. God looks on it with loathing. It leads His people into bondage. It destroys lives. It is sin! Yet very often because of curiosity Christians tamper with occultism. Others look upon it as a form of entertainment. A great tidal wave of occultism is sweep-

ing over the Western World, and not even Christians are free of its influence.

Many still profess no interest in the subject, claiming that it is merely a psychological phenomenon. A careful study of the whole area of occultism, however, has convinced me that we have to deal with much more than psychological or psychic phenomena. The frequent allusions to occultism in the Scriptures make it clear that the writers of the Old and New Testaments understood that these strange happenings were due to the activities of demonic forces. Just as the Bible teaches the existence of angels who minister to the people of God, so it also teaches the existence of hordes of demons whose only interest seems to be in thwarting the work of God in the lives of men and women.

Often one hears learned discussions over the question of demon possession. Some say that believers in whom Christ dwells by His Spirit cannot be possessed by demons. This is not the place to argue for and against. One thing is certain: the line between demonic possession and demonic oppression is so thin, and the effects are so devastatingly similar, that the question whether it is "possession" or "oppression" is academic. Thousands of Christians are today depressed to the point of being suicidal as a result of demonic activities.

Where Does It Start?

How does demon activity begin? For the Christian the door is often opened by resentment toward God, or disobedience to His will. Satan is given room. He is quick to seize the initiative, and soon the erring believer is out of fellowship with the Lord and hard of heart. Many such Christians go from one difficulty to another, conscious of unrest and frustration, but unwilling to meet the conditions for peace of heart laid down in the Word of God. In their search, such Christians often turn to psychological "aids", but end up crossing the line from the psychological to the demonic.

With unbelievers the pathway to enslavement by demonic forces is a broad highway. Millions today are treading it. Vast numbers of people reject the cold rationality of science. They find that it does not have answers to the most insistent questions of their humanity. Others seek escape from the frustrations of modern society. Man basically is a spiritual being, and he can never be fulfilled or satisfied by mere materialism.

Add to this basic need of man the sinister trends of the past decade, and one

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can see how occultism in varied forms has laid hold of many in our day. The rock music of the sixties had a powerful, disintegrating effect on the minds of millions. Among many other consequences, one that stands out is the way this music prepared the way for the drug subculture. Those whose minds were saturated with the music had little or no resistance to drugs. Then rock music and drugs combined to condition the minds of millions to occultism. Not finding answers in music they tried the escapism of drug-taking. When these failed they moved to occultism. Today there is hardly a secular campus in the country, and indeed hardly a town or city, where all three do not flourish side by side: rock music, drug addiction, and occultism. Man is still engaged in seeking knowledge illegitimately. What Eve did in relation to Satan, millions today are doing with the help of demonic forces.

The result of man's flight from God is tragic. The disintegrating effects of the "beat" and "broken beat" music are further complicated by the "mind-expanding" hallucinogenic drugs, and minds subject to such abuse soon find themselves in the grip of demonic forces with disastrous results. Violence, acute depression, suicide, and many other horrible effects are everyday occurrences among those who deal with the occult.

Occultism vs. The Gospel

Often I am asked if there is any discernible effect upon the responsiveness to the gospel of occult-bound people. It would appear that the answer must be in the affirmative. The practice of the occult, even as a form of entertainment or to satisfy curiosity, always increases a man's resistance to the gospel. In Europe it is evident that those areas where demonism has flourished long and unimpeded resist the gospel most markedly. There is a very noticeable impairment of the intellect, es-

pecially in terms of spiritual perception. In areas where spiritism, sorcery, magical healing, fortune-telling, and other occult practices abound, Christian workers find it very difficult to communicate the gospel effectively. It can be done, thank God, but a much greater prayer effort and a more conscious battling with the powers of darkness are usually required. And when men and women are rescued through salvation in Christ it has been noticed that they seem often to carry some degree of susceptibility to demons into their new life as Christians. For some the battle to be freed from the clutches of Satan has been intense and prolonged.

Because of the great resurgence of occultism in our day it behoves all Christian workers to be aware of the nature of this plague. It can only be combatted by spiritual means, because the conflict is spiritual. ". . . we wrestle . . . against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." (Eph. 6:12). No man dare engage in this conflict unless he is armed by God and knows the power of the Spirit of God in his own life.

Guidelines

In closing let me offer a few elementary suggestions as guidelines.

1. The first step is **Confrontation**. Often individuals possessed or oppressed by demons are not aware of the nature of their "problem". While avoiding extremes where we profess to see a demon around every corner, once demonic influence has been clearly established let us make certain that the victim is confronted with this fact.

2. The next step is up to the victim. It is **Confession**. This evil thing is a SIN in the sight of God. Acknowledging it as a "weakness" will never bring relief. Remember, the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses

confessed sin, not acknowledged weakness.

3. **Renunciation** follows. This sin, now confessed, must be renounced. All dealings with Satan and his demons must be renounced to their face.

4. **Faith in the blood of Jesus Christ** is called upon now. It is the blood that cleanses, and only as it cleanses does fellowship with God, rather than demons, become possible.

5. Satan will soon counterattack and seek to reassert his influence. **Resist Satan** while trusting the blood and the power of God.

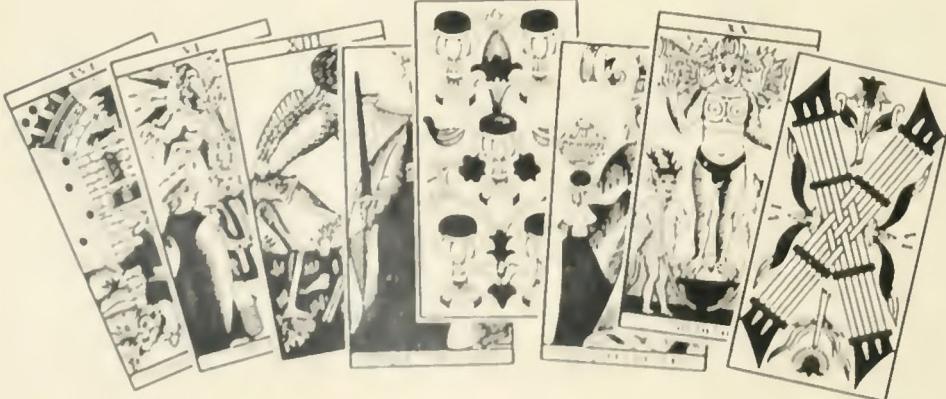
6. **Obey Christ**. Any disobedience to the Word of the Lord will open the door to demonic power again.

7. **Depend on the Holy Spirit**. He is the only One greater than Satan in the world today (I Jno. 4:4). He will guard the citadel of the soul and lead the liberated one on from strength to strength.

The Only Defense

There are many indications that in these "last days" we are being invaded by a vast demonic horde, bent on hindering the work of God and also on destroying, if possible, the lives of redeemed men and women. It is further evidence of the probability of the soon return of our Lord. As His people, our responsibility is great. While resisting Satan in the power of the Holy Spirit we must also share in the ministry which our Lord declared as His in Luke 4:18 ". . . he hath anointed me . . . to preach deliverance to the captives . . . to set at liberty them that are bruised." To do this we must understand something of the nature of modern western occultism. But above all else we must know in our own hearts that the only defence against Satan is a life of obedience to the Word of God and of dependence on the Spirit of God.

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**Some of
the 78
Tarot Cards
Used in
Fortune
Telling**

DEFINITIONS

Since we need to understand what we are reading and talking about, here are definitions that may help us to recognize some cults for what they really are.

Of the use of "Christian terminology" by the cults, Dr. Bernard Ramm says: "Such biblical ideas of sin, guilt, damnation, justification, regeneration etc. all come out retranslated into a language that is foreign to the meaning of these concepts in the Scriptures themselves."

Often the use of terms is a case of semantics, the true meaning of words, and the way someone twists or explains them to give another meaning.

Occultism — Hidden from the eye.

Concealed.

Dealing with or in the arts or practices involving the supposed action or influence of beneficial agencies, or some secret knowledge of them, such as magic, necromancy (contact with spirits of the dead), astrology, incantation etc. Beyond the bounds of ordinary knowledge, mysterious, concealed or hidden from view.

The Bible uses the words "sorcerers", "sorceries", "wizards that peep and mutter" to identify occultism and its practitioners.

The Occult include: alchemy, astrology, crystal ball gazing, satanism, halucinogenic drugs, magic, mental telepathy, ouija board, palmistry, parapsychology (E.S.P.), scientology, seances, tarot cards, witchcraft, etc.

Cultism — A system of religious belief, worship or rites. A particular ritual or system of religious practice. By "cultism" is meant adherence to doctrines and practices which are contradictory to orthodox and historical Christianity, yet claim to trace their origins from Christianity.

The Cults, classified as contradictory to orthodox Christianity include: Armstrongism (and his "World Tomorrow"), Christadelphianism, Christian Science, Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormonism, Rosicrucianism, Swedenborgianism, Unitarianism, Unity School of Christianity, the Universal Life Church, Inc., etc.

Cults that are "imported" from the east or have roots in eastern mysticism, are Theosophy, Spiritism (wrongly called Spiritualism), Zen Buddhism, Hare Krishna, Bahaiism, and the "I Am" cult.

And look for more religious aberrations in the future. Religion is still a fruitful field for the deluded, the quacks and the racketeer.

TEST THEIR TEACHING

The cults are usually linked, however remotely, with the Bible. The name of Christ is often invoked. Phrases, words and names are used with abandon, to seduce the unwary, and to play upon a superficial knowledge of Christian things.

A woman who listens regularly to the O.B.C. Dial-A-Thought, phoned the editor's office to question some literature her daughter had been receiving from Herbert W. Armstrong's "The World Tomorrow".

"It sounds so reasonable, so plausible," she said. "But should we worship on the Sabbath as he says? Are the Anglo-Saxons really Israel and Judah? Did Christ die on a Wednesday and rise on a Saturday?"

We were able to point out some of the unscriptural and heretical teaching of Armstrongism. Yet "Plain Truth" is to be found in far too many Christian homes.

There are a few keys that may help give discernment between truth and error. The cults usually have most or all of these as part of their teaching:

1. An extra biblical source of authority.

When there is something put beside, or in place of, the Bible, beware.

Christian Science insists on the need for "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures".

Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints (Mormonism) prefers the plagiarized book of Mormon to the Bible, as the sole source for faith and practice.

Jehovah's Witnesses accept the authority of Studies in the Scriptures and other Watch Tower publications.

Theosophy uses The Secret Document. Accept only the Scriptures in your search for truth.

2. Denial of the Deity of Christ.

And, of course, a denial of the trinity. Christ is either "a" god, the first created being, the senior angel, a reincarnation, or simply a good man. Some have Him pictured as a polygamist. God, in many cults, becomes a monstrosity, "as man is, God once was; as God is man can be." Both Father and Son are often labelled as sensuous, inadequate, or needing man's help to " vindicate" His honour.

The Holy Spirit then becomes an essence, an idea, an impersonal "something" that somehow emanates from God.

3. Denial of Justification by faith alone.

This great truth of the Bible is repudiated

by a demand to good works, to obey and fulfill the laws and commandments, and by the teaching about a capricious God, completely unlike the "God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" Who Himself is "God blessed forever."

The cross becomes only a sign of love, a symbol of good, not Someone "bearing our sin in His own body on the tree."

4. Weird Eschatology (last things).

Try to follow the prophetic arithmetic that has Jesus return to a spiritual sanctuary where He carries on His Investigative judgment on our lives to see if we are worthy of salvation. Or try to understand the "celestial, terrestrial, celestial" paradises for different degrees of eternal life. Or search the scriptures for the doctrine of soul sleep, the annihilation of the wicked or establishing God's throne and Kingdom in the U.S.A., or alternatively, on the "Stone of Scone" in Westminister Abbey.

5. The exclusiveness of the Cult.

When a religious group cannot accept negroes into their church (such as Mormons, and perhaps some other unworthy types); or insist on a "little flock" (Armstrong); or a hierarchy of 144,000 (J.W.'s), then the grace of God "to all men" is a mockery and His "whosoever will may come" is a lie.

6. The life and character of the Founder.

Surely a brackish well cannot send forth sweet water. Read the story of that amazon, Madame Blavatsky (Theosophy) or of the polygamous Joseph Smith and Brigham Young (Mormons); or the neurotic, selfish, scheming, thrice-wed Mrs. Mary Baker Glover Patterson Eddy (Christian Science). Of the latter, Miss Georgina Milmine, who undertook the most thorough investigation of Mrs. Eddy ever done, wrote this: "I have searched the whole of Mrs. Eddy's life for a kindly, generous, unselfish, fine womanly deed, and would have been only too glad to have recorded it. But I have not found one."

Compare these (and others) with the Man of Galilee, Who went about doing good, and Who finally died "the just for the unjust that He might bring us to God."

When confronted with the claims of anyone, whether a Christian name is used or not, check them against these 6 key evidences of their teaching. "The truth shall make you free."

It's No Game!

An awesome spectre looms out of the twilight of the occult. Many Christians are treating many of these phenomena as games to play, or ignorance and superstition to laugh at.

Satan is in a serious business in affecting the eternal destinies of men, women and children. Even the most innocuous of occult activities become chinks in the armour and permit his fiery darts to enter.

Research has shown that in 1969 alone, over 2 million ouija boards were sold in the U.S.A. And many of them are in the hands of Christians to "play" with.

We have the authentic testimony of one girl at a university in metropolitan Toronto who used the ouija board and received such answers that she became literally "possessed". The results of it were academic let-down, and such mental and physical torture that she was on the verge of suicide. The assistance of a Christian friend and the manifest power of the Holy Spirit brought her into freedom, victory and joy. She warns against the use of such "games".

Is tea-leaf reading only a pastime? Are seances fun? Are tarot cards just a game? Are horoscopes a laugh?

Don't you believe it! Christians are warned against probing into those mysteries of the future that God has reserved for Himself. Don't play games with the devil. He will win every time!

Now It's Academic

Several High Schools and Colleges are offering courses on the Occult, Witchcraft, Voodoo, Parapsychology and other elements of the spiritual and psychological world.

One Canadian University syllabus offers: "Occult Sciences: a speculative survey of witchcraft, magic, alchemy, sorcery, vampirism and lycanthropy. Included will be the philosophical basis, historical documentation, and the impact of such phenomena on Western Society."

It is good to be armed with knowledge. But when the balance of a knowledge of God and the truth as it is in Christ Jesus is lacking, students may be led down paths from which there is no return.

It's Frightening

We are told that the fastest growing religious group in the Western hemisphere is the Satanic Church, or Satanism in America.

If this is true, and there seems little reason to doubt it, then the west is in a frightening spiritual state indeed.

The First Church of Satan was founded by Anton LaVey in California (where else?) in 1966. All that is Christian has been perverted into Satan worship, including prayers, hymns, sacraments and sermons. Marriages and burials are all dedicated to Satan. All that is good and godly is ridiculed, and in antithesis, the obscene, the profane, the evil are exalted.

Even a Satanic Bible has been written, and risking offending our readers, we submit just a few of the more mild exhortations from this devilish document.

The Satanic Bible by Anton Szandor LaVey

The Nine Satanic Statements

1. Satan represents indulgence, instead of abstinence!
2. Satan represents vital existence, instead of spiritual pipe dreams!
3. Satan represents undefiled wisdom, instead of hypocritical self-deceit!
4. Satan represents kindness to those who deserve it, instead of love wasted on ingrates!
5. Satan represents vengeance, instead of turning the other cheek.
6. Satan represents responsibility to the responsible, instead of concern for psychic vampires!
7. Satan represents man as just another animal, sometimes better, more often worse than those that walk on all-fours, who, because of his "divine spiritual and intellectual development," has become the most vicious animal of all!
8. Satan represents all of the so-called sins, as they all lead to physical, mental, or emotional gratification!
9. Satan has been the best friend the church has ever had, as he has kept it in business all these years!

IV

1. Life is the great Indulgence — death, the great abstinence. Therefore, make the most of life — HERE AND NOW!
2. There is no heaven of glory bright, and no hell where sinners roast. Here and now is our day of torment! Here and now is our day of joy! Here and now is our opportunity! Choose ye this day, this hour, for no redeemer liveth!
3. Say unto thine own heart, "I am mine

own redeemer."

4. Stop the way of them that would persecute you. Let those who devise thine undoing be hurling back to confusion and infamy. Let them be as chaff before the cyclone and after they have fallen rejoice in thine own salvation.
5. Then all thy bones shall say proudly, "Who is like unto me? Have I not been too strong for mine adversaries? Have I not delivered MYSELF by mine own brain and body?"

V

1. Blessed are the strong, for they shall possess the earth — Cursed are the weak, for they shall inherit the yoke!
2. Blessed are the powerful, for they shall be reverenced among men — Cursed are the feeble, for they shall be blotted out!
3. Blessed are the bold, for they shall be masters of the world — Cursed are the righteously humble, for they shall be trodden under cloven hoofs!
4. Blessed are the victorious, for victory is the basis of right — Cursed are the vanquished, for they shall be vassals forever!
5. Blessed are the iron-handed, for the unfit shall flee before them — Cursed are the poor in spirit, for they shall be spat upon!
6. Blessed are the death-defiant, for their days shall be long in the land — Cursed are the gazers toward a richer life beyond the grave, for they shall perish amidst plenty!
7. Blessed are the destroyers of false hope, for they are the true Messiahs — Cursed are the god-adorers, for they shall be shorn sheep!
8. Blessed are the valiant, for they shall obtain great treasure — Cursed are the believers in good and evil, for they are frightened by shadows!
9. Blessed are those that believe in what is best for them, for never shall their minds be terrorized — Cursed are the "lambs of God," for they shall be bledd whiter than snow!

NOTE: Our O.B.C. students have contacted young people who have offered themselves to Satan in a ceremony of blood and bathos. Dealing with them for Christ, despite their own weeping desires to know Him, has been most difficult.

The "roaring lion" is devouring many today. Let the Christian resist him, even "unto blood" if necessary. Let the church become again, a holy instrument for God, clothed in full armour and knowing complete victory (Eph. 6:10-18).

Bibliography on the Occult and the Cults

This is just a partial list of the many books on the market. Section I we recommend as being written from a Christian perspective. They are available from the O.B.C. Bookstore. Section II is a list of informative books giving an insight into these groups. Some are objective, some are apologetic. They are recommended for research into many problems confronting us today. They are not written from a Christian and Biblical viewpoint.

Section I

Cults:

The Kingdom of the Cults, by Walter Martin

The Chaos of the Cults, by J. Van Baalan

The Four Major Cults, by A. A. Hoekema

The Christian and the Cults,

by Walter Martin

Christianity and the Cults, by Gospel Light

The Theology of the Major Sects,

by J. H. Gerstner

Religion, Origins and Ideas,

by Robert Brow

What the Cults Believe, by Irvine Roberts

Why I Left Jehovah's Witnesses,

by Ted Deucher

The Christian Science Myth,

by Martin & Kloun

Confronting the Cults, by Gordon R. Lewis

Occultism:

I Talked With Spirits, by Victor H. Ernest

Astrology, Occultism & The Drug Culture,

by Lambert Dolphin, Jr.

The Haunting of Bishop Pike, A Christian

View of the Other Side, by Merrill Unger

Wizards that Peep and Mutter,

by Paul Bauer

Between Christ and Satan, Kurt E. Koch

Christian Counselling & Occultism,

Kurt E. Koch

Occult Bondage & Deliverance,

Kurt E. Koch

"Occult Experimentation" (pamphlet) from

National Association of Christian Schools,

Section II

The Unexplained, by Alan Spraggett

Religious Sects, by Bryan Wilson

The Second Coming (Satanism in America),

by Arthur Lyons

The Teenager's Realistic Guide to Astro-

logy, by Gary Jennings (G. R. Welch Co. Ltd.)

The Mystery and Magic of the Occult,

by John S. Kerr (G. R. Welch Co. Ltd.).

Catalogue from G. L. C. Educational Mater-

ials and Services Ltd., 115 Nugget Ave., Agincourt, Ont.

There are many other books on cults and the occult produced by their proponents. A simple warning to weigh them carefully in the light of scripture should be given to those who read them. Magazines and newspapers are other sources for contemporary material.

needs could be met in some other way. Perhaps I was wrong and the call of Jesus Christ to follow Him was not as total as I had thought — perhaps there might be no God at all. Thus I entered a course that was characterized by conflict; on the one hand was the compelling call of Christ to follow and on the other hand the desire to find purpose and meaning for my existence in some less radical way. I chose the latter course.

As I rationalized, I considered that perhaps my search for purpose could be satisfied by personal achievement. Since I had ruled out the possibility of academic pursuit as a valid option, during my next three years at school I found a measure of achievement in sports. On leaving school I entered business. For a while I worked as a salesman through the Islands of the Caribbean. Long hours and hard work paid off, promotion came quickly and by 1965 I was well established and felt that all things being equal I had prospects for a better than average future. But despite this superficial success I was deeply aware that the questions that had posed themselves to my childlike mind were still unanswered.

About this time a friend of mine invited me to attend a Bible Study. It was led by a man who at that time was almost 80. Immediately I was impressed by the reality and sense of purpose that characterized his life. As I continued to attend these studies the conflict which had been with me for so long intensified. Finally I gave in and let God be God. I did not know then what is now so transparently clear; the divine love and humility of God that will accept even the most reluctant convert. As C. S. Lewis has commented, "the words of Christ to "compel them to come in" have been so abused by wicked men that we shudder at them, yet rightly understood they plumb the depths of divine mercy."

Soon the need for training became apparent and in the fall of 1968 I entered Ontario Bible College. During my time here I have been challenged both intellectually and spiritually. Many of my childish concepts about God and Christianity have been revised. But as I have wrestled I have come to a clearer picture of our God, whose sovereignty and grace are beyond adequate explanation.

Just what the future holds after I complete my B.A. studies next year, I do not know. But I think Bonhoeffer came close to the answer when he said, "And if we answer the call to discipleship, where will

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Graduation Testimonies



Douglas Stoute, B.Th.

If someone were to ask you to define in one word what Christianity means to you, what word would you choose? I think that if I were asked that question, I would choose the word **purpose**. This word carries with it the meaning of design or plan and very briefly I would like to support my choice.

I was born and raised in Barbados, West Indies into a happy and secure home, but from a very early age my mind was plagued by two basic questions: Who am I, and What is the purpose of my existence? At first of course, these questions were vague and undefined, but as I entered school and approached my early teens they became clearer. It was probably this sense of undefined need that led me when I was fourteen to respond to the invitation at a Billy Graham rally.

I soon found, however, that there was more to Christianity than signing a card at an evangelistic service. Through discussion with others and my own study of the Scriptures I realized that Christ was asking me to allow Him to invade my entire personality. He was calling me to be His disciple, and as someone has put it: "When Christ calls a man He bids him to come and die." Faced with this radical claim I began to rationalize. Perhaps my

it lead us? What decisions and partings will it demand? To answer this we shall have to go to Him, for only He knows the answer. Only Jesus Christ, who bids us follow Him, knows the journey's end. But I do know it will be a road of boundless mercy. Discipleship means joy."



Nancy Black, B.R.E.

"My hope is in the Lord, Who gave Himself
for me,
And paid the price of all my sin at Calvary.
For me He died, for me He lives,
And everlasting life and light He freely
gives."

I have deliberately quoted these words from a hymn which we have sung in the Chorale during this past year. It was sung here tonight. This hymn has become very meaningful to me and I have used it because, in part, it describes my relationship to my Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. The words are: "for me He died, for me He lives." This makes Christianity personal.

At the age of 10 I attended an evangelistic service with my parents in our home church in New Brunswick. We had been hearing about Christ's death and

resurrection in order that man might live eternally because of personal faith in Him. Even then I realized my life was not complete. I felt a strong desire to know Jesus Christ in a more personal way, and that night I asked Him to come into my life and free me from Satan's bondage of sin. On the basis of God's Word, not on any emotional experience, I knew my Savior now presented Himself with me in the person of His Holy Spirit.

Teen-age years took on deeper meaning as the spiritual dimension of life had opportunity for expression and development. The reality of a more intimate friendship with Christ developed under the guidance of Christian parents and church leaders. The activities that brought me into service for Him were more interesting and satisfying than the other available ways of life.

In living the Christian life, I discovered joy deeper than momentary happiness. By living each day in fellowship with my Lord, I found an intense peace and satisfaction that the world could not offer. However, much of this was lost after graduation from high school. Life was mine and the future was before me waiting to be explored. I had not yet realized, in a practical way, the truth of Romans 12:1, 2, that God, Who knows the end from the beginning, already had a perfect plan for my life. While I could only live moment by moment, a day at a time, He had a lifetime plan of purpose and fulfilment — not a utopia, but life with the assurance of His abiding presence in every situation.

However, this concept of God's will was not the channel of my thoughts. Instead, my mind was preoccupied in the shallows of my own intentions. My vision was focused on what I wanted to do with my life. God did not force me into His pattern, but rather in patience, allowed me the discovery of how disappointing life can be

when He is not given primary place.

At the end of one miserable year of going my own way, feeling like a misplaced person, my one question was, "God, what is Your will for my life?"

The answer has revealed some dramatic changes as I have allowed God to be the Director of my life. There has been a new and deeper purpose for living. I began to really understand what Christ meant when He said, "I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly." This abundant life is one of quality as well as quantity.

I now reflect upon these years with the realization of the truth of God's Word. In His perfect plan, life has been full to overflowing both in activity and satisfaction.

These four years at O.B.C. are now a very treasured part of the past. They have been years of study, years of growth and development in every part of my personality.

For me, they signify life-long friendships enclosed in precious memories; a time for expression of my total person; the extension of academic knowledge which is but a foundation for further building.

They have been years of opportunity and discovery; discovery of self and discovery of God through Bible study and varied experiences.

They have been years of change because He has moulded my life, making me more effective in His service.

In graduating from this college, with the future spread out before me, I can truly say that my Hope is in the Lord.

I look back to years of God proving His faithfulness when He had top priority in my life. I look ahead to the fullness of life as He continues to unfold His perfect will.

"It is for me He died, for me He lives, and everlasting life and light He freely gives."

College Calendar

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September 7	Arrival of New Students	October 6	Prayer Day	December 11	Christmas Musicale—
Sept. 8-10	New Student Orientation and Registration	October 11	Thanksgiving Holiday		Toronto
September 10	Registration for Upper-classmen	October 23	Parents' Day	December 17	Beginning of Christmas Recess
September 13	Beginning of Classes	November 3	Prayer Day		
September 15	Convocation 10:10 a.m. Dr. W. Fitch, speaker	December 3	Christmas Musicale— London		
Sept. 17-19	Student-Faculty Retreat	December 5	Christmas Musicale— Kitchener		
Sept. 28-Oct. 1	Spiritual Life Conference	December 10	Christmas Musicale— Hamilton		

God is Working

As we compile the distressing and frightening news of the growth of the occult, there comes to hand the thrilling story of how God is working in Indonesia. Thousands have been swept into the Kingdom of God.

"The Revival In Indonesia," by Kurt Koch reads like the Acts of the Apostles. The breakthrough into the lives and hearts of Indonesians is nothing less than a visitation from God. Read it and rejoice in His Spirit's working.

In the June issue we wrote of the revival in Asbury College when "the fire came down," in the book review of "One Divine Moment."

Now word comes from Dr. Raymond C. Ortlund of a similar visitation to Taylor University in Upland, Indiana. From a full heart Dr. Ortlund writes of those momentous days in February 1971.

"Rejoice with us! God wonderfully answered prayers on the campus of Taylor University in Upland, Indiana.

"We had read in Leviticus 9 how Moses and Aaron did their priestly duties — just went through the motions, but in obedience — it was all they could do. Suddenly in the sight of all the people, God sent down fire from heaven. And all the people shouted and fell on their faces!

"Monday, February 8, we started going through our important motions: preaching, meeting with groups, praying with kids . . . and we were expectant and excited as we saw hearts melting and a rising tide of the Holy Spirit's moving and working.

"Every Chapel service was voluntary in attendance and every one was marvelously attended — practically all were packed out.

"Thursday evening, February 11, at 7:00 o'clock the fire came down! From then until Friday breakfast students waited in lines for hours to take their turn repenting, rejoicing, confessing, testifying, offering prayers, singing or leading us in song. We saw God attack stubborn problems: blacks and whites breaking down their barriers; kids testifying of phoning home to be reconciled to

their parents; students apologizing to Profs for cheating; other students being converted on the spot.

"Early Friday morning we gave the kids a break to stretch their legs — and witnessed a 1971 college-age version of people shouting and falling on their faces! They flew into each other's arms; they cried and laughed; and they kept saying, "Can you believe it? Did you ever think this would happen to us? Praise God! Praise the Lord!"

"Friday was a beautiful day of joy and fellowship and prayer all over campus, in the midst of classes. Friday evening ended in groups of four or five interceding at deep levels for each other in prayer, and then everybody spontaneously reaching for hands to sing, "We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. . . ."

"The students worried, "Will it last?" and we reminded them, "Not it but He! Not an experience — only Christ!"

"But pray that they'll be faithful to keep God's holy fire burning (Lev. 6:13).

"Isn't God wonderful! As one of our dear, crazy kids said, "Compared to Jesus Christ, everything else is just toothpaste!"

Then from the far off Solomon Islands has come a report, through the South Sea Evangelical Mission, of another revival.

The instrument this time is Mr. Muri Thompson, a Maori evangelist from New Zealand. And again there is that striking similarity to Acts. Yet all is done in quiet, purposeful dignity as the Holy Spirit worked. Read these brief comments of those glorious days in this isolated part of the Pacific Ocean:

"Suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

"At first," Muri Thompson remembers, "I thought it was audible prayer among the congregation, but realized it was above, in the distance, like a wind and getting louder."

"He was in the bush-timber church at Sifilo, in Uru harbour, midway along the east coast of Malaita in the Solomon Islands. Before him was a crowd of perhaps 300 Koio people, their heads bowed in silent prayer.

"I looked up through an opening in the leaf roof to the heavens from where the sound seemed to be coming," Muri continues. "It grew to a roar — then it came to me: surely this is the Holy Spirit coming like a mighty rushing wind. I

called the people to realize that God the Holy Spirit was about to descend upon them."

"Muri, a Maori evangelist from New Zealand was visiting the Solomons at the invitation of the South Sea Evangelical Church. Travelling with him around the Island was a team including other Maoris, Solomon Islanders and missionaries. One of these, George Strachan, adds his account of what happened, written that day, August 27.

A Rushing Mighty Wind

"There came a sound like an aeroplane in the distance. Growing louder, it attracted attention, as it sounded like a gale approaching. My thoughts went to our ship, the "Evangel"; yesterday the anchor had dragged in a strong gust, and only Benjamin was on board that time. I looked outside, only to see the trees quite still; yet the roar, full but not deafening, continued. It came to me with a start: surely this is the Holy Spirit coming like a mighty rushing wind.

"In a matter of seconds, the silent church started to echo with wailing, praying and strong crying. Being up in the pulpit, I glanced over the congregation. One felt the sacredness of the moment. The Spirit of God was upon His people.

"As men gave thanks aloud, cries of conviction increased among the people. Gradually, they started to come through to deliverance. There was no panic; all was under the control of God who was handling the powers of evil, man's sin, and the huge crowd.

"We trust that this is only the beginning of the fulfilment of God's promise, which we claimed from Him years ago: 'Call upon me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.' (Jer. 33:3) And so it proved to be: the beginning of a work by the Holy Spirit which is still going on."

America, Indonesia, the Solomon Islands. There is no distance, no space, where God cannot work. The only hindrance is our sin (see Isa. 59:1-2), our apathy, our prayerlessness. And our lack of expectancy.

Can God move where we live and work? Can revival come to my heart, my home, my church, my country? Yes — when I meet God's conditions.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." II Chron. 7:14

Underground Evangelism

(continued from last issue)

In the June Recorder, we carried an article from the paper, "Underground Evangelism" telling of the spread of the Gospel in Communist countries.

Here is part 2 of the article, reprinted with permission.

While some people in the West deny the existence of an Underground Church, or a spiritual awakening in communist lands, quotations from a full-page article in a nonevangelical newspaper, widely recognized for its quality reporting, portrays quite the opposite.

A Penetrating Look at the Growth of Religion in Russia Today

The article referred to is by Paul Wohl, correspondent for the Christian Science Monitor and acknowledged specialist in communist affairs. He presents the religious situation in Russia from the secular news standpoint. His conclusions, therefore, should carry all the more weight with the skeptics since they are objective and completely nonprejudiced.

Our Own Confirmation

News of the Spiritual awakening among the young people of Russia referred to in this article has been reported to Underground Evangelism over a period of many months by returning couriers, co-workers, and visiting Westerners speaking the Russian language.

