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## MISSIONS: The Indigenous Principle

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Our hearts are much concerned that missionaries lead souls to Christ and establish local, indigenous, New Testament churches. The reason for this concern is that we want missions done the New Testament way. The New Testament way is the only safe and trustworthy way.

The three basic elements in establishing an indigenous church are: self-governing, self-supporting, and self-propagating. Self-government is the most difficult part of this work and requires the longest time for accomplish-

ment. But without it, spiritual growth is dwarfed and initiative is choked.

Let us note some reasons why missionaries fail in seeking to establish local, indigenous, New Testament churches. In the first place, a problem that often quickly raises its head is that of getting the wrong

**Pastor**

The missionary seeks to become pastor himself. Churches and Missions are not sending missionaries out to be pastors.

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## Ruckmanism Exposed

by Peter J. Foxx

Dr. Stewart Custer, Chairman of the division of Bible at Bob Jones University, has written an excellent new book entitled THE TRUTH ABOUT THE KING JAMES VERSION CONTROVERSY. Dr. Custer is a genuine Bible scholar with solid Fundamentalist credentials and is eminently qualified to address the issues of textual criticism involved in the current debate over the inspiration of the King James Bible.

This new book has much to contribute to sincere believers wanting serious answers to the spurious statements of those attacking all versions of the Bible other than the King James. The historic, conservative position on manuscripts, texts, and translations is presented. The four different types of texts are identified and discussed. The strengths of the Alexandrian text and the weaknesses of the Byzantine text are clearly and factually defined. The limitations of Erasmus and his Textus Receptus are honestly presented without unwarranted criticism. Dr. Custer wisely defends the New American Standard Bible and the Westