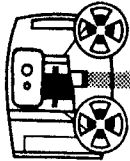




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Christian Conscience And The Chain Of Command



Dr. Dayton Hobbs

An attack is being made today upon certain principles concerning conscience, and I think it is important that we as Christians understand what the Bible teaches about conscience. We teach as one of the Biblical principles in our Rudiments Course that conscience is the most sacred of all property. After thinking and studying for some time on the Scriptural basis, for such a statement, I am more convinced than ever that conscience is the most sacred property that we have. We are trying to teach the young folks that "things" do not make people happy. As a matter of fact, things are simply for the Christian to use and not abuse. We thank God for them if we have them but we don't fret if we do not. You ladies are thankful, I'm sure, if you have a dishwasher. If you do not, you just whistle while you work and thank the Lord you are able to wash the dishes. We are to be thankful for things and use them without abusing them. Material things are all going to pass away. "The things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." II Corinthians 4:18b.

One of those things which is not seen is our conscience. It is property, and we should never violate it. As Paul, we should always be able to say, "I have lived in all good conscience before God." Acts 23:1 Now Paul did not mean he was sinless; he did not mean he was perfect. He didn't mean he had never done anything wrong. He meant just what he said, that he had lived in

good conscience toward God. He tried always not to violate conscience and to be able to say in any given situation at any given time; man does not control my conscience. My conscience is free. It's under the rule and control of God. I live in good conscience toward God.

It is interesting that Paul says, "Owe no man anything, but to love one another." (Romans 13:8) That verse is generally interpreted that we should never buy anything on time payments. That's not at all what the Scripture is talking about. That's a very carnal interpretation of that portion of Scripture. When that verse says, "Owe no man anything but to love one another," it means don't be under the domination of any man. Never be obligated so that a man could influence you or force you into doing something that is wrong or in violation of your conscience.

Now let's read this passage, I Peter 2:18-19: "Servants, be subject (or submissive) to your masters with all fear; (that word 'fear' means respect, so we could read that sentence, "Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect. Not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward, or the unreasonable.")

Let's read that verse again:

"Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the unreasonable. For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully."

It's very obvious that Paul was not teaching

that servants were to be submissive to their masters to the point of violating conscience, for he says in verses 19 and 20:

"For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, (or when you do what is right) and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God."

Note this verse in Acts 24:16:

"And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men."

Notice the order of that verse, "And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence." I don't want to offend my conscience. I want to have my conscience void of offense toward God first of all, and then toward men. Now if my conscience toward God offends men then it will just have to offend men, because I must first of all have a conscience void of offense toward God and then toward men.

Let me share with you some definitions and statements concerning conscience. I want to refresh your memory. As Peter would say, I want "to stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance." Webster's 1828 Dictionary gives this definition of conscience: "Internal or self-knowledge, or judgment of right and wrong; or the faculty, power or principle within us, which

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RETURN TO REALITY

By NORMAN H. WELLS

Modernism and so-called neo-orthodoxy will take historic Christian words and phrases and use them in another sense entirely foreign to their original meaning. The danger lies in the fact that since the terminology is the same and only the meaning has been changed it is difficult sometimes for the casual Christian to see the difference. The modernist and the fundamentalist seemingly use the same Bible, the same songs, and the same words and expressions. However, where the fundamentalist will accept these in their true original meaning, the modernist will apply new meanings. The change in denominations, churches, schools, etc., from the conservative, fundamental stand to modernism is so gradual that it is not readily discerned.

Most fundamental churches and pastors are aware of this danger in modernism and so called neo-orthodoxy, however, there is another grave danger, closely kin to this one, to which we are not as alert. It is the same danger, the only difference is in degree and acceptance. Are we not guilty of allowing our accepted words and

phrases to acquire new meanings? Have we allowed a gradual change in the terms we have always used? It is one thing to sound fundamental, it is another thing to be fundamental. It is time for a return to reality!! We need to examine ourselves to see if a change has taken place. May we suggest

that we need a

Return To Reality In Repentance

The importance of repentance is seen by the place it occupies and the emphasis that is given to it in the Bible. Our standard, accepted, fundamental, theology books tell

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us that repentance is a change of mind concerning one's obligation to the will and word of God. Repentance will demonstrate itself in a hatred for sin and in sorrow for sin. Repentance involves the formation of a new purpose with reference to sin and God's will. Re-

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EDITOR'S DESK

We are looking forward to this year's C.E.A. convention in Tampa, Florida. This convention is the "Granddaddy" of the conventions of the South and East. There are many state conventions now and other regional conventions. We are thankful for every one of them and for the wonderful growth in Christian Education in the past few years. I hope we will have the opportunity of seeing many of you at the convention in Tampa.

We have had a lot of letters, most favorable, concerning the article by Dr. Woodbridge concerning Bill Gothard's, "Institute in Basic Youth Conflicts". Beginning with this edition, a two-part message concerning conscience and its place in the chain of command begins. The second phase of this message, which will appear in the April edition of THE PROJECTOR, deals thoroughly with conscience as it relates to the chain of command and the responsibility that we have to authority over us. I hope you will read and study these articles carefully, as this is a very important issue today. I have heard from many missionaries, school officials, and others who have been very much concerned about the erroneous teaching concerning our responsibility to authority.

The budget needs for THE PROJECTOR this month are \$935. As of press time, we have received \$227 in donations, \$145 in subscriptions and \$374 in literature sales. The budget deficit for this month is \$189. Won't you help us to keep THE PROJECTOR on a sound financial footing. Send your tax deductible gift today.

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I praise the Lord for "THE PROJECTOR". I have used it many times to slow down compromising preachers in our area who are promoting Bill Gothard, ACE, etc. I was glad to see "Institute in Basic Youth Conflicts" available in booklet form. Keep up the good work and may the Lord richly bless you.


George S. Black

Dear Sirs:

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Christian Conscience

decides on the lawfulness or unlawfulness of our own actions and affections, and instantly approves or condemns them."

Vine, in his Dictionary, gives the definition of conscience literally as "a knowing with." He said, "It is the witness born to one's conduct by conscience, that faculty by which we apprehend the will of God, as that which is designed to govern our lives." Thiessen says, "Conscience judges whether a proposed course of action or an attitude is in harmony with our moral standard or not and urges us to do that which is in harmony with it and to refrain from that which is contrary to it. Conscience is the reflection of God in the soul."

Conscience is one of those characteristics which was part of the original creation of man by God. Of course, it has been affected by the fall, but notice, "Conscience is the reflection of God in the soul. It reveals both the existence of God and to some extent the nature of God." In other words, conscience is one of the arguments that theologians give for the existence of God, and it's a very good one. It reveals to us that God is! It reveals that He sharply distinguishes between the right and wrong; that He always does that which is right; that He holds the rational creature responsible for always doing the right and abstaining from the wrong. So conscience then, in that aspect, is a reflection of God in the soul, and we learn a great deal about God's nature from our own conscience. Conscience does not tell us what to do; it merely insists that there is a fundamental law in the universe and that it is our duty to observe it. E.T. Fitch had this comment concerning conscience, "Conscience manifests itself in the feedings of obligations we experience which precedes, attends and follows our actions." That is, we can sense and feel conscience before we do something wrong. Conscience will speak to us while we are doing something wrong, and conscience will speak to us after we've done something wrong. So it manifests itself in our feelings preceding, attending, and following our actions. J.M. Mason said, "Conscience is first occupied in ascertaining our duty before we proceed to action, then in judging our actions when performed." Now bringing this down to simple language, conscience says, "Do Right," but conscience does not say what is right. Right is determined by our creed. This is why it is so important to understand conscience. It is one of the most important things that we can teach in rearing boys and girls. One of the most important reasons for teaching them the principles of the Word of God from the time they are small right on up is to establish the right kind of conscience in our young people. This is what is wrong with America today. We've lost our conscience. We've really lost our conscience! America's conscience has been seared; it has been violated so much that it hardly speaks anymore in our nation. Satan is also trying to destroy the conscience of Christians so that Christians will not be conscious of right and wrong. That is exactly why we must have Christian schools, Sunday Schools, and Christian homes so that we can teach Bible principles and establish the right creed in the hearts and lives of our boys and girls.

Notice this statement — "The only true standard for conscience is the Word of God interpreted by the Holy Spirit." Now we have to add the last part of that statement or the first is not effective. The sad thing is that almost every cult in the country says it uses the Word of God for its teachings. So it's not just that our standard is the Word of God, but it is the Word of God interpreted by the Holy Spirit. That's the reason we have to be very careful when we are teaching our own boys and girls, or a Sunday School class, or a class in a Christian school, that we do not put upon the Word of God our interpretation, but let the Holy Spirit give His interpretation. We must seek to know what the Word of God is saying. Let the Word of God speak. Let the Holy Spirit teach the Word to us. The only true standard for conscience is the Word of God in-

terpreted by the Holy Spirit.