We have been told that more than 10,000 young people made a committal to Christ during the past year. In fact, so many people received Christ as Saviour in one district alone that communist authorities, alarmed by the phenomenon, took strong measures to combat it. A punishment program was set up to take care of the newly converted youth.

But neither malicious verbal harassment, including threats to withhold from them the benefits of further education, nor actual physical abuse could sway the young people from their determination to walk with Christ.

Kremlin Men Baffled

When the Soviets seized power, their goal was to mold a man with a scientific, non-

religious world outlook and socialist morality — a man, well balanced and harmoniously developed . . .

A scientific outlook is there, but so is religion. Its comeback is a phenomenon which the ideologists of Communism cannot explain and about which they prefer to remain silent.

Outwardly the comeback of religion shows in many ways:

- Internal opposition against the state-controlled hierarchy of the Orthodox Church.
- The rising number of baptisms and conversions.
- The spreading of sects uncompromisingly opposed to Party and state.
- An underground religious literature with better technical facilities than the secular civil rights movement.

Revival of religion among the young baffles the Kremlin. Not since the days of the Bolshevik revolution has the regime displayed so much concern about the influence of religion, and religious oppression once again is in evidence.

Yet it is different from both that of the early days of the revolution and the massive administrative oppression during the last years under former Premier Nikita S. Krushchev.

Today's oppression is more selective, more subtle; it is not directed against the official church, nor even against established minority churches, but against believers who refuse to come to terms with the establishment and seek spiritual freedom in underground worship.

Soviet concern for the young. What worries the Soviet authorities most is the young. Surveys of high-school students show that many young Russians think intelligently about religion.

In Leningrad one student in his final year wrote: "Religion gives people hope for something in life. What a man believes may be mythical, but without faith one cannot live."

Another student wrote: "Why does religion exist? Obviously because man yearns for something pure and exalted. Religion satisfies this yearning."

According to this survey, published in the journal, "Questions of Scientific Atheism," what interests young people most is the principle of morality, suffering for the sake of one's faith, and the role of religion in the development of mankind's spiritual treasure. . . .

Family influence. The group with which the communist investigators are most concerned "is the one whose basic core of religiosity is participation in religious observances by their families. . . . "Prominent in the religiosity of some young people are the ideas of 'love thy neighbor' . . . comforting the needy and the burdened" These ideas strike a chord among young people. . . . In a 1965 study of religiosity among Evangelical Baptists in the cities of Anapa and Krasnodar (in the rich Kuban region), 19 percent cited the need for solace and compassion as the reason which brought them into religion."

Seeking reason why. The communists clearly lean over backward to understand the upsurge of religion among the young, but so far all their analyses have been unable to make them understand the elementary need for a spiritual underpinning to one's life.

For communist analysts, religion is either an outgrowth of environment, which can be changed; a mental error, which can be corrected; or a device of internal or foreign enemies to misdirect the people.

The established churches which have gone through alternating periods of toleration and persecution are sharply controlled and viewed with suspicion as purveyors and custodians of religion. From the communist point of view, the churches are dangerous because they are the most effective in spreading religion. Party and state put up with them because of their hold over large numbers of people in an emergency such as the war. . . .

30 Million Church Adherents

The main body of Soviet believers is in the ancient Orthodox Church, which in 1967 claimed 30 million adherents and 22 million regular churchgoers. According to more recent estimates, about one quarter of the adult population are of the Orthodox faith.

Such figures do not mean much under present conditions. What matters is the dynamism of religion — how religion, muzzled, reviled, ridiculed by a militantly atheistic state, has phoenix-like risen from the ashes. . . .

The second generation, the parents of today's young, grew up at a time when organized religion was driven underground

and was ignored by a large majority of the people.

Third generation shift. The third generation, the young people of today who seek culture and knowledge and are intently concerned with the meaning of life, has been stirred up and quickened as never before. In this group the breakthrough to religion, when it occurs, is of extraordinary intensity and power. Moreover, such breakthroughs no longer are isolated events.

A simple young woman received the visit of her neighbor, a young engineer-physicist. "I know you are a believer. Can you tell me about God? The philosophy of dialectical materialism does not satisfy me. I would like to know the viewpoint of believers."

Evangelical Churches Cited

... there is another aspect to the religious upsurge — the evangelical churches. Evangelical churches, originally alien, are historical newcomers. The two most important established evangelical groups are the Baptist and Lutheran churches — the latter mainly a national-minority church in the Baltic countries, just as the Roman Catholics are a national-minority church in Lithuania and other western territories.

The Baptists are different. Their church is a product of a genuine religious reformation among the Orthodox, which began to spread in the 19th century. In 1942 the Baptists claimed four million Russian brothers and sisters.

In contrast to the Orthodox Church, which until about 10 years ago was predominantly a church of older people, Baptist services always have attracted the young.

Underground amazes. These evangelical Baptists have been severely persecuted. In 1968, 80 of them, in the industrial Donetsk province, were confined in a mental asylum. Thousands of Initiativniki are in jail or in labor camps; their children are taken away from them.

Equally hard is the fate of the Pentecostals, Adventists, and Jehovah's Witnesses who have made many proselytes since the war. Next to the unregistered Baptists, the Pentecostals have the largest number of communities.

One learns about the activities and the religious fervor of these dissident Protestants from court sentences meted out to them, which are published in the press, and from polemics against them in atheist journals.

The fearless underground work of religious dissidents is amazing. In contrast to the secular civil-rights movement, they

have gained access to printing presses and duplicating machines. Some of the equipment and the literature is sent in from abroad. The pamphlets, hymnals, and Bible texts of the Initiativniki and other such Protestant churches enable them to hold Sunday schools and to train deacons and pastors. . . .

For Party and state these dissident Protestants are an anathema, and the secret police are after them with everything they have. But the movement apparently cannot be suppressed.

In 1968 evangelical Baptists marched singing hymns, with home-made posters through the streets of Krivoli Rog, a Ukrainian city of about half a million, and scuffled with the police. The incident was reported in the Ukrainian press.

. . . Russians, and most of the non-Russian peoples living among them, always have felt a deep need for religion. . . . The men in the Kremlin know that the growing religiosity of the people — especially of the young — is a serious matter.

Daniel 2:27-30 BIBLE (continued from page 2)

"Daniel answered . . . and said, The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, shew unto the king;

But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. . . . and he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what shall come to pass.

But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living, but for their sakes that shall make known the interpretation to the king, and that thou mightest know the thoughts of thy heart."

I Corinthians 10:20-22

"But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.

Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.

Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than He?"

II Corinthians 11:13-15

"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."

Revelation 9:20-21

"And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:

Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts."

Read also God's judgment on Saul for visiting one with a "familiar" spirit, in I Samuel 28:1-20.

Joe Bass Challenges Soviets to Accept 2 Million Bibles

London (EP): — During an interview aired by the British Broadcasting Corporation, the president of the U.S.-based Underground Evangelism challenged the "enlightened, cultured Soviet Union" to accept a gift of 2 million Bibles, if its touted freedom of religion is indeed a fact.

L. Joe Bass, whose challenge to the Communists was picked up in the Manchester Guardian and the London Telegraph, said the Bible would contain nothing but a plain cover and the Scripture text from Genesis to Revelation.

"There would be no anti-Soviet state-

ment whatever," he said, "and we would ask for a guarantee that the Russian Bibles would be distributed freely and that no one requesting a copy would be registered."

A registered Bible, Bass said, is a revocable Bible.

"It's an ignominious situation when a nation so cultured and enlightened as the Soviet Union would prevent its people from having a copy of one of the most influential books in history," Bass said.

He added that the 11-year-old Underground Evangelism is ready to arrange the shipment but that he would relinquish all responsibility for it if the Bible societies would care to be the sponsors of the plan.

Behind The Iron Curtain

The Bible Society's budget for work in Eastern Europe in 1971 is over \$400,000. This is a clear indication of the extensive TRANSLATION, PUBLICATION and DISTRIBUTION of the Scriptures that is being done in countries behind the Iron Curtain by the Canadian Bible Society and all 50 Bible Societies in the fellowship of the United Bible Societies.

Without doubt the major Bible work in Eastern Europe is being done by the Bible Societies and this work is being done responsibly and effectively. In Communist countries, the churches work under very difficult conditions, but they are still able to function in most areas. Both the Communists' attitude to the Scriptures and the lack of printing facilities have hindered the production of the Scriptures in Eastern Europe.

Nevertheless, considerable Scripture production is taking place and at times encouraging events such as the printing of 100,000 Bibles in Rumania occur. In only one case — that of Albania — no formal operation of any kind could be organized. The following brief account of the work of the Bible Society in Eastern Europe will be of interest to many.

Translation

Throughout Eastern Europe interest in Bible translation has been kept alive, and as a result this is the strongest aspect of Bible work in Eastern Europe. We know of some thirteen translation projects which are now in hand.

Bulgaria Revision of the Bulgarian Bible was started seven years ago. The New Testament is now nearly finished. Work on the Old Testament is going on.

Czechoslovakia. Translation of the Slovak New Testament has been in process for many years by the Lutheran Church. In 1970 the New Testament and the Psalms were published and in three years it is expected that the Old Testament will be completed. Translation of the Czech Bible is in progress with three sections of the

Old Testament having been published and the Gospels now in the process of being printed.

Hungary. For many years Bible translators have been working on a new translation of the Hungarian Bible and it is now in the final stages.

Poland. Protestant scholars finished the new translation of the New Testament in Polish and it was published five years ago. It will be some time before the Old Testament revision is completed.

Russia. A new translation of the Armenian New Testament is under way. Gospels have already been produced. Revision of the Estonian Bible was started in 1969 by Protestants in that country. The New Testament in Latvian was revised in 1962. A commission for the Old Testament is now being set up in Riga. Orthodox scholars in Leningrad are preparing the ground for a new Russian Bible translation.

Yugoslavia. A new translation of the Bible in Macedonian is under way. The New Testament is soon to be published. A new translation into Serbian is being prepared by the Orthodox Church. Gospels have already been produced. Protestant scholars are working on a new Slovenian Bible translation and the New Testament and Psalms will soon appear. Attempts are being made to find a basis for a translation of the Gospels into Albanian.

Production

Paper for the printing of 50,000 New Testaments will be sent by the Bible Society to Bulgaria.

In the last eighteen months Scripture production in Czechoslovakia has included 30,000 Slovak Bibles, 50,000 Slovak New Testaments, 14,000 Portions of the Old Testament in Czech and 20,000 Czech Family Bibles. Currently 20,000 Czech New Testaments, 14,000 Old Testament Czech Portions and 2,000 Slovak Old Testament Portions are being published. Future plans call for the publishing of 50,000 Czech

22,000 are being produced and the paper for 40,000 more Bibles has been requested.

There are plans to increase the production of Scriptures in Poland. At present single books of the Bible are being published in Poland and New Testaments sent there by the United Bible Societies are being bound in Poland.