CONSCIENCE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Now the question comes, is the word "conscience" in the Old Testament? We do not find the word "conscience" in the Old Testament, but it is clearly taught in the Old Testament. For instance in Genesis 3:7 and 8, after Adam and Eve had sinned, the first thing they did was to cover themselves and hide their nakedness. It was conscience that spoke to them concerning their actions. Now you say, "Did conscience speak to Adam before he partook of the fruit?" I think it did, and I think he violated it and partook of the fruit. After he partook of it, we know that his conscience spoke to him. He covered himself with fig leaves and hid himself when he heard the voice of God. Now the thing that made him conscientious of his sin, the thing that made him not want to be in the presence of a Holy God was the fact that his conscience had spoken to him and convicted him of his sin.

We read in II Samuel 24:10 after David had numbered the people contrary to the will of God that David's heart "smote" him. We have all experienced that at sometime in our lives when we've done something contrary to what we knew to be right, and it seemed that our old heart just wouldn't stay in our bosom. It smote us terribly because of what we had done.

Look with me at two references in Hebrews having to do with the sacrifices of the Old Testament. We will see by these that conscience was very real in the Old Testament. In Hebrews 9:9, the writer is speaking of the offering of the sacrifice.

"Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience."

Now here is a truth of the Old Testament. A Hebrew would come because of his sin and offer a sacrifice. Having offered the sacrifice he would feel cleared of guilt in his conscience, but when he would sin again, his conscience would smite him again, and he would have to come back the next year and offer a sacrifice again. These offerings could not make him that did the service perfect (entire, complete or finished) as pertaining to the conscience, so the conscience would be smitten again and he would have to offer the sacrifice again.

Now here's the beauty of the truth that Christ was offered to bear our sins once for all. His sacrifice is complete. It took care of our sins past, our sins present, and our sins future. Now we do not have that smiting of conscience in the sense that we are guilty under the law. Now conscience will smite us if we violate it and we have to confess our sins, but this is not condemnation. We are no longer under condemnation. They felt the condemnation again, but there is now no condemnation to them who are in Christ. Now that we are not under the law we can live in all good conscience.

"For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? (In other words, we would still have sacrifices, if the sacrifice made a person perfect) because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins."

(Hebrews 10:1 and 2)

CONSCIENCE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Now let's look at the different kinds of conscience that are mentioned in the New Testament.

Defiled Conscience

First of all the defiled conscience. Titus 1:15 says:

"Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled."

For the person who is a sinner outside of Christ,

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Teaching Tips

BY ALICE ANN SMITH

Setting The Stage For Good Discipline



"Let all things be done decently and in order." I Cor. 14:40

- I. Be Prepared
 - A. Spiritually
 1. Keep your own will surrendered to the Lord.
 2. Pray for your students individually and their need every day. (You're the only person who is praying for some of them.)
 3. Pray for wisdom and direction and depend upon the Lord for strength.
 - B. Mentally
 1. Think positively that you can have good discipline.
 2. Plan to have things done orderly.
 3. Expect things to be carried out as you direct them to be.
 - C. Academically
 1. Know your subject matter.
 2. Have plans for the day prepared ahead.
 3. Have materials to be used organized and ready.
 4. Have the work for the day on the board before students arrive.
- II. Be Disciplined Yourself
 - A. Your own personal appearance should be pleasing.
 - B. The appearance of the classroom should be neat.
 1. Your desk should set the example.
 2. Students desks should be kept in order.
 3. Shelves and materials should be organized.
 - C. Your personal conduct should be disciplined.
 1. Always exercise self-control.
 2. Be up and walking about the classroom, not sitting at your desk.
 3. The tone of your voice should show control.
- III. Be Interested in Developing Good Attitudes
 - A. Win the children to your side.
 1. Be fair — don't "get it in" for a student.
 2. Be consistent — don't be lax one day and tough the next.
 3. Let students know that everything you do is for their good.
 - B. Help create a good school spirit.
 1. Encourage your class to take its responsibility to make the school the best it can be.
 2. Promote sports activities and encourage attendance at sports events.
 3. Make school sales and fund raising projects exciting for your class.
 4. Help students develop genuine loyalty for their school.
- IV. Be Working Toward Self-Government
 - A. External discipline is to develop internal discipline.
 1. As students accept responsibility for their actions they see their need for governing themselves. (Teach students that they can't blame anyone else for what they did.)
 2. As students learn to do what is right without being told, they will have to be told less things. (My prayer for my students is that they will be smart enough to know the difference in right and wrong and that they will be strong enough to choose to do what is right.)
 - B. What you are now is what you will be unless you work to make improvements.
 1. Use time wisely — finish work on time, do something worthwhile when there is extra time.
 2. Do your best — be accurate, be neat.
 3. Be dependable — do what is expected of you when its expected.
 4. Pay attention — follow directions, learn new things.
 5. Be courteous and considerate of others.
 6. Have a cooperative attitude toward work and teachers.

Next month: Specific ideas on classroom procedures that keep with classroom discipline.

RELIGIOUS WORLD

Billy Graham and Unity. Evangelist Billy Graham urged in Urbana, Illinois, that evangelicals "accept unity in diversity" and avoid divisiveness over such matters as Biblical inerrancy, charismatic phenomena, and political activism. He was speaking at a press conference during his appearance at the triennial missions conference of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.

Lesbian Ordained Episcopal Priest. The Rev. Ellen Marie Barrett, 30, a student at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif., and an Episcopal deacon, has become the first acknowledged lesbian to be ordained to the priesthood. Her priestly ordination was performed Jan. 10 by Bishop Paul Moore, Jr., of New York, who ordained her to the diaconate in 1975. Although there has been a major controversy in the Episcopal Church over the ordination of women, Ms. Barrett's homosexuality has not led to major protests thus far.

"I Found It." "Here's Life America" is an ecumenical program of evangelism being widely promoted by Campus Crusade for Christ and features the slogan, "I Found It." One of the booklets being used is called "Beginning Your New Life." It includes the Gospel of John (Living Bible Paraphrase) and absolutely no word of caution about the Ecumenical and Charismatic Movements although many such churches are participating in their crusades. In fact, according to the listing of 950 participating churches printed in Volume 1, Number 4, of their official publication, there is one Roman Catholic Church and one Seventh-Day Adventist Church listed along with many churches which are part of the Ecumenical and Charismatic Movements. Reaching people with the gospel is important, but not at the sacrifice of silence about the awful apostasy in which many of the participating churches are involved. New Christians need to be warned about false churches and heretical doctrines rather than to be left at the mercy of the

"wolves in sheeps' clothing."

Boy Scouts and Buddha. The Boy Scouts of America will stick to the principle that every member subscribe to a belief in God, according to its national President. But a new religious award for Buddhist Cub Scouts was announced which requires recipients to visit a Buddhist Shrine, participate in a brief Meditation Service, attend Buddhist Sunday Services regularly and be familiar with the story of Gautama Buddha's birth and early childhood. How deceptive this is — to give young boys the idea that the God of the Bible is the same God that is worshiped by Buddhists. Christian parents — beware!

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The Economic Facts of Life:

THE \$200 BILLION WELFARE SCANDAL

President Carter calls our welfare system "an insult to those who pay the bill and those who honestly need help." Caspar Weinberger, former HEW Secretary sums it up as "inequity for recipients, unmanageability for administrators, and outrage for the taxpayer." Former HEW Secretary Elliot Richardson describes it as "degrading, ineffective, unfair, and inefficient."

Governor Ronald Reagan says, "Welfare is a scandal, administered by people with a vested interest in how big they can make the program, not in making recipients independent."

Just since 1960, welfare costs have skyrocketed from \$5 billion to \$60 billion. If payments under the Old Age & Survivors Insurance Program, Medicare, Unemployment Compensation, Veterans' benefits and the government's own retirement program are included, the yearly cost comes to a staggering \$200 billion.

This is an enormous tax load and represents \$200 billion which might otherwise be invested in industry, creating millions of jobs and providing power tools that could greatly boost U.S. productivity and living standards.

Our welfare system, with its vast bureaucracy of 300,000 workers, is also wasteful, inefficient and corrupt. At one time, more than 40% of cases in the Aid to Dependent Children Program involved overpayments, underpayments or payments to ineligible.

State-by-state variations in benefits have lured thousands of unskilled workers from the rural South to the urban North, at the very time industry was moving in the reverse direction.

Such problems have prompted widespread demands for "welfare reform." What principles should guide us in shaping this reform? Consider these:

1. The American tradition requires generous help to the indigent too old or handicapped to

work, but insists that those who can work, must. (Able-bodied welfare recipients should be required either to take a job for pay or perform public services for their welfare grants.)

2. The closer an individual's total government payments and benefits come to the wage he might earn (minus taxes and work-related expenses) if employed, the less he will be motivated to find a job. (When welfare tempts someone to say, "I'm better off not working than working," we hurt that person and our economy.)

3. The best way to help a man is to help him help himself, and the best job-skill training is on-the-job training. (But we cannot expect employers to hire and train undereducated, unskilled workers if forced to pay Minimum Wages higher than the worker's marketplace worth.)

4. Local and state governments, instead of tossing all welfare responsibilities into Washington's lap—which would double federal welfare expenditures—should encourage greater responsibility by individuals, families and private institutions. (But we cannot expect private charity to reach its potential unless we reduce government welfare and income taxes.)

5. We can do more to help the needy by activating the "independent sector"—non-profit service institutions, neither commercial nor governmental. (The National Center for Voluntary Action in Washington, D.C. tells inquirers how they can serve as volunteers.)

6. We need a system in which social workers are motivated to decrease individual case loads, not increase them. (If those who operate government welfare programs feel a need to justify themselves and their jobs, they will keep people on welfare and press for even greater benefits and easier eligibility.)

Above all, we need to motivate and train people to become self-sufficient. As a proverb puts it, "Give a man a fish and he can eat for a day—show him how to fish and he can eat his whole life long."

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SECULAR HUMANISM IN CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS?

by Elmer Rumminger

It may be hard to believe, but unfortunately it is true: the "official religion" of the public school system—secular humanism—is being taught in many Christian schools. It's not by intent; but unfortunately many of the textbooks now being used in Christian schools are laced through with this Satanic philosophy. In addition, many teachers and some administrators—by teaching methods, lesson content, and life-style—are preaching a message that is contrary to the Word of God.

Secular humanism is a religion. It has been declared so in at least two recent Supreme Court decisions. Any student of the Scriptures who reads the humanists' own "manifestos" would have to agree: it is a religion—an anti-God religion—perhaps even the religion of the anti-Christ.

Secular humanism teaches that there is no God, there is no hereafter, promises of heaven and threats of hell

are "both harmful and illusory," and the only life (therefore, the only rewards) that a human being will experience is in the here and now. That is where the concept of the "now generation" comes from.

The humanist says that the universe is self-existent. There is no Creator—the universe just happened. There's the basis for the anti-Biblical theory of evolution and the "happening" methods of teaching employed in many secular schools and some Christian schools today.

The humanist also teaches that we should practice "participatory democracy," and that this democracy should extend into the classroom and even into the home. That means that the student in the class and the child in the home should have as much to say about what he does and how he acts as does his teacher or his parent. As a result of this philosophy's inroads into governmental thinking, some states now have "child

advocates" who will defend the child against his parents if the child claims he has been mistreated. Mistreatment could extend to such things as a teenager's being "forced" to carry out the garbage against his will. Is it any wonder that "do your own thing" has become a catch-phrase of the younger generation?

Paradoxically, secular humanists also say in their Manifesto I (and it is amplified in Manifesto II) that each individual must subordinate his own will and desires to the welfare of the group. (I don't know how both of these points of view could be held simultaneously, but the humanist doesn't let that bother him.) That idea has led to this spate of group therapy, group sensitivity sessions, T-groups, group dynamics, group everything!

Now, there is nothing wrong with a group of Christians cooperating to do the Lord's work. That concept is taught in I Corinthians 12 where Paul discusses the proper relationships among members in the body of Christ. We are all one body. But here the difference lies: the body of Christ is dominated by the Head. We are told by the Lord himself in His Holy Word how we are to act, and we are to bring every thought into captivity to His thoughts.

"Not so," says the secular humanist. "The group itself decides what it shall do and what is best for the group." And in the classroom, young people—totally immature and without a background of experience or any depth of education—are placed in a situation where they—by a process called "peer reflexology"—must decide for themselves what they shall do, how they shall act, where they shall go, what they shall learn, or what they shall not learn.

In many modern textbooks—and this was the major issue in the West Virginia textbook war—the teacher is instructed *not* to give the child any guidelines in discussing moral issues or ethical questions. Numbers of "open-ended" stories were included in the language arts books adopted for use in West Virginia. A typical "open-end" consists of a question such as: "Do you think it was right for Johnny to steal the penny from the mean grocer in this situation?" The teacher is told to give no suggestions, no moral guidelines . . . "Don't try to impose your personal standards upon your students."

The concept is: since the older generations have failed, since our *heritage* has not produced a perfect society, we should not burden students with our mistakes. We should leave them free to hammer out for themselves a new and better way of doing things. If you think I exaggerate, read some of these new teachers' editions for yourself and obtain a copy of Humanist Manifesto I.

It gets worse. Manifesto I is merely a statement of the principles of the religion of secular humanism. Manifesto II gets into some particulars. In the section on the right to life, there is included the right to die. That means legalizing euthanasia (mercy-killing) and suicide. In the humanists' view, no man, and certainly not an imaginary God, has the right to prevent a person from taking his own life, if that's what he wants to do.

Humanists have been advocating free abortion for many years. The idea of killing elderly persons who no longer contribute to the welfare of the group is a natural sequel to the concept of killing unborn babies before they become a financial drain on the group.

The humanists also claim that we must do away with all feelings of nationalism. In their view, the hope for a utopian future lies in our willingness to build a "world community" where there is no private property, where the means of production are owned in common, where the resources of this planet are used for the common welfare of all the people on an equal basis.

There's one little catch. It is quite clear from the humanists' own writings and actions that they intend for the most intelligent members of the species (no doubt such men as those who wrote the two manifestos) to rise to the top and become an oligarchical dictatorship. The intellectual elite will determine the best course for all, and the rest had better follow.

How one can reconcile this idea with "do your own thing" I don't know; but the humanist is willing to stretch his thinking into that non-sequitur because, after all, he is trying to create a perfect society where everyone is happy and where no one needs or desires anything that his neighbor has, and where everyone shares equally in everything that exists. To this noble end reason can be sacrificed.

Satan is clever. His counterfeit salvation has great appeal to the natural man. Corporate redemption by societal action! No sin. No guilt. No need for repentance. Heaven on earth—here and now! Unregenerate man enjoys the fiction that it is possible to pull oneself up by one's own bootstraps, that one can voluntarily change

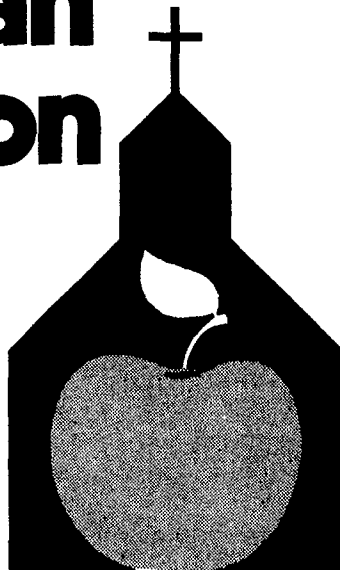
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Christian Education

The purpose of education is not merely to *fill* minds, but to *train* them. We must teach philosophy as well as fact, and impart understanding as well as knowledge.

Beyond that, the purpose of *Christian* education is to train young people to serve and glorify God. True Christian education is both academically sound and consistently scriptural. It produces well-qualified Christian servants.

The Bible says, "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways." Don't confront your students with a dichotomy between truth and error—between Biblical Christianity and secular humanism. "For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."



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Dear Sir:

I have read carefully all the criticisms concerning the Gothard Institute in Basic Youth Conflicts. I also read a very good article in "Faith for the Family" recently by Truman Dollar on the same subject. I truly feel Mr. Gothard has much to offer a Christian seeking victory in Christ in his daily walk. I have attended two seminars, the most recent being in Atlanta this past June. I believe these seminars are only helps however. The Bible, of course should deserve always our most intense study and source. Although I very much agree with Dr. Woodbridge on some things, I believe he is very nit-picky. I'm not even sure I understand everything he writes which is my own fault. One very basic point I agree with him on, however is that Mr. Gothard should certainly direct serious Christians to a New Testament, Bible Believing Church. This is a must and I believe he should describe such a church. I used to be a Methodist. If I had heard Mr. Gothard while still a Methodist and returned to my home church, I would still be very lost probably and certainly I would not have grown. Most Methodist don't even know what salvation is and now I can't imagine returning to this denomination after receiving Christ as personal Savior. This point is extremely important to a new Christian!

I really believe Mr. Gothard is best for the immature Christian. I realize he doesn't teach everything, but he does teach some very good things. I know he isn't perfect but as a young Christian he was a big help to me. You know God takes us where we are and each experience coming at the time we are able to accept it (depending on the step of our Growth in Christ) takes us further and further along the road to being more like Christ. Gothard helped me very much the first time I heard him, this past year the only real value from his seminars was the in depth Scripture searches prompted by things he said. I have outgrown him! Does this mean there is no place for his seminars? Dr. Woodbridge certainly opened my mind to much, but the things I truly believed, Mr. Gothard's seminars didn't change. I don't believe his seminars are in depth studies. Maybe the criticism is necessary for people like myself and yet I can't help but believe his seminars are very valuable.

Any Gregory

Dear Sir:

Some time ago I wrote you asking you to remove my name from your list. I object to attacks on any individual, such as your recent one on President Jimmy Carter.

Mrs. J.A. Dyke

Dear Sir:

You may discontinue sending The PROJECTOR when the current subscription is up. If as much time was spent in uplifting, encouraging, and aiding the Christian education process as in criticizing others the paper would be worthwhile.

Dean A. Ohlman

Dear Sir:

Please do not send your paper the PROJECTOR to us. Your articles are very offensive to us and the spirit of criticism in articles such as "A Critique on Basic Youth Conflicts" is far from Christian in my opinion.