The printing of 100,000 Rumanian Bibles in Rumania was a highlight of the year 1969. These Bibles were printed on the State printing press on paper sent by the United Bible Societies. Considerably more Scripture production is anticipated in Rumania.

In Russia in 1956 editions of the Bible and of the New Testament were produced by the Orthodox Church in Russian, and in 1969-70 an edition of the Bible was produced. The Baptists have produced two editions of the Bible since the last war. In Armenia an edition of the new translation of the Gospels was produced in 1969. In Latvia 10,000 of the new translation of the New Testament were produced in 1962.

Gospels are being produced in Yugoslavia and it is hoped that the New Testament will also be published there soon.

While there is an improvement in Scripture production in Eastern Europe the supply of Scriptures is generally much below the need. Sending in Scriptures that are produced in the West is helping to meet some of the demand.

Import & Export

The Import of Scriptures from outside the Iron Curtain is essential and a good deal is permitted. Thanks to "standing licenses" some 200,000 Scriptures are sent to Poland and some 25,000 to Yugoslavia each year.

Since 1945 import permits for Scriptures in small and large amounts have been granted by many Eastern European countries. One of the important imports has been the increasingly large consignments of Scholarly Editions of the original text of the Old and New Testaments which have been sent at various times to all countries of Eastern Europe except Albania.

The Bible Society receives requests for Scriptures in Eastern European languages from various organizations which are engaged in Scripture distribution in Eastern Europe. The Bible Society supplies these organizations with the Scriptures at reduced prices and in many cases much below cost. The subsidy on these Scriptures is paid for by contributions to the Bible Society.

Distribution

In the past three years Poland has in-

pocket Bibles, 77,000 copies of the new Czech translation of the four Gospels and 20,000 Gospels of Mark.

In East Germany annual Scripture production is now 270,000 and this is the only country behind the Iron Curtain where there is an adequate number of Scriptures being produced. East Germany is able to export German Scriptures to other countries where German Scriptures are required.

In Hungary between 1949 and 1968 220,000 Bibles and Testaments were produced in Hungary for the Hungarian Bible Council by the Press Department of the Reformed Church of Hungary. At present increased distribution by 53 percent, and Yugoslavia by 69 percent. The production of the 100,000 Bibles in Rumania has raised distribution there considerably. One of the countries where distribution has increased substantially is Czechoslovakia thanks to both local production and imports. Annual Scriptures distribution in Eastern Europe is now nearly one million copies, and there is every indication that this will increase greatly. But such figures are quite inadequate to meet the needs of the 300,000,000 Eastern Europeans.

Young People: Why not copy this letter into your diary? and read it often.

Until the Right one Comes Along . . .

Dear Lord,

I pray that you will grant me the patience to wait. Somewhere there is waiting for me, one chosen by You who shall be my mate. Will he possess the characteristics of passion, humor, humility, kindness and love? Will he be able to get up when knocked down by the pounding waves of life? Will he comfort and guide me through our life together as man and wife? Will he look with joyful love and awe upon our gift from YOU whenever it may come, our newborn

child? Will he look at me with love as I lie beside him each night? Will he be there to gently brush away the doubts and fears which bring tears to my eyes, all because of life? Will he be there to laugh with me over each joy that You give to us? Will he love You, God? Will he say "I believe" each time he hears his child laugh or sees the sky or feels the falling rain? Yes, dear Lord, he will be these because he will be yours, dear God. He will be these because he will be a creation of Yours. Please, dear Lord, grant me the patience to wait. I believe the man that You have chosen for me, somewhere waits.

—Anonymous

(From Mel Johnston's "Don't Stop Here")

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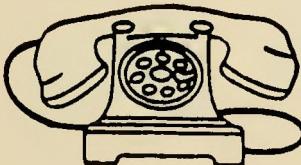
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A NEW THOUGHT EACH DAY

A Campaign Against the Gospel

In recent years over one million people in Indonesia have become Christians. The growth of the Christian Church in Indonesia is one of those miraculous events which never cease to fill people with amazement. God is at work in Indonesia and the results of His working are everywhere apparent.

Unfortunately the growth of the Christian Church has created strong opposition from certain elements of the population and strong steps are being taken by the enemies of Christ to put roadblocks in the way of the Gospel and to discredit Christianity.

One of the most dangerous and disturbing tactics is that which is used by the Moslems. These people are distributing "The Gospel of Barnabas" as propaganda AGAINST Christianity. The Gospel of Barnabas is a sinister book which completely contradicts the teachings of the Gospels in the Bible. Among other things the Gospel of Barnabas states that Jesus did not die

on the cross, but that He was replaced by Simon. Jesus Himself went to Kashmir, died a natural death and was buried there.

The name Barnabas has nothing to do with the Barnabas in the Bible. The Gospel of Barnabas is translated into Indonesian. Fanatic Islamic groups are sponsoring campaigns to popularize the Gospel of Barnabas among Moslems and in many places are arranging meetings with Church people to convince them that the Bible is not true.

The Christian is sure of God's victory over sin and death, but we must never underestimate the power of evil. The distribution of this false Gospel may do great harm to the cause of Christ in Indonesia. The best way to counteract the Gospel of Barnabas is to place in the hands of Indonesians the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. The Bible Society is active in Indonesia with its own printing press and with an active Bible Society. Each year the Canadian Bible Society provides a substantial grant to the Bible Society of Indonesia. In these days we should be particularly concerned about this new, clever campaign which is being waged against Christ in Indonesia.

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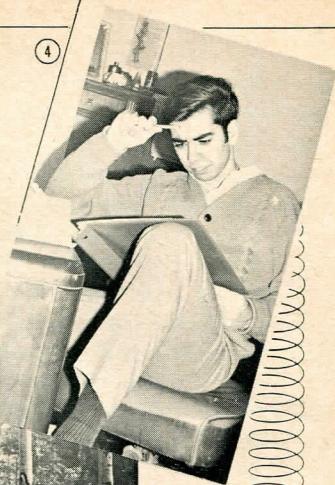


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1 Witnessing for Christ.

2 Music group shares in a student chapel.

3,4 Study, study, study!

5 And prayer.

6 Fun and fellowship spirit holds Class of '73 together — But, "The greatest"?

7 And meditation.



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Campus life has its variables —

1 Who said 3's a crowd?

2 The Swordsman.

3 Going off the deep end.

4 He scores — at hockey!

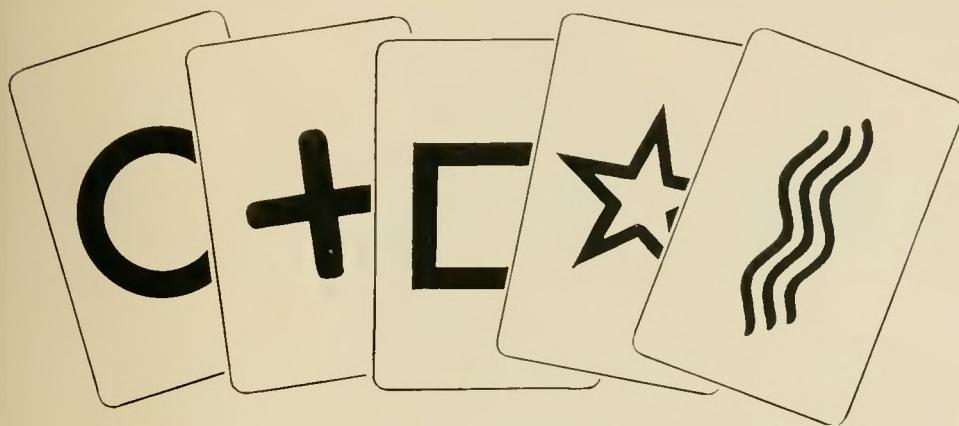
5 He scores — at cleaning!

6 Cheerleaders are the big wheels on campus.

7 Something to cheer about.

8 Ever play table tennis alone? Try it.

9 Hope the hole is big enough.



ESP cards used by Mitchell were developed at Duke University. Set consists of 25 cards, each symbol appearing five times in deck. A "sender"

concentrates on one or more symbols at a time, in arbitrary sequence, while the "receiver" attempts to guess the sequence.

They Protested the Bible . . . But not E.S.P.!

A couple of years ago, the Bible account of creation was read from outer space, as the astronauts hovered over the moon. And ever since, the cries of protest have not let up. Particularly the vocal atheist Crusader, Mrs. Madeline O'Hara. Imagine — reading the Bible and its faithful and true accounts of creation!

But in January, 1971, another moon landing was made. And during the nine day mission, Edgar Mitchell made 150 attempts, through E.S.P. (Extra-Sensory Perception) to transfer his thoughts back to earth.

The report received full coverage in LIFE magazine and other media. Yet no one, to our knowledge, has protested the use of occultism (of which E.S.P. is a part) during these subsequent months.

The thought transfer was to be done through using a set of 25 E.S.P. cards (several are illustrated here). A "sender" concentrates on one or more symbols at

a time, in arbitrary sequence, while the "receiver" or "perceiver" attempts to read the sequence.

The receiver in this case was a Mr. Jonsson of Chicago who claims psychic powers. A group of parapsychologists arranged the experiment.

LIFE magazine reported:

"About two weeks before blast-off, Mitchell called Jonsson from Cape Kennedy to discuss his idea. The two men agreed to conduct a series of earthbound telephone experiments to establish E.S.P. rapport before the flight. Using a special E.S.P. deck, Mitchell would arrange a number of cards in a certain sequence and concentrate on them. A thousand miles away in Chicago, Jonsson tried to picture the sequence in his mind. In 10 separate sessions, Jonsson claims he named the cards in the correct order about half the

time — a score far higher than pure chance would allow. This was the experiment, they decided, that they would try to repeat across space. When Mitchell stepped into Apollo 14, he carried some E.S.P. cards with him.

"In deference to NASA, Mitchell conducted all his private experiments during his rest periods. In all, he and Jonsson conducted six experiments of six minutes each, one on each of the three days before and after the moon landing. Before each of the precisely scheduled six-minute periods, Jonsson spent at least half an hour meditating and preparing himself for reception. During each experiment, Mitchell attempted to transfer to earth about 25 different thought images of the E.S.P. cards. Jonsson found that his receptivity varied. On some occasions, he says, the signal was strong, and he is 100% sure he got the message. But at other times, he could not see the whole card; and sometimes it was too blurred for him to identify. Both men kept a written record of each session and, at the end of the sixth day, Jonsson sent his to the group of screening scientists, who will compare the two men's reports.

"Jonsson does not expect the results to be announced until some time after the end of the astronauts' quarantine period, as he imagines Mitchell will want to study them carefully. And he cautions against expecting too much success. 'This is our first try at this,' he says. 'If the results aren't too good, then it doesn't prove that E.S.P. doesn't work through space.'

To date, no further reports have been noted.* But we would much prefer the reading of the Word of God to experimentation in those areas where Satan has shown his power, and where so much delusion and spiritual breakdown have taken place.

Man seems prone to accept everything and anything except the truth. Recent biographies of Hitler mention his fascination with the occult, and the world-shaking decisions that he based on its revelations. And far too frequently, we hear of others who are enmeshed in the powers of darkness.