John Hadlock

Dear Sirs:

I am a fundamentalist and take a strong stand here for the separated, fundamental, Baptist doctrines, but I want you to know that your obsession with Bill Gothard is less than commendable — it is not even Biblical to treat a brother in Christ this way. I am fully aware of some of the weaknesses of his ministry, but he has been approached on occasion by fundamentalist leaders and has made every effort to improve these areas. If I had the time I could find many inconsistencies and weaknesses in your life and ministry — but there are more important things for me to do for Christ than tear everybody else to pieces. Your brand of "fundamentalism" is hurtful to the testimony of Christ, especially since Bill Gothard has been given favorable reviews and praise by many fundamentalists in our nation. Please cancel by subscription and remove us from your mailing list.

Rev. Richard Seefried

Dear Mr. Hobbs:

Back in October we had a conversation about Basic Youth Conflicts and I am finally sitting down and writing the information you wanted from my viewpoint as a participant in

Dr. Woodbridge proves that he has "strained at a gnat and swallowed a camel." You cannot make judgments on what a man does not say (arguing from silence), which is what the entire article does. To make a dogmatic analysis from a skeletal outline without the benefit of the actual text of the Seminar is impossible. But this is what Dr. Woodbridge has done. It is grossly unfair.

Dr. Woodbridge appears to be strongly biased. He seems to have predetermined his conclusion. Also he is biased as a strong Calvinist.

I was especially distressed at the statement concerning Bill Gothard's teaching on tongues. I was present at the Advanced Seminar several years ago in which Bill defined the statement that Dr. Woodbridge has used to support his argument. I want to assure you that Dr. Woodbridge's condemnation does not reflect Bill

Gothard's views on tongues. Because of the possibility of misunderstanding, this section has been removed from the Advanced Seminar notes.

Bill Gothard has had an unusual ministry that God has owned and blessed. Who else has had such crowds without spending a dime for advertising? Who else has had such crowds without a sngleader, choir, and dignitaries? No one but Bill Gothard leads in prayer; no one is endorsed; and there is no array of personalities from his platform.

The Gothard family has proven their loyalty to fundamentalism by withdrawing from an apostate church long before Woodbridge left his denomination. They associated themselves immediately with an independent, fundamental Bible church, upon withdrawing.

Bill Gothard stands openly for pre-tribulation rapture.

Basic Youth Conflicts.

My first contact with Basic Youth Conflicts was through many of my Christian friends who had attended the seminars and raved about Bill Gothard and his chain of command. They described him as a humble and dedicated man to the cause of Christ. It is always intriguing to hear someone who receives such high praise. My wife and I and a group of people from our church took a bus and went to the Basic Youth Conflicts seminar held in 1972 at Philadelphia. My initial impression after the seminar was that it really could help people who had spiritual problems. Though I found several things which made me unhappy, I overlooked them because I thought a greater usefulness was being produced by the seminar than its problems. Unknowingly I was falling into the Jesuit philosophy that the end justifies the means. I saw the Roman Catholics and the liberal church goers there and I thought how wonderful. But the end of the week Gothard gave no spiritual exhortation relating to ecclesiastical separation or begin going to a church that teaches and believes the Word of God. I excused my unhappiness by stating to myself "This is not his ministry. His ministry is to help Christians who need to grow." How foolish can a person be. How can they properly grow spiritually unless they are made aware of all the areas of spiritual growth. But at this time, I was too spiritually naive to see this.

The following year we went back again and I sat through the seminar and became more convicted as a Christian to the ecumenicalism of these meetings. It was not that Bill Gothard openly encouraged this from the platform, but it appeared that this was a place where the ecumenicals were using the time to say "Let's be one big happy Christian family and show love. We should not be bitter toward one another. We all have our differences." Like a fool I excused what I saw by saying to myself, "These are just individuals here at the meeting and it's not an organized church affiliated meeting as Billy Graham Crusades where churches sponsor the meetings."

My awakening came when the opportunity arose for my pastor and I to travel to the advance seminars held in California. This is where the truth of Basic Youth Conflicts showed its true dangers. Again I must say I do not think that Bill Gothard intentionally wanted it this way, but his organization became a pivotal point in the ecumenical cause. I was surrounded by ministers from the United Methodist, United Presbyterian, Plymouth Brethren, Episcopal churches, etc. There were evangelicals there and a few fundamentalists like myself. Though I learned several spiritual concepts that were useful, they did not compare to the damage I saw being done to the Biblical doctrine of separation from apostasy. A fellow from a denominational church gave his testimony as to how Basic Youth Conflicts changed his home. There in that auditorium he was propagating his apostate denomination.

My decision not to support or attend anymore seminars was found to be valid as I read the research done by Dr. Jordan, Dr. Woodbridge and yourself. I am no longer passive in my opposition to Basic Youth Seminars, but must by Biblical command make others aware of its spiritual pitfalls. My hope is that Bill Gothard will take a clear cut and open stand against these apostate churches.

Sincerely in Christ,
Leo D'Arcangelo
Minister of Education

A Refutation Of Dr. Woodbridge's Article

By Wayne Van Gelderen, Sr.

If we used Dr. Woodbridge's method of analysis, we could assume from page 170 in A Handbook of Christian Truth, Lindsell and Woodbridge, that he does not believe in the pre-tribulation rapture. However, I will not use that method, and I feel that Dr. Woodbridge does believe in the pre-tribulation rapture of the church.

Gothard stands with fundamentalists on high standards of music, dress, and Christian education. He does not favor Christian colleges that compromise with secular accrediting associations.

A brother in Christ has been maligne! Is nothing to be done? I am disturbed at the attitude of many today

who claim to be fundamentalists. If this spirit prevails, our future is dim. I fear many are glad to call themselves fundamentalists. It cost them nothing, and they may gain something. It was not always so. I remember the loneliness in withdrawing, with my church, from the SBC in 1950. Then such an act meant that you stood alone and faced ruin and defeat. I have been in several situations since where because of conviction, potential disaster was faced. But hallelujah, resurrection follows death!

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Episcopalian catholic Sets The Record Straight

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The reference to my being a Roman Catholic is probably an inference drawn from Richard Quebedeaux's article, "The Evangelicals New Trends and New Tensions" in Christianity and Crisis (September 20, 1976). He writes: "Important Catholic evangelicals include Robert Webber of Wheaton College's division of Biblical studies."

The use of the capital is unfortunate. I am a catholic, lower case. That is, I follow catholic Christianity in the primary and basic sense of the word. Ignatius first used the word as follows: "Wherever Jesus Christ is, there is the Catholic Church." In the early church the word meant full, continuous and universal. The word "full" refers to the fullness of truth; the word "continuous" as in continuity with the faith of the Apostles, and "universal" as held the world over. The Protestant Reformers used the word "catholic" in the same sense. Unfortunately, we have yielded the word to the Romanists. I am interested in the Patristic period, attracted to the understanding of the Fathers, and am a practicing Episcopalian. None of these involvements do I consider to be contradictory to my commitment to the gospel of Jesus Christ. I am a thorough-going evangelical.

Cordially,
Robert E. Webber

Associate Professor of Theology

Stars of the Morning

by "Aunt Carolyn"

A corner nook of hints and tidbits for folks who love boys and girls and want to win them to the Lord Jesus Christ.



"Hook And Bridle"

..Hezekiah, King of Judah, was a great and good king. He was more than a man of words, he was a man of action. He led the people in a great revival. He tore down the altars of false gods and the places of false worship. He destroyed the brazen serpent that the people had come to worship as an idol. He trusted in the Lord and kept God's ways and commandments. He led the people in righteousness and honored God's Word. It was wonderful to have such a revival in Israel!

..But you needn't think that the devil would let the king and his people take such a strong stand for God without any opposition. The devil never does. If you take a stand for the Lord, you needn't think the devil will let you by without any kind of trouble, trials, or opposition. He will try to threaten and scare you and cause you to have many doubts.

..So, Sennacherib, the king of Assyria, ordered his huge army to gang up on Hezekiah and wipe out the city of Jerusalem.

..In defending the city there was much heartache, work, and trial. The enemy tried to weaken and defeat God's people by insults, threats, and fear. But Hezekiah had faith and took the whole problem to the Lord in prayer. At last God answered and told Hezekiah to tell Sennacherib not to talk so big, because God would bring him down. God said of Sennacherib, "I know thy abode and thy going out and thy coming in; and thy rage against Me." Yes, and God knows the same thing about boys and girls who rebel against HIM. He knows when you go in and when you go out. He knows everything you say and everything you think. He knows when sin wells up in your heart and you rebel against the Lord. God said, "I know all about you, Sennacherib. Because thy rage against Me and thy tumult it is come up into Mine ears, therefore I will put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way be which thou camest." And that is exactly what God did.

..You see, boys and girls, God knows your soft spots. Sennacherib thought he was so big! He thought he could mock God and easily defeat God's people, because HE was Sennacherib! But God knew his soft spots,

and God knew how to bring him down.

..I may be talking to a boy or girl or a young person today who is in rebellion against the Lord. Yes, you know Jesus Christ died for you; you know you ought to yield your heart to Him, and you know you ought to do his will. You know you ought not to be doing some of the ornery things you have been doing. You know some of the disobedient ways you have shown and some of the ways you have dishonored your parents. You haven't done right, and in your heart you know you are wrong. But in your heart you also say, "Yes, but I want my way, and I'm going to do it. This is my life. I'm going to run it the way I please and it is nobody's business!" But remember what God told Sennacherib, "I'll put my hook in your nose and my bridle in your lips." Listen, boys and girls, God knows your soft spots, too.

..This story always remind me of my uncle who had a prize dairy herd. He raised Holstein cows and had quite a large operation going. Of course, in the whole deal were those big, huge Holstein bulls, and they did know how to be mean! They were powerful! It seemed like nothing could stop them. When they got in a bad mood, they would just as soon kill you as look at you.

..Now my uncle had to take care of those big, mean bulls, but do you know what he did? He knew their soft spots. He got a great big, heavy metal ring and put it in each bull's nose. He connected a chain to that ring and let the chain hang down. Then he put the bull in a huge pen that was made of heavy, thick wooden planks. Inside the planks were reinforced iron posts and iron bars; and inside that was an electric fence with a powerful charge in it! Now can you imagine what happened when the old bull got to storming and raging and thinking he was so big and then got close to the fence and that chain flopped over against that electrically charged wire? Whew! The shock went right to that soft spot, didn't it? Right to that nose! Yes, the man who owned the big bull knew the bull's soft spot and how to bring him down. God knows your soft spot, too.

..My dad used to raise horses—work horses and riding horses, too. You know, those horses obeyed my father. Just

as God said, "I'll put my bridle in your lips." Dad knew how to bridle his horses. There was old Bess. She was a sweet old cow horse. Anyone who rode her had an easy day, because she would just about tend to the cattle herself. If the little calves got too pokey, ol'Bess would just put her nose down and give them a nudge and and hurry them on down the road. You just didn't have to worry about Bess, because she knew what the work was all about. Bess wore nothing but a very smooth bit in her mouth. Then there was Gypsy, a beautiful and obedient pony, but he had spirit and you better watch out if you rode him! So the bit in his mouth had a little crook in it, so the rider could control him.

..Now if there were an unbroken horse that Dad intended to break to ride, the bit in that mouth was another story. It was rough and crooked and maybe had a barb in it if the horse was just really mean. But Dad said, "I know your soft spot. I know how to bring you down to obedience."

..Listen boys and girls, don't make God have to put a sharp bit in your mouth. Don't make Him have to put a hook in your nose. God knows your soft spots, and he can bring you down. He has a wrench that will fit you. He can bring situations and events into your life to humble and make you bend your will to His, but wouldn't it be better just to humble your heart right now and ask the Lord Jesus Christ to forgive your sin? Ask Him to help you not to rebel anymore. Dedicate your life one hundred percent, a living sacrifice for him and for his service. Do God's will with a willing heart. That is the way of blessing and joy.

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Secular Humanism

one's fallen, human nature into a beneficent feeling of universal brotherhood, that one can achieve a heaven-on-earth without participation of the Creator of either heaven or earth.

How, do you say, can I possibly accuse a Christian school of teaching this philosophy? It's easy. Consider: when was the last time you as a teacher or administrator put your own desires above the Lord's work? Have you ever told your students or allowed them to deduce from your actions that you were more interested in a raise in pay or a new car than you were in doing your job? Have you ever used such phrases as "Do your own thing" or "Let's have a happening" in your classroom? Have you ever challenged by word or action the line of authority between God and you through your administrator and the pastor of the church of which your school is a part? Have you ever raised a question in any student's mind about who is responsible for his education: his parents or the government?

Perhaps you are not personally guilty, but I venture the assertion that some of the textbooks your school uses have planted poisonous humanist seeds in spite of all you could do. This is why Bob Jones University Press is working so hard and investing so much of the Lord's money to produce reliable, Bible-centered documentation for the Christian classroom. This is why the *BIBLE TRUTHS for Christian Schools* series was developed at Bob Jones Elementary School. This is why *SCIENCE for Christian Schools* was written. This is why many more books of similar quality and philosophy are "on the drawing boards."

Unfortunately, there is no such thing as an "instant textbook." We will all have to struggle on as best we can while we wait for more and better materials to flow from the presses.

In the meantime, a list of contrasts between secular humanism and Biblical Christianity may be helpful. Some of the characteristics and catch phrases of humanism are set forth on the left. The Biblical opposites are on the right.

SECULAR HUMANISM

1. Existentialism
 - Now Happening/evolution Accident
2. Hedonism (pleasure-seeking)
3. MAN-centered
 - "Do your own thing"
4. Sociological experimentation
 - "anti-sexism" / ERA
5. *Everything* relative
6. No authority (except "societal consensus")
 - "the group" responsibility to society
7. Casuistic
 - end justifies means man decides methods
8. Rebellion, revisionism
 - question morals, mores

BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY

1. Eternalism
 - Forever
 - Teleology/creation Purpose
2. Self Control
3. GOD-centered
 - Do what God says
4. Biblical application
 - scriptural family/ TRUTH
5. Some eternal absolutes
6. Thus saith the Lord! (His Will revealed in His Word)
 - "the individual" responsibility to God
7. Principal
 - end determines means
 - God dictates method
8. Obedience,
 - constructionism
 - affirm Biblical standards

There are many more contrasts which could be drawn; but those given will help guide your thinking.

And while you're thinking, do some thinking along this line: "Why did God raise up the Christian school movement . . . and what is my part in it?" I cannot give you a pat answer, but I commend to you a possibility for your consideration. We all hope that our Lord Jesus will return in the next few days, but he may tarry a full generation—or even two! If He does tarry, the Christian school movement can be a means of stemming the Satanic tide of humanism.

More than that: perhaps, as a result of your faithfulness and the efforts of thousands of other teachers like you, the Lord will use the Christian school movement to train a unique new generation. Imagine: a whole generation of Christians who have been taught to trust God fully and to obey His Word completely. If a genuine, sweeping revival is yet to be, we must have Christians who will obey Him "in the spirit" to such an extent that they will obey Him "to the letter" as well. The blessings that God could shower upon such a generation of His people are incalculable. May the Lord strengthen us to work to that end.



The
Other
Side
with Dave Johnson

Roots, Etc.

This column normally addresses itself to one topic but there are so many topics which I would like to express the "other side" of, I simply can't make up my mind this month.

ROOTS

I had considered writing some comments about the widely acclaimed TV series which appeared last month on ABC. While I didn't see all of the episodes of *Roots*, I did see enough to know that the propaganda barrage regarding racial issues is at a peak. Think for a moment. Can you remember one white character on the entire series who was really a person of high character and morals? Or perhaps we should go in the other direction. Can you recall a black character who was not of high character. In other words, who were the good guys and who were the bad guys in the most widely watched TV production of all time?

Why was *Roots* on TV? It was to make us think proper thoughts about the treatment of blacks in this country. It was designed to make the blacks feel sorry for themselves. It was meant to increase the hatred of the blacks for the whites and to make the black feel that the whites owe them something for the terrible treatment which they received at the hands of wicked slave owners.

At the same time however, *Roots* was designed to make the white population feel guilty for what they had done. These feelings will now lie dormant until such time as proper legislation is needed to instigate further socialistic policies. In other words, the computers now have the information which they need in their memory system. The government will recall this data when necessary.

Similar black-white relationships have been seen on TV. For example, I saw a black chief of police getting a shoe shine from a white man. Another time a black mayor was being protected by the entire police force of a large city. I'm sure that most of you already know more about this than I do however. After all, I don't even have a TV.

BORN-AGAIN

Another topic which I had considered writing about is the current trend in the popularity of being "born-again." A few weeks ago the magazine section of our Sunday paper carried an

article which was highlighted as the cover story. This particular article was featuring testimonies from famous entertainers who were born-again. The various converts claimed everything from miraculous healing to increased record sales as a result of their new found faith.

Other stories from various sources have to do with political leaders who have also been born-again. The most recent addition to the Jimmy Carter type of Christianity is Andrew Young. Young, of course, is the new Carter appointee of the United Nations. When Young was criticized recently by Congressman Larry McDonald, Hubert Humphrey defended Young. According to Humphrey, "Young is an individual who had accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior. We pray together."

If I were to write about this trend I could point out that the Bible claims a drastic change in the life of a person who is born-again. This type of change is certainly not evident in the majority of our "popular people's" conversions.

Perhaps the problem stems from a confusion of the term "born-again." While this is a good Biblical term and is used world over by Christian people to describe their conversions, I'm afraid that it is used throughout the world to describe another event. For example, in the Masonic ritual the candidate for Master Mason is raised to newness of life in the name of his god—Hiram Abif. This is a type of new birth or a "born-again" experience. For other people, any religious experience is considered a new birth. When a person tells us that he is "born-again", we should ask a few questions to see if a genuine Bible based transformation has taken place or if the person has simply made a "commitment" to do something.

CAMBODIA

I had also considered the plight of the people of Cambodia as a topic for an article. Perhaps you have read the tragic story in the Reader's Digest.

If I were to choose this topic, I would relate to you how the communists brought peace to the land of Cambodia. The communist definition of peace is: "the absence of resistance to communism." Actually, there was no resistance

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Christian Conscience

who is impure in his thoughts, impure in his words, impure in his actions, not only is his mind defiled but his conscience also is defiled. An unsaved person living in sin has a defiled conscience. His conscience is not likely to be a good guide to go by, because it is defiled.

Evil Conscience

There is the evil conscience mentioned in Hebrews 10:22. The writer says:

"Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience."