Only a revival of true Biblical preaching, a return to the daily reading of the Word of God, and obedience to its commands, will bring enlightenment and freedom to mankind.

"Thou hast magnified Thy Word above all Thy Name."

"Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life."

*A recent report claims better than 50% of the test was correct.

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Come and see us as we are!



Parents register for their day in College — Rev. & Mrs. G. Morehouse.



Parents talk (down) to teachers.

LIMITATION

God changed His mind
because they had changed
their hearts.
He repented
because they repented.
That is the way
we word it
sometimes.
But always
He is limited
only by
His limitless love.

Out of the Swamp Grows the Orchid

The story of the late Bishop James A. Pike is one of distress and spiritual breakdown. When his son committed suicide, Pike sought the aid of a spiritist medium in an attempt to contact the boy's spirit. The telecast of that seance was one of the most terrifying and pathetic demonstrations of the helplessness and lostness of man this writer has ever seen.

"Thank you, Jim, thank you, Jim," the father repeated over and over, when the medium voiced the son's supposed exoneration of his father as having done anything to cause the suicide. And Pike's personal journey into spiritism, and the influence he has had on others, is a contemporary illustration of the depths to which a man will go when he is out of touch with God.

In this environment, another son, Christopher Pike, 21, found himself in the swamps of drugs and mysticism. TIME (June 21, 1971) in reporting on "The Jesus Revolution" quotes Chris in these words: "T.V. and grass (marijuana), that was my god. Then came acid, Eastern religion and Bible reading — while stoned."

Then young Pike met a Christian — "he was the first intelligent Christian I ever saw. I just said: 'Jesus Christ, I'm going to give myself to You and nobody else.' Nothing happened, but I knew. I knew He had reached down, and I was saved."

And later: "The old Chris Pike died back there. I'm a new creature."

So out of the swamp of drugs and despair; out of the darkness of sin and spiritual blindness; out of the family soil of unbelief, has sprung up an orchid of God.

And all because a Christian lived his faith.

Alumni News

Compiled by: lone Essery and Mildred Murray

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May 20, 1971

The Rev. Dr. Stewart L. Boehmer,
President, Ontario Bible College,
16 Spadina Road,
Toronto, Canada.

Dear Dr. Boehmer:

What a pleasant surprise to open my mail yesterday and discover a certificate and pin indicating I had been honored by the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges with membership in the Delta Epsilon Chi Honour Society. I gather the award was announced at the Graduation Exercises of the Ontario Bible College In Varsity Arena, Toronto, May 1st.

How or why I was given this undeserved and unexpected honor is beyond my comprehension. There are far more eligible servants of the Lord who commend themselves for this recognition. I can only surmise that my alma mater, Ontario Bible College, was gracious enough to present my name to the Accrediting Association. For this I am humbly grateful.

I should like to think that my entrance into the Delta Epsilon Chi Society is in recognition and acceptance of the missionaries from Bible Colleges now serving as Ambassadors of the cross throughout the globe. While it is true the missionary movement needs to seriously review its strategy in the closing decades of this twentieth century, I still believe, along with many committed national evangelical leaders throughout Asia, that there is a continuing contribution to be made for trained and tested missionaries from any country to go forth and share the Gospel.

Further, I believe this personal recognition has a much wider implication. It comes to me as one fully engaged and committed to the Bible Society movement. There is a recognition to the supreme place of the Bible in the life of the world. No Christian can, nor dare, rest complacently till he has done his utmost to fulfill the motto text in the front of the Assembly Hall of our beloved college, "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly." The Bible College movement, and the entire operation of the Bible Societies now working in 151 countries, are linked together in the study and sharing of the unsearching riches of Christ as revealed in Holy Scripture.

Just a few weeks ago Mr. Mayfield, Vice President of Moody Bible Institute, and Peter Gunther of Moody Press passed through Singapore and I had the privilege of dinner with them. Mr. Mayfield was relating how a recent survey had revealed that there is a continuing and growing acceptance of the training given by the Bible Colleges of America. He remarked that they have had to turn down more than 200 acceptable applicants because of lack of space. With declining seminary enrollments this is amazing!

May I add a personal testimony. I am glad that back in those tough depression years of the thirties my parents encouraged all five children to prepare for life by graduating from your college. All five children complemented this foundation with university study. This honor is also a recognition of faithful, God-fearing parents who discerned the uniqueness and importance of the Bible in the life of youth.

I would be grateful if you would express my humble appreciation to the officers of the Delta Epsilon Chi Honour Society. My sincere greetings also to the Board of Governors of Ontario Bible College of whom you are the untiring and devoted leader, and to the administration and faculty who demonstrate such consecrated competence in their service for the Lord.

Cordially in Christ,
Russell Self

ON THE HOME FRONT

- In May the following received their B.A. degree from the University of Windsor, Ont. — MISS AGNES ANANICHUK, B.R.E. '69; MISS MARGUERITE CONNATY, B.R.E. '69; MR. ROBERT COTTRILL, B.R.E. '69; MR. IAN PERCY, B.R.E. '69; and MISS MAYBETH KNIGHTS, B.R.E. '69, her B.Sc.N. degree. MISS MARNY WORLING, B.R.E. '67, received a B.A. degree last Fall.
- REV. GEORGE BRADFORD, B.Th. '63, is now pastor of PEOPLE'S CHURCH, Wyoming, Ont.
- REV. HENRY T. FORD, '49 became pastor of Faith Baptist Church, Whitby, Ont., in May.
- MISS OLIVE FYNNEY '31-'32 of Moncton, N.B., is serving as Representative for O.M.F. in the Maritimes.
- MR. & MRS. EARL HOLLAND, B.Th. '65 (INA GOULD, B.R.E. '66) commenced their pastoral ministry at the Fellowship Baptist Church, Havelock, Ont., in May.
- REV. ROLAND KING, B.R.E. '71, was ordained at Bethel Bible Church, Toronto, where he is pastor, on May 13, 1971. REV. MURRAY HICKS, B.Th. '58, brought the message and MR. WARREN ADAMS, Chairman, O.B.C. Dept. of Music, was soloist.
- MR. GARY LANDERS '70 is pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Oshawa, Ont., and taking part-time studies at O.B.C.
- DR. SAMUEL MIKOLASKI '49 is Principal of the Baptist Leadership Training School in Calgary, Alta. (Baptist Union of Western Canada).
- MR. JOHN LONGHURST, B.Th. '66, received his M.DIV. degree from Gordon Divinity School, Wenham, Mass., in June, 1970, and became pastor of First Baptist Church, Listowel, Ont., last March.
- REV. RONALD MILLS, B.Th. '61, pastor of Huron Park Baptist Church, Woodstock, Ont. and REV. DAVID IRWIN, B.Th. '58, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Brantford, Ont., were elected on April 13 as Moderator and Vice-Moderator of the newly organized South Central Association of the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada.
- REV. BRUCE PENNY '53 pastor of the Fellowship Baptist Church, Wingham, Ont. and REV. JOHN ROBERTS '49, pastor of Flamboro Centre Baptist Church, Millgrove, Ont., have been appointed to work in an advisory and informative capacity on the Camps and Conferences Commission to help reach youth through Christian camping.

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 - * The Faculty at Departmental Displays
 - * Alumni Reports
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Southwest Bible Church
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- * Ron & Christine Unruh
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Be Sure You Come!

MR. & MRS. CLARENCE SHELLY '57 (PEARL SPARKS '58) are engaged in an evangelistic ministry with Global Outreach (formerly European Evangelistic Crusade) Chateauguay, Que., after serving 11 years in France (G.E.M.).

REV. A. TIMOTHY STARR '46 has been appointed as full-time Field Representative of the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches In Canada.

REV. THOMAS SWAN, B.Th. '59, In Oakville, Ont., is the General Director (Canada) of the Christian Service Brigade, Burlington.

MR. DAVE TAYLOR, B.Th. '67, received an M.R.E. degree from Gordon Divinity School, Wenham, Mass., in May and is teaching religion In High School in Quebec.

MR. RAYMOND McCREADY, B.R.E. '70, is the assistant pastor at the Southwood Evangelical Church in Windsor, Ont. REV. JOHN BAPTIST is pastor.

On Furlough

REV. & MRS. ARTHUR CAVEY, B.Th. '51 (JOYCE BROWN '49) are on furlough from Brazil (A.B.W.E.).

MR. & MRS. ROBERT CLUBINE '52 (HAZEL HAVELOCK '52) on furlough from Jamaica, W.I. (B.M.M.) in Kitchener, Ont.

MR. & MRS. KEITH DONALD, B.Th. '60 (ANNE CAMPBELL '60) home from Zambia (A.E.F.).

DR. LINDA DUMLAO '63-'66 (O.M.F.) on an extended furlough from Thailand and doing further hospital work in London, Ont.

MISS SHIRLEY FUNNELL, B.R.E. '60 (W.B.T.) home in Port Stanley, Ont., on her first furlough from the Philippines, and travelling extensively.

REV. & MRS. EARL HOWARD '64 (I.M.) home in Toronto after their First term of service in the Philippines.

MISS GLADYS LINTHICUM '62 Is on furlough from Peru, S.A. (Peruvian Fellowship).

MR. & MRS. PAUL POYNOR (ALICE BURNETT '66) are on their first furlough from Laos, Thailand (O.M.F.).

MISS BEVERLY SUTTON-BROWN, B.R.E. '65 (O.M.F.) on furlough from Malaysia and staying in Toronto.

To the Field

MR. & MRS. DOUGLAS SCOTT (MARIE ARMSTRONG '46) serving in White River, E. Transvaal. She has resigned from A.E.F. Mr. Scott was Chairman of the Johannesburg A.E.F. Committee and was *continued on page 20*

vitally involved in the Mission work.

MISS HELEN BACON '63 returned to her nursing work at the Christian Hospital, Saiburi, Thailand (O.M.F.) in June.
 MR. & MRS. WILLIAM BALDWIN (MARION MILDON '60) returned in May to Athens, Greece (G.E.M.).

MISS FERNE BLAIR '47 (O.M.F.) returned to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in June.
 MR. & MRS. DAVID BROOK (DOROTHY THORP '51) moved from Tokyo to Osaka, Japan, and are doing evangelistic work with T.E.A.M.

DR. & MRS. DONALD CLUNAS (MARY LOU SHOEMAKER '61-'63) returned in June to the Wadia Hospital work in Poona, West India, under B.M.M.F.

REV. & MRS. FRANK FREW, B.Th. '52 (MARGARET SCANNELL '51) returned to their ministry in Kenya with A.I.M. last month.

MR. & MRS. DAVID FULLER '53 (O.M.F.) returned to their work at the Mangyan Bible School, Mindoro, Philippines, in May.

REV. & MRS. JAMES GREEN '44 (EDNA WALL '46) returned last month to Jamalca, W.I., under B.M.M.

MR. & MRS. JAMES HUTCHISON '69-'70 for their first term of service with A.E.F., as teacher and nurse at the Mankayane High School in Swaziland.