It is possible to have an evil conscience. In some parts of Africa, women offer their children to crocodiles as a sacrifice, and their conscience would smite them if they didn't. They would feel that the gods were not appeased, and so their conscience would smite them if they didn't offer their children. Certainly our conscience would smite us if we did such a thing. Because their conscience is not taught by truth, they have an evil conscience that responds not to truth but to evil.

Seared Conscience

It is possible to have a seared conscience. I Timothy 4:2 speaking of the latter times says there will be those "Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron." This is not talking about the world but about the church, about supposedly Christian people, professed believers. It says that they will be speaking lies in hypocrisy having their conscience seared with a hot iron, the idea being

when the communists entered the country. The people of Cambodia were ready to live under the communist regime in peace. The events of 1975 in Cambodia make Orwells 1984 seem like a Sunday School picnic.

In one day's time people were driven out of the major cities by brutal force. Hospitals were emptied. Those who could obey did so; others were shot and left in the street as an example. Medical and scientific records were destroyed, libraries were burned, industry and commerce were immediately halted. Government officials were murdered and educators were executed as an example to others. Within a few weeks, the population was reduced to starving, ignorant, peasants who were too scared to resist even if they had a means.

The purpose of this inhuman massacre was to build a new order of society. A new country was to be built; therefore, everything old, including the country's history, had to be destroyed.

As I thought about what had taken place in Cambodia in only a few days, the thought occurred to me that in America we are having the same events on the installment plan. We are gradually seeing a new order of society as the old order is being systematically destroyed.

History is being rewritten; knowledge is being replaced with technology; people are being coerced with big government instead of military force. The results however are the same. The public schools are reducing our population to a class of ignorant, obedient, slaves.

COMICS

Finally, I pondered the

that every time they violate their conscience by hypocrisy, by lies, it is like putting a hot iron to it. It sears. Then they lie again in hypocrisy, and their conscience is seared again. They continue doing it, and their conscience is seared again until soon that conscience is insensible. It does not respond, because it has been seared to the point that it will not respond and carry on its function. This function is to judge our actions and our motives and our intents and tell us when they are wrong.

Weak Conscience

The Bible also describes the weak conscience. Paul speaks of this in I Corinthians 8:6-13:

"But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him. Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge; for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled. But meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse. But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to them that are weak. For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols; And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish for whom Christ died? But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ. Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend."

Chapter 10 of I Corinthians also speaks of the weak conscience. For instance, it says if you should go to a feast and are served meat, don't ask any questions about the meat, just go ahead and eat it. But if somebody says that the meat has been offered to idols, then don't eat the meat for conscience sake — not your conscience, but the conscience of the person who might be weak. For us it would make no difference if it had been offered to idols. We know idols are nothing. Someone could tell me it had been offered to idols, it would make no difference to me: if the meat were good, I would enjoy the meat. But there might be someone who would be weak and would be emboldened to violate his conscience and eat the meat, because he saw me eat the meat.

Paul says that the Christian position is, if it causes my brother to stumble, I will not eat it. I don't have to have anything, especially anything that's going to cause my brother to stumble. This is a situation where a person may have a weak conscience, because that conscience is not properly taught in truth. Because he is not in truth, it would also be our responsibility to teach and instruct that person, and try to bring him to a stronger position concerning the matter of conscience.

Good Conscience

The Scripture also speaks of a good conscience, and there are several references to this. Acts 23:1:

"Paul earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day."

Paul lived in good conscience even when he was a sinner and killing Christians, but you see Paul's conscience at that point was not taught properly. He was not doing what was right, but he was doing what his conscience said was right.

In other words, he was obeying and trying to enforce and carry out the laws of the Old Testament. So he could say, "I have lived in good conscience." He was not violating conscience when he held the coats of those who stoned Stephen to death, yet it was an awful, terrible thing that Stephen was so stoned for his faith. So a person can have a good conscience and his conscience not be guided by truth, yet it is better for a person to obey his conscience and honestly seek to know and be guided by truth. Hebrews 13:18 says:



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One of the most popular beliefs of the day is that God loves everybody, and the very fact that it is so popular with all classes ought to be enough to arouse the suspicions of those who are subject to the Word of Truth. God's love toward all His creatures is the fundamental and favorite tenet of Universalists, Unitarians, Theosophists, Christian Scientists, Spiritualists, Russellites, etc. No matter how a man may live — in open defiance of Heaven, with no concern whatever for his soul's eternal interests, still less for God's glory, dying, perhaps with an oath on his lips — notwithstanding, God loves him, we are told. So widely has this dogma been proclaimed, and so comforting is it to the heart which is at enmity with God, we have little hope of convincing many of their error. That God loves everybody, is, we may say, quite a modern belief. The writings of the church fathers, the Reformers or the Puritans will (we believe) be searched in vain for any such concept. Perhaps the late D.L. Moody — Captivated by Drummond's "The Greatest Thing in the World!" — did more than anyone else in the last century to popularize this concept.

By Arthur W. Pink

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Christian Conscience And The Chain Of Command

"Pray for us for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly."

Now that's a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly. Paul was willing to live honestly and when Paul found out what truth was, Paul obeyed that truth. When he was smitten on the road to Damascus and the Lord revealed Himself to him, Paul said, "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision." Paul was always willing to live honestly. In I Peter 3:16 and 17 we read:

"Having a good conscience that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ. For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing."

Pure Conscience

And then II Timothy 1:3: "I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience . . ." Here it speaks of a pure conscience. Now there are a couple of interesting references having to do with faith and conscience. Turn to I Timothy chapter one. Here is the proper use of conscience in line with faith and a pure heart. I Timothy 1:5:

"Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned."

Again in Verse 19: "Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck."

He says to hold faith and a good conscience, which he said some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck. If you are a Christian and supposedly walking by faith and yet you violate conscience, you're going to make a shipwreck of your life. You're going to make a wreck of things.

Then in Chapter 3, verses 8 and 9, speaking of deacons, he says:

"Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not

greedy of filthy lucre; Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience."

Here again these two are tied together. Faith is to be held in a pure conscience. Hebrews 9:14 tells us what purifies the conscience. We all need our conscience purged, and when the blood of Jesus Christ cleansed you from sin, it also purged your conscience.

"How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

The blood of Christ is that which purges the conscience from dead works, from being an evil conscience, from being a seared conscience, from being the wrong kind of conscience, to serve the living God.

QUALITIES OF CONSCIENCE

Let's look at some qualities or characteristics of conscience.

Impulsive

First of all conscience is impulsive, that is your conscience speaks out immediately against any violation. It is involuntary; you don't ask it to speak. You don't say, "Conscience, will you tell me whether this action is right or not?" It doesn't ask your opinion, it just speaks. It is impulsive and speaks out immediately against what it has been taught to be wrong.

Uniform

The second thing about conscience is that our conscience is uniform. It is always consistent against wrong. It doesn't speak out against wrong at times and at other times remain silent. Your conscience is uniform. It will always speak out against what it has been taught to be wrong.

Instructive

Your conscience is instructive. It guides you in how you should respond to a given situation. It will instruct you if you will let it.

Indestructible

Another thing about conscience is that it is indestructible. Your conscience may be defiled, seared, or ignored, but it is never destroyed. Somewhere down underneath everything there is

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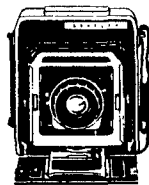
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Please send documented information concerning news from the religious world to The Projector, Attention Mr. Peter Foxx.

More About Southwide

The response to the article in the December issue of THE PROJECTOR exposing the softness in the Southwide Baptist Fellowship was overwhelming. How thankful we are for those militant, fundamental Baptists who refuse to remain silent in the midst of blatant compromise! Faithful separatists are letting it be known they will no longer tolerate such men as Dr. S.M. Lockridge or Dr. Warren Wiersbe at future Southwide Baptist Fellowship meetings. We applaud their grit and courage. At the same time we wonder if the structure can be salvaged with such serious faults in the foundation.

It now appears that I was in error in reporting that Dr. Lockridge was a member of the American Baptist Convention. For this I apologize. However, in no way is Dr. Lockridge any less a thorough going New Evangelical. His broad affiliations with apostate Baptist conventions are undeniable. Wes Auger reported in his December Newsletter that

he personally saw Dr. Lockridge at Billy Graham's "Congress on World Evangelism" in Lausanne, Switzerland, and that Dr. Lockridge was an official delegate and registrant at the Congress. Dr. Lockridge was also at the recent "Fourth Annual Pastor's Congress on Church Growth at Van Nuys First Baptist Church in Southern California. He shared the platform with such men as Dr. Charles Allen of a United Methodist Church in Houston, Dr. W.A. Criswell and Dr. Charles F. Stanley of Southern Baptist churches in Dallas and Atlanta respectively, and Dr. Ed V. Hill, associated with the Billy Graham Crusades (Blu-Print, 9-28-76).

How any fundamental Baptist could freely fellowship with Dr. Wiersbe is beyond me. I have on my desk the official Conference Schedule for the Moody Bible Institute Founder's Week for January 31—February 6 of this year. Dr. Wiersbe is a featured speaker. Other speakers for that week include: Dr. John Stott, an English Anglican with Inter-

Varsity affiliations, Dr. Billy Kim, associated with the Billy Graham Crusades, and solidly New Evangelical leaders such as Josh McDowell, Bill Glass, Mel Johnson, and Dr. Vance Haver.

The amount of good in a man, movement, or fellowship does not determine its worth. It is not the ninety-nine percent corn meal that will get to you—it is that one percent strychnine. How much has the Southwide Baptist Fellowship been poisoned by softness and compromise? Are its leaders Independent Baptists by conviction or convenience? You can take a man out of the Southern Baptist Convention but can you take the Southern Baptist Convention out of the man? Will the Fellowship take pleasure in numbering its tribes or will its concern be for the purity of the ranks? The tragedy is that the answers to these questions are not known. Good men within the Fellowship are rising up to oppose the decay and corruption. Time will tell whether or not their voices will be heard and heeded.

Church Music

No faithful pastor has a greater challenge than maintaining Scriptural music standards in his church. Sacred music which exalts the Lord Jesus Christ and edifies believers is rapidly becoming a thing of the past. In its place, we have everything from the toe-tapping beat of gospel noise to the anemic nothingness of Bill Gaither. The Scripture is still true which reads, "that which is born of the flesh is flesh..." A church that tolerates fleshly music will eventually tolerate other areas of

worldliness. Compromise in church music is a major step toward a total breakdown of separation. A case in point is the former fundamentalist singer Doug Oldham. Read what he has to say in the Gospel Concert News (Vol. 5, NO. 1), as reported by the "Plains Baptist Challenger":

"We can't legislate an ecumenical movement, but whether they realize it or not, a unity in God's people is coming. The people I see in my concerts have one mind and one mood. They

can't talk doctrine or there would be fights. They are centering on Jesus. Music unites people. As a clergyman, I am not welcome to preach, but as a singer to help praise God, I am welcome everywhere. We can all find unity in praise."

Pastor, a good sound music program is a must if our churches are going to remain strong and true. There is no such thing as strong preaching and weak music. The one ought to be designed to eliminate the other.

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Return To Reality

penitence will manifest itself in the confession of sin and in the forsaking of sin. When repentance is genuine, men turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God.

It possibly would not be too difficult for all fundamental believers to agree on a definition of repentance but there would be a difference in application. There is the tendency in fundamental circles to water down the meaning of repentance. In the quest for great numbers of converts and in our desire for acceptance by the masses, the doctrine of repentance, which is difficult for the sinner to receive, has been trotted down.

In some fundamental circles, repentance has been made a part of saving faith and then saving faith is interpreted to mean mental assent, a shallow "decision" that does not involve the depths of the being. This kind of "decision" produces "converts" so shallow that it is hard to distinguish them from the world. Most generally there are "decisions" but no repentance, no saving faith, no salvation!!

True repentance comes, first, in a recognition of sin. The lost person has to be convinced he is a sinner. Now there are two approaches to this great task. Many agree that the lost person has to be convinced he is a sinner but will endeavor to make him feel like a nice, polite, refined sinner. The purpose is to make it possible to say "I have Sinned" without meaning sin in the Bible sense of the word. Proud, arrogant, rebellious, sinners can meet the requirements of repentance, presented in this manner, without making a change.

We need to hear again the thunder from the pulpits that "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked." (Jer. 17: 9.) Sinners need to be told that "out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies." (Matt. 15:19.) It is hard to visualize a favorable reaction from a sinner when he is told, "Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do," (John 8: 34, 55), but this is the Bible picture of sin and the sinner.

To recognize sin in a nice, polite, cultured way is one thing, to confess we are lined up in the camp of Satan in rebellion against God, opposed to good, decency and righteousness is another. To see ourselves as God sees us, corrupted, contaminated and polluted by the filth of sin, brings true repentance.

Another element involved in repentance is the regret of sin—sorrow for sin. "Repentance is not

only a heart broken for sin, but from sin." The reason so many of the "converts" of today who have made "decisions" do not prove out, but return to sin is because they have never truly repented.

In true repentance the sinner will recognize sin, regret sin, and reject sin.

It is one thing to paint a black picture of sin, and it is another to put the guilty sign on the individual sinner. How repulsive it is to hear a preacher give a true Bible picture of sin and then assume the attitude that no one in his audience is really that bad.

We also need a

Return To Reality In Regeneration

The scriptures teach us that a great change takes place in all who become Christians. This change is called the new birth. Access into the family of God is obtained by birth, the same as access into this life is obtained by birth.

"Regeneration is the Holy Spirit's gracious, sovereign, quickening act, in which the divine life and nature is imparted to the soul of man, causing a reversal of his attitude toward God and sin." Man is unable to change his sphere of living. He lacks eternal life. This makes regeneration necessary. Regeneration results in a radical change in life and experience. The sinner becomes a Son of God. The Holy Spirit dwells within the regenerated believer.

The sinner, by regeneration, is freed from the slavery of the flesh and obtains victory over the world. Regeneration establishes righteousness as a life practice.

Regeneration is made manifest when the sinner comes in repentance toward God and in faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

Regeneration is a miracle of miracles. Yet how the meaning of the word has been cheapened! It is appalling how many different things can be called regeneration. Reformation is substituted for transformation, education for regeneration, and a new leaf for new life.

Many a casual "decision" is heralded as regeneration. The standards and requirements of the gospel have been lowered in order for great numbers of unregenerated folks to throng into the church.

There is a tendency to shout, "believe, believe, believe" and yet not give any sound basis for faith. Too often a superficial view of "believing" is allowed to pass for saving faith. Many have a historical belief, but no personal trust, no personal committal. Belief that has no repentance, no confession of Jesus as Lord, is in vain. Under the banner of the "simple gospel" regeneration is reduced to mean a mere mental assent.

Lastly we need to

Return To Reality In Religion

By religion we mean man's activities in the service and worship of God. It is an appalling thing how the standards have been lowered on this point. We just don't expect much from Christians. It

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Smut Publisher Convicted

Proponents of moral decency in America won a major victory this February in the City of Cincinnati. Larry Flynt, the publisher of the hard core pornographic magazine, HUSTLER, was convicted of pandering obscene materials. He was fined \$11,000 and given a

prison term of 7-25 years. It was HUSTLER that reportedly showed several totally nude photographs of our former First Lady, Jackie Kennedy Onassis.

On February 6, CBS news reported on the television program, "60 Minutes", that approximately half of the

population of the United States reads pornographic literature. Our nation is simply wallowing in filth and perversion. Little wonder the Gospel has no effect on folks when their minds are saturated with such vile corruption.

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is amazing what our ministers are content with in their people. In the best, sound, fundamental Baptist churches the majority of the active membership will spend less than three hours a week at God's house. Great boasts are made concerning the numbers present on Sunday morning, yet how sad it is that this attendance, once a week on Sunday morning is the sum total of the religion of the majority of those present.

Preachers beg, plead, coax, threaten, and try to force people to do what they should want to do if they had reality in their religion. A true conversion should pro-

duce a true Christian character. Preachers are constantly yapping at believers about the things of the world, don't drink, don't smoke, don't dance, don't gamble, don't steal, don't commit adultery, etc., and yet not give them the spiritual food whereby they acquire the strength to live in a wicked world without participating in its wickedness. We need to come back to reality. Back to a real Bible that tells of a real Christ that can save real sinners from a real hell when they come to a place of real repentance and real faith in Him. We need to come back to a real salvation that makes real Christians.

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Now they seek more lenient laws regulating marijuana.

Since the death penalty was abolished, murder and crime has increased until even Supreme Court is reeling.

Arrests of women rose three times faster than for men 1960-1972 demonstrating women have attained equal rights.

Homosexuality, prostitution, gambling, x-rated movies are receiving the blessings of the courts.

Our nation is legislating itself into a society that shames the darkest jungle.

Book Reviews

Christian Conscience

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The Case For The Doctrine of Holiness In These Times, by Chester E. Tulga, D.D. The Challenge Press, paperback 112 pages.

To say that the doctrine of Holiness is misunderstood is at best an understatement. I am often reminded of the New England Rally for God, Family and Country in Boston which I attended as an exhibitor for Santa Rosa Christian School. A couple of young ladies who came by our booth, began to inquire as to whether or not I had arrived at perfection.

"Do you mean completely without sin," I answered? "Yes," came the reply. I said no and also stated that I had never met a person in that sinless condition. "We have nearly reached it said the young ladies, but we have a friend with us who is already perfect and without sin for several years." "By all means," said I, "bring her to our booth so that we may observe this unusual phenomenon." Later that evening the two young girls arrived at our booth with their friend who assured me that what I had been told was true. She had not sinned for several years. I restrained myself and did not ask her about the fifty or more pounds overweight that she obviously was. I later learned that she was perhaps trying to lose that weight by participating in the dancing at another section of the hotel.

Chester Tulga is not talking about that kind of holiness nor was John Wesley and others who have preached holy living. A person who is holy does not have to tell others about it.

The little book about which I am writing contains eight chapters which all begin with brief quotes from great men of the past. Mr. Tulga tells us that there is only one reason that people do not live holy lives — they don't want to! So if you don't want to you had better stop reading this right now. But if you do desire holy living you might go so far as to order a copy of this book for yourself after you read the following brief passages.