MISS KAY MacLEOD '52 (S.I.M.) returned to her nursing work in Ethiopia in May.

In May MRS. JUDSON MERRITT (KATHLEEN HENDERSON '35) joined her husband at the Biriirl Mission, Rhodesia, who returned in January (A.E.F.).

REV. & MRS. LESLIE SHIEL '54 (STELLA GRUNDY '55) returned to their ministry in Peru, S.A., with R.B.M.U.

REV. FRED SIMMONDS, B.Th. '68, Roodepoort, Transvaal, is now the Programme Director for the new Trans World Radio station in Swaziland and his wife, DOROTHY '51, is assisting in the office. He remains as Director of the Christian Radio Fellowship (A.E.F.).

MISS DONNA SKITCH '61 (United Missionary Society) returned to her work with the Dukkawa people in Nlgerla in June.

REV. & MRS. ROLAND SMITH, B.Th./B.R.E. '59 (B.M.M.) are engaged in a new church planting work in Australia. They formerly served in Jamalca.

MR. & MRS. THOMAS SYKES '64 (U.F.M.) returned to Haiti, W.I., the latter part of July.

MR. & MRS. TERRY TIJESSEN, B.Th. '64 (GAIL ROBINSON, B.Th. '64) concluded language study in Manila, Philippines, and

are serving in Boac, Marinduque, for two years (F.E.G.C.).

REV. & MRS. DON WEBSTER, B.Th. '57 (THELMA CUDNEY '57) are now in the Ivory Coast, Africa, with W.B.T. They formerly served in Alaska.

Marriages

MISS MARIE ARMSTRONG '46 to MR. DOUGLAS SCOTT, on July 23, 1971, at Rosebank Union Church, Johannesburg, S. Africa.

MISS PENNY BROAD to MR. JOHN LONGHURST, B.Th. '66, on August 6, 1971, at the Full Gospel Assembly Church, Mars Hill, Maine.

MISS WANDA DICKIE to MR. JACK FLETCHER '72, on July 31, 1971, at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Prescott, Ont.

MISS PAULINE DOERKSEN '71 to MR. GERRY HOORMAN, on June 19, 1971, at the Evangelical Mennonite Church, Winnipeg, Man.

MISS MARIANNE FARMER to MR. JOHN SCHAPER '73, on June 5, 1971, at the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, Oshawa, Ont.

MISS LAURA LUTHER to MR. JOHN KING '71, on June 5, 1971, at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Warkworth, Ont. MISS MARILYN KING, '72 was bridesmaid; MISS SHARON MARKHAM '72 was pianist; and MR. GARY ANDRES, B.R.E. '71 and MR. DON THEOBALD, '72 were instrumentalists.

MISS CAROL PERRETT to MR. WALTER TAYLOR, B.R.E. '71, on June 26, 1971, at Banfield Memorial Missionary Church, Willowdale, Ont.

MISS JOANNE POOT '71 to MR. PETER WHEATLEY, on June 12, 1971, at Winona Gospel Church, Winona, Ont.

MISS SHIRLEY ROGERS '70-'71 to MR. DAVID FOURNIE, on June 19, 1971, at the Fellowship Baptist Church, Gladstone, Ont.

MISS EDYTHE SORLEY, B.R.E. '69 to MR. TOM WIDDLES, on May 29, 1971, at Park Road Gospel Church, Toronto. REV. C. W. SORLEY '28, father of the bride, performed the ceremony, assisted by PASTOR DON RALPH '73. MISS DONNA DAVIDSON, B.R.E. '69 was bridesmaid; and MISS AGNES GAVERLUK '47 was soloist.

MISS KATHY SPEERS, B.R.E. '71 to MR. EVAN CRAIG, B.R.E. '70, on June 5, 1971, at St. John's Anglican Church, Mono Mills, Ont.

MISS RUTH WILLSON, B.R.E. '71 to MR. BRIAN KUEHL, on June 5, 1971, at

Benton St. Baptist Church, Kitchener, Ont. DR. BOEHMER and MR. DUEZ shared in the reception.

Births

To MR. & MRS. KEN BARRON (LOIS McNAIRN, B.R.E. '66) a daughter, Melodie Grace, on April 25, 1971, in Morrlsburg, Ont.

To MR. & MRS. LARRY CLEMENTS, B.R.E. '69 (JOANNE HAYWARD '66-'67) a son, Robert Allen, on May 24, 1971, in Bullo, Congo.

To MR. & MRS. DON CRERAR (ANNETTE JONES '56) a chosen daughter, Lois Jean, on May 7, 1971, in Sarnia, Ont.

To MR. & MRS. BOB FURTNEY, B.R.E. '67 (JUNE '70) a son, Michael Douglas, on June 15, 1971, in Toronto.

To MR. & MRS. DICK HOUSER '68 (BETTY NUTE '65) a daughter, Cynthia Lynne, on May 11, 1971, in Homestead, Florida.

To MR. & MRS. RONALD JAMES '66-'68 (CAROL WESSEL '66-'68) a daughter, Sheri-Lynne, on April 27, 1971, in Mississauga, Ont.

To MR. & MRS. BILL PLANT '67 (ROSWITHA SCHUMACHER '65-'67) a daughter, Jeanette Anna, on May 23, 1971, in Waterloo, Ont.

To MR. & MRS. BOB SCHIEDEL (BETTY NELSON, B.Th. '61) a daughter, Juanita Evelyn, on April 28, 1971, in Waterloo, Ont.

To MR. & MRS. BRUCE STAM '67-'69, a daughter, Sheila Eleanor, on May 29, 1971, in Hamilton, Ont.

To MR. & MRS. PHIL THOMPSON, B.R.E. '71 (BARBARA, B.S.M. '71) a daughter, Sandra Colleen, on May 27, 1971, in Toronto.

To MR. & MRS. MICHAEL WALCH '65 (JEAN HYDE '63) a chosen daughter, Karla Elizabeth, on April 16, 1971, in London, Ont. (born April 7, 1971).

To MR. & MRS. COSTAS YPHANTIDES (LORRAINE RIDDELL, B.R.E. '65) a daughter, Angela Geraldine, on May 27, 1971, in Oak Point, Man.

Deaths

REV. ROSS ALMAS '30 on June 5, 1971, in Burlington, Ont.

MRS. EDWARD KELSO (LOREEN WRIGHTSON '45) on May 19, 1971, in Barrie, Ont.

Missing Persons Bureau

We appreciate the help given in locating scores of missing Alumni members. Thanks for all who have sent in names.

Here are more, G - L. Read and recognize. Please send information to Alumni office.

Glenday, Bessie '39
Glendinning, Mrs. Roland (Rita Kesseler '53-'55)
Glynn, Mr. Edward (Ted '63-'65)
Graham, Stanley L. '41-'42 E.C.
Graham, William Carl '40
Grainger, Ernest H. '22-'24 E.C.
Grant, Douglas David '65-67
Green, Grace Eunice '25-29-'30
Greer, Matthew J. R. '36
Gregoroff, Alexandra '50-'51, '53-'56
Griffe, Leah
Griffith, Helena M. '29 E.C.
Guenther, Jacob K. '44-'46
Guyatt, Rev. Frank Cole '23
Gysi, Mr. & Mrs. Charles '31-'32
Haines, Ralph '26-'27
Hall, Rev. Clifford '52-'64 B.Th.
Hamilton, Mrs. William H. (Verla Winnifred Teeple '42)
Hancock, Rev. Aubrey R. '35-'38
Hanna, David '31
Hansen, Mrs. Bent (Olive Joyce Reed '51)
Hansen, Mrs. Henry (Sylvia Svea Anderson '50)
Harding, Dorothy '57-'58
Hardstone, Donald Edwln '36-'38
Harper, Gerald '49-'51
Harris, Dorothy M. '47 E.C.
Harris, Irene F. '50-'51
Harrison, Marion Ruth '48 E.C.
Harrison, Mrs. Ted. (Elsie Ciel '50)
Hart, Mrs. Vincent (Anna Jean Wilson '36-'37)
Harvey, John M.
Hastle, Mrs. Walter T. (Mary McPherson '37)
Haugh, Rev. Edward '26
Hawkins, Robert '42-'43
Hawley, Mrs. Bert (Hilda Bunsch '32-'33)
Hawley, Mrs. Fred E. (Doris Abernethy '41)
Hawthorne, Margaret '34-'36
Heaslip, Mr. & Mrs. Elwood '20-'21
Hellewell, Mr. & Mrs. Howard '50-'51
Helmer, Rev. Wm. Robert '38-'41
Helps, Frances Mary '31 E.C.
Hemmings, Cyril Albert '30 E.C.
Hendriks, John '57-'58, '65
Hendry, J. Lorne '25-'26
Herriman, Ada '27
Hildebrand, John '40-'41

Hilliard, Mrs. Foster (Margaret Burkholder '36-'37)
Hills, Mrs. Willfred (Lavina Schlerholtz '24)
Hilyer, R. M. Alice '43
Hiscox, Mrs. Derrick (Jean Elizabeth Baldwin '55)
Hobbs, Muriel A. '49-'50
Hodgson, Mrs. Leigh (Elizabeth McLeod '38)
Holland, Mrs. J. K. (Irene Harris '25 E.C.)
Hollett, E. Marguerite '45-'46
Holloway, Bernard J. '57
Holman, Mrs. Joseph (Mabel Lyon '29)
Hone, Mrs. Harry (Sylvia Firth '37-'39)
Hope, Mrs. Edwin R. (Bertha) '41 E.C.
Housden, George H. '51-'53 E.C.
Hudson, Mrs. (Barbara Mercer '64-'65)
Hulton, William '38-'40
Hunter, Valerie '65-'68
Hunter, Winnifred '35-'36
Hurst, Mrs. Hubert B. (Dorothy Smith '48)
Hutchinson, Allan '62-'63
Hutchinson, Edith Irene '27 E.C.
Hux, Rev. Arthur C. '49
Jacobs, Winsome '66-'68
Jacobson, Mrs. Delwin (Ingrid Gerholz '64-'65)
James, Angeline (Mrs.) '46 (Russell)
James, Mrs. George (Viola Little '41)
Jamieson, Lorne '63-'64
Janssen, Peter E. '60
Janzen, Rev. J. Henry '35
Jensen, Marie '62-'63
Johnson, Kenneth '35-'36
Johnson, Mrs. M. H. (Violet Miller '45)
Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond '39-'40
Johnston, Evelyn I. '20 E.C.
Johnston, Gordon Wm. '34-'36
Johnston, Mrs. Margaret L. '46 E.C.
Jones, Glenda E. '46
Jones, Mrs. E. Lloyd (Willa Flook '59 Sp.)
Jones, Mrs. Megan Malr '46
Jones, Robert A. '53-'54
Jones, Thelma M. '36-'37
Jull, Lillian '42-'43
Kanagy, Minnie '31-'32
Keillor, Wayne '65
Keller, Mavis Ina '47
Kelly, M. Isabelle '33-'34
Kelley, Dale '63-'64
Kendal, Mrs. Robert (Joan MacIntosh '52-'53)
Kennedy, George '37
Kenny, Rev. Lorne '44-'45
Kent, Rev. Archie Sydney '47 E.C.
Kenyon, Elizabeth Jean (Betty) '46-'48
Kerr, Mrs. John H. (Mary Halpenny '08)
Kershaw, John D. '67
Killian, Gertrude E. '40-'41
Killingbeck, Reva A. '63
Kinsman, Alice '25 E.C.
Kirby, Georgina Frances '28 E.C.

Knarr, Richard O. '64-'65
Knight, Doris '41-'42
Korownyk, Leonid '55
Krezansky, Stephen '25-'26, '46-'47
Kroeker, Davld '62
Labelle, Mrs. George (Jenny Blackstock '46)
LaLonde, Mrs. Rupert (Ruth Marie Tofflemire '47)
Lam, Chiu Fan (Stephen) '66-'67
Lamb, Mrs. Russell (Marjorie Sutton '38)
Laughlin, Alexander Parsons '49
Laurie, Lillian E. '22 E.C.
Lavergne, Mrs. E. A. (Esther Muriel Griffiths '48 E.C.)
Lawrie, Gordon R. '62
Leadlay, Mrs. Oswald (Jennie Bridle '38)
Lee, Mr. & Mrs. Young (Anne McKeown '65-'66)
Lehmann, Peggy '43-'44 E.C.
LeRoux, Chris. '55-'56

It's A Living Body — Not A Corpse!

"... We will lovingly follow the truth at all times — speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly — and so become more and more in every way like Christ Who is the Head of His body the Church. Under His direction, the whole body is fitted together perfectly, and each part in its own special way helps the other parts, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love." Ephesians 4:16 (Living Letters).

Our heads believed it. Our Bible declared it. And we have even preached it.

But recent events made us realize the living reality of the Body of Christ, with every member the indivisible, indispensable part of the other.

"Bearing one another's burdens and thus fulfill the law of Christ," was Paul's injunction to the Galatians, but how rarely do we actually obey it. So members suffer, and the spiritual nerve ends that indicate the oneness of the Body, seem to be severed, and they suffer alone. Or so it seems.

Until late May of this year, when we (my wife and I), were making final plans for a tour of Missions that would carry us around the world. For over a year, the step by step, country by country, meeting by meeting, visits with alumni and missionaries were hammered out. Funds were provided by friends and churches. It was to be the climax of more than two decades of service in the homeland, and of 35 years of ministry for Missions.

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Our family was to separate for the first time. A last family wedding would be the first of a series of events this year that would change our family life. Others were to leave for the Caribbean. Betty and I would travel around the world. Everything seemed so planned, so right, so opportune.

With just two weeks to go, a pre-travel medical check-up came up on the calendar. Then everything seemed to fall apart. A casual comment alerted the keen and trained diagnostic mind of our doctor. Warning. Biopsy. Waiting. Then the dread word: **cancer**. The startling, shocking, unexpected news brought its natural reaction. Uncertainty. Fear.

Plans for all but the wedding were quickly unmade. Cables went all over the world. Letters followed.

And suddenly it seemed that every member of the Body of Christ suffered with us. God's plan and God's wisdom began to glimmer through the darkness. His people, alerted around the world, prayed. And peace, mercy and grace became realities.

Was God's timing right? We believe it was. Without plans for the tour, a medical check up might have been delayed. Without plans that circled the globe, the Body might not have been alerted to its function of each member helping another member. Oh, so many things happened that made everything seem perfect.

And surgery and post-operative days have only confirmed this.

The miracle, however, still lies in the sympathetic, sensitive function of His Body's members. And with Christ as the

Head, what a Body it is.

Scattered around the world, of different speech, color and culture, sometimes unknown to each other, the members of the Body function in unity and unison.

Let every tired and harried soul take note. Let every pained and distressed body take heart. Let every torn and agonized emotion yield to the balm of the Body's love and concern, each for the other.

We are grateful for our new understanding, our new experience of what the Body of Christ means. And for ourselves (and may many more join us) we shall be more ready, more willing, to help "bear one another's burdens." And we should not hesitate to share the burden with others. Let us boldly claim what Christ has promised.

"But we are meant to hold firmly to the truth in love, and to grow up in every way into Christ, the Head. For it is from the Head that the whole body, as a harmonious structure knit together by the joints with which it is provided, grows by the proper functioning of individual parts to its full maturity in love." (Eph. 4:16, Phillips)

The Editor

Ed. Note: To our many friends around the world, we would send the news of Betty Percy's recent surgery for cancer as mentioned above. A permanent colostomy was performed on June 2, and her post-operative condition is excellent. Thank you for praying and sharing the anxiety with us. We are trusting the Lord to enable us to visit you in '72!

W. Bell Dawson, M.A., D.Sc., FRSC, gold medalist in Geology and Natural Science, McGill University, Gold Medalist, Institute of Civil Engineers, London; Laureate of the Academy of Sciences, Paris; Author of *The Bible Confirmed by Science*. Dr. Dawson states: "The outstanding doctrine of Christianity (not religion) is that man is responsible for his wrong doing, that he needs to be forgiven and cleansed if he is ever to stand in the Presence of a Holy God; and that it is only through the atonement made by Christ that this is possible. . . ."

Irwin H. Linton, Washington, D.C., practising attorney in the national capital for 35 years and a member of the bar of the District of Columbia and of the Supreme Court of the United States, states: ". . . as a result of investigation more thorough than I have given to any other subject whatsoever, I am the happy possessor of the greatest of all certainties that Jesus Christ is the Divine Son of God, who died for our sins and was raised again from the dead, according to the scriptures. I confess Him as my Lord and am persuaded that I am the present possessor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

Dr. Thomas M. Durant, Philadelphia, Pa., Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, Temple University Medical School. Dr. Durant says: "In a day in which men's hearts are full of fear and all about us is unrest and insecurity . . . the Word of God alone contains the curative prescription for such suffering. Our Lord Jesus Christ says, 'Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in Me.' I praise the Lord that as a physician He has given me the privilege of testifying to His saving and keeping power. To the one whose hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' Blood and righteousness there comes the joy of knowing sins forgiven."

These are but a few of the millions of true believers in our Lord Jesus Christ, men and women in all walks of life who know for certain that they have been "born again" and are awaiting the promised near return of our Saviour.

Not by the wildest stretch of imagination could these testimonies be attributed to men who are not "intelligent". They are outstanding men in their particular field of service. How good it is to remember that there is a mighty host of those who love our Lord and are eagerly awaiting His return. I am proud and joyful to be numbered with them. Maybe we could all show some of His compassion and love to all whom we contact during our sojourn here on earth.— Margery Howe Lake

True Believers Not Intelligent?

Rev. & Mrs. Lewis Lake '31 have helped maintain the ministry of the late Maude Howe (Mrs. Lake's mother). Mrs. Howe was instrumental in providing literature that maintained the historical, scientific and archaeological accuracy and authority of the scripture.

Early this year, Mrs. Lake wrote a letter to the St. Catharines Standard (Feb. 8/71) that we felt you would be interested in reading. Here it is.

There have been quite a few statements during the past months by people who make the remarkable pronouncement that true believers in the Lord Jesus Christ and the Bible are not "intelligent". It is a sweeping statement and far from true.

Dr. Howard Kelly, internationally known physician and rated by Time as one of the three outstanding gynecologists in the world, wrote the following words: "I believe that all men without exception are by nature sinners, alienated from God and thus utterly lost in sin — the Son of God Himself came down to earth and by shedding His blood upon the cross paid the infinite penalty of the guilt of the whole world. I believe he who accepts Jesus Christ as his Saviour is born again spiritually as definitely as his first birth. . . . I believe no man can save himself by his good works, or by what is commonly known as a moral life. I believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God, without human father, born of the Virgin Mary."

You think you have troubles?
Read this.

Warner Press to Publish Second Roger Winter Book

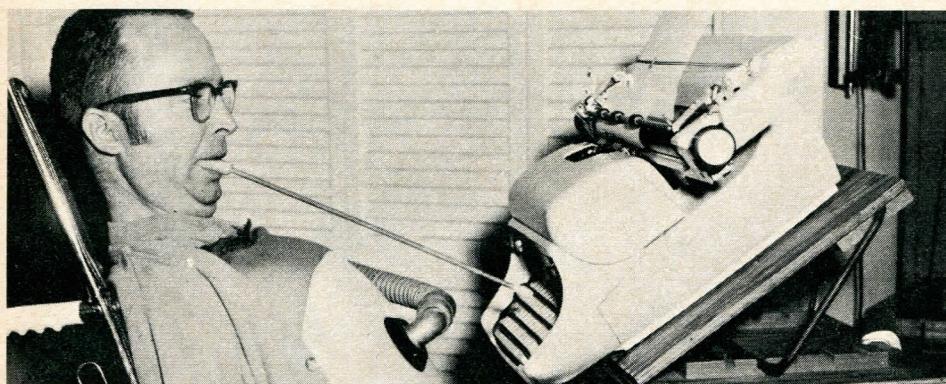
The doctors, psychologists and others said Roger would never recover from an attack of polio sufficiently to make any contribution to society, but Roger's faith has confounded the doctor's skepticism. He has not only made a contribution. He is making a very significant place for himself as an inspiration and challenge to others.

Roger was stricken with polio while an outstanding football player in college. His own faith in Jesus Christ has made other

relationships possible, and has led him to learn how to type on a special typewriter with a unique "finger" held in his mouth. He conducts a successful magazine and greeting card business from his home, types stencils for his church's worship folders and newsletters, and is every bit the active Christian businessman each pastor would like to have in his church.

Yes, Roger also coaches basketball teams for his church, from his wheelchair, girded with a portable respirator. He also frequently speaks to church and youth groups in addition to service clubs.

(Bookstore Journal, April/71)



Go to Church and Live Longer!

The true researcher lives an interesting, event-filled life. One of the things that continually keeps him going is the unexpected conclusions with which he ends up.

We saw the other day, for example, in a New York Times dispatch, that reporters had crisscrossed the country doing an in-depth survey of drug addiction and usage. Especially among the young. However, they came up with a surprising side reaction. Use of liquor among adults, they concluded, was possibly even more serious a problem than use of drugs by young people.

Makes you think, doesn't it?

Then this one.

A researcher at Johns Hopkins University wanted to find out if there was a relationship between drinking water and heart disease — whether some element in the water might be involved in hardening of the arteries.

He found no connection between the two.

But, he did find an apparent connection between church attendance and longevity. For men who attended church only infrequently the risk of heart disease was twice as great as for men who attended church at least once a week.

The researcher (Dr. George W. Comstock) also found out that piety appears to have a favorable statistical relationship to some dozen other major diseases, such as cancer, cirrhosis, tuberculosis and respiratory problems.

So, as the headline said, "Faith May Be Healthy." The believer in Christ, and the church as a whole, often are the target of snide comments concerning our "way of life." Yet, we who know Christ have the possibility of experiencing life at its fullest. Yes, the abundant life.

A longer life here and an eternal life there.

(Evangelical Beacon, Jan. 26/71)

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