Introduction! The loss of interest in personal holiness in the churches is closely related to the loss of interest in high morality in the world. There has come a disproportionate emphasis in fundamentalism on the work of God for man, rather than in man.

I. Holiness: A Doctrine In Disrepute

"... A religion that comes into conflict with customs, ethics, and the pleasures of the human heart will immediately meet opposition. Antinomianism is the doctrine of grace carried by uncorrected logic to the point of absurdity."

"Forgiveness without regeneration is the most popular religion in America."

"Holiness would be fatal to anyone with the idea of

becoming a prominent religious leader."

II. The Holiness of God

"Religious man tends to make God a partner in all that he plans and does — but a subservient partner. He assumes that God is blessing his ideas, his programs, his achievement."

III. The Holiness of God and the Problem of Human Sin

"The Bible is the record of God's approach to man, not man's attempt to find God. It is the record of God's final atoning deed for man, in the death of His own Son on behalf of believing men."

"In regeneration sin is subdued and conquered, but not destroyed."

IV. The Holy Man Is A Cleansed Man

"They exalt grace, but they spurn the only adequate response to grace: a surrendered life."

"Holiness is holiness of motive, not perfection of conduct."

"It is the renewed mind, not the unrenewed mind, which has a capability for proving what is the acceptable will of God."

V. The Holy Man Described

"It is difficult to believe in the holiness of an unseparated person, for all Scripture is against such a combination."

"All the biblical worthies, however deep their spiritual life, are found in the midst of the conflict, rebuking sin, resisting sin, resisting apostasy, and pressing the battle on every front."

IV. The Holy Man Is A Perfect Man

"Absolute perfection I never contended for. A sinless perfection, such as enables a person to fulfill the whole law, and so needs not the merits of Christ; I acknowledge no such perfection; I do now, and always did protest against it." (John Wesley.)

"When men profess perfection, it is an invitation to the hearer to look for imperfections, and, using absolute perfection as a standard of measurement, he finds the imperfections."

"So incapable is the human mind of self-deception and self-justification that frequently people do wrong things from what they have convinced themselves are right motives."

"Perfection is not a condition but a direction."

VII. The Holy Man Is An Ethical Man

"Denominational cheerleaders are rarely completely honest when their organizations are under criticism, and heads of institutions have been known to have the same failing."

"God save us in this day from exaggeration and lies."

"... holy ends are not produced by unholy means."

conscience. Stories have been told about murderers and criminals who after many years have confessed crimes committed in their youth. They tried to cover up, but couldn't live with their conscience, and eventually they had to make it right. So conscience is indestructible. When you get right with God, it will bring to your mind things that need to be straightened out, people to whom you need to speak whom you have wronged. If you will let the Holy Spirit work in your heart and give God absolute control, things

VIII. The Holy Man Is A Man Under Discipline

"The discipline of; the Word of God, the Spirit of God, Prayer, Loneliness, and tension."

My Answer To The Moscow Atheists by Richard Wurmbrand. Arlington House Publishers, 192 pages, \$7.95.

Richard Wurmbrand is certainly not a new name to people in the anti-communist organizations. He has spent fourteen years in Communist prisons and has written several books about his stay there as well as the people who were his captors.

This new book however is an attack on the publication entitled *The Atheist's Handbook* which is published by Moscow's Academy of Science. It is quite true that an *Atheist Handbook* does exist but I question the existence of its users. The Bible gives us examples of "Atheists". Titus 1:16

describes people who profess to know God but in works they deny Him. The Psalmist tell us in Psalms 14:1 that the fool hath said in his heart (there is) no God. The writer of Hebrews in Hebrews 2:3 tells us of those who neglect salvation. But, is there such a thing as a person who not only says there is no god but also believes this in his heart and acts accordingly. If there is, then Richard Wurmbrand has indisputable evidence to the contrary.

In his "Case for God," Wurmbrand discusses scientific evidence for creation, miracles, death, the flood, and many other topics which are refuted by the *Atheist Handbook*.

Do you know someone who claims that there is no God. It makes no difference as to the geographical location of the professing atheist. Whether in Moscow or living next door to you, this book will answer the question — Is There A God?

Born Again by Charles W. Colson. Chosen Books, 351 pages, \$9.95

Someone has said that not all conservative politicians are Christian but all Christians are conservative in their politics. If this is not true, it should be. In any case, Mr. Colson's story completely refutes this theory.

For those of you who have already forgotten the name of the famous "White House Hatchet Man," haries Colson

was one of President Nixon's closest confidants. While claiming to be innocent of any real crime other than a blind obedience to Richard Nixon, Colson was sentenced to do one to three years for his plea of guilty charges of "being responsible for devising a scheme to obtain derogatory information about Daniel Ellsbery, etc."

Colson is a good writer and his book is one of those that is hard to put down once it is started. He is very convincing in some statements about his salvation and then there are times when I wonder if the man really knows what salvation is. Either Mr. Colson is truly born again and is simply a weak babe in Christ or he is not saved but is only living on a religious experience of some kind. If Colson is truly born again, he is obviously not getting the right kind of nourishment for his spiritual growth.

Some of the "Christians" who have made an impact on Colson's life are: Arthur Burns, Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, and Harold Hughes, liberal Senator from Iowa. I mention these two in particular because first of all, Arthur Barnes is certainly knowledgeable of the part which the Federal Reserve is playing in the overthrow of our Republic, and secondly, Harold Hughes is the man whom Colson mentions most and even describes his home where frequent prayer meetings were held. The description of the home included a "crucifix over the fireplace."

If Chuck Colson is a Christian he needs to find some new friends who can teach him about spiritual growth and separation. He needs to throw out his RSV and the "Living Bible" which he quotes from too often and replace them with the reliable KJV.

Colson makes mention of his dad who was a member of the Masonic Lodge. When Colson's dad died, Chuck made sure that the American flag and his dad's Masonic apron were placed in the casket. This appears to be what prompted Colson to believe that his dad had gone to a "room in the Lord's mansion."

Is Chuck Colson really born again? We don't know. But we are certain that if he is, he is out of God's will regarding the matter of separation. He is ignorant of many important issues and doctrines and he is aiding the ecumenical one world religious movement.

will be brought to your mind that need to be made right. When you sin against your brother, conscience will smite you until you go to him and say, "Brother, I've sinned against you. I shouldn't have done that."

Infalible

Conscience is also infalible. It never tells us wrong if our creed is right. Now understand it is still infalible according to your creed. If you have been reared in Mormonism and if your conscience has been trained in Mormonism and you violate a Mormon principle, your conscience will smite you. It is infalible. It will smite you if you violate your creed. If you are a heathen and have a heathen creed and violate your creed, your conscience will say you've violated your creed. Now if the conscience is given the proper creed, which is the Word of God interpreted by the Holy Spirit, it is infalible. That's why it is so important for us as Christians to live by the Word of God, to seek the Lord's leadership and guidance, to train our boys and girls in the principles of the Word of God and to establish them in the right creed. Then when their conscience speaks, they will know it's in line with the Scripture. That is the goal we should have in training our boys and girls, teaching them in line with the Word of God.

Non-inventive

Not only is the conscience infalible, the conscience is non-inventive, that is, it does not invent standards, it doesn't invent principles. It only judges in line with those standards, those principles, those morals that you hold.

God-given

Last of all, the conscience is not self-imposed. I didn't decide whether or not I wanted a conscience, or whether or not I want my conscience to speak to me. As a matter of fact, men have a good many times wished that they did not have a conscience. It is not self-imposed; it is God-given. It is put in man by God to be the voice of God, if properly trained, speaking to us concerning right and wrong. Oh, how wonderful to have a conscience taught by the Holy Spirit, trained in line with the Word of God, so that when it speaks we can know that this is something we shouldn't do. Somebody said, "Let your conscience be your guide." Your conscience should not be your guide unless your conscience is trained by the Word of God.

TRAINING THE CONSCIENCE

After you get saved, you may have to retrain your conscience in line with the Word of God. There are some things that my conscience was taught while I was a boy growing up that were not Scriptural or in line with the Bible. I have had to work hard to untrain and retrain my conscience in line with Scripture. I have found times that my conscience would smite me and I would stop and think about what I was going to do or what it was that I was thinking, then I would realize that the way I was trained was wrong and I would have to say to my conscience, "Now you've got to be retrained in this matter, conscience. Don't smite me about that anymore, because the Bible says it's all right to do or to believe that way." I think this is true sometimes about doctrine. If you have been taught bad doctrine and then you hear somebody teach right doctrine, your conscience might smite you. You say, "I can't afford to believe that; that's not in line with what I was taught when I was growing up." Now wait a minute! Wait a minute! were you taught correctly growing up? Did they teach it right? If they did not teach it right according to the Word of God as the Holy Spirit interprets the Scripture, then you have to throw out what you used to think. You have to retain your conscience in line with the Scriptures. Don't buck or fight or oppose that which is obviously taught in the Bible even if it contrary to what you have been taught growing up. If you're honest and sincere and willing to live honestly and in good conscience God will see to it that you don't get error. Go ahead and let the Holy Spirit teach and instruct you and get the joy and blessing that can come from knowing truth. Conscience is not right except as its creed is right.

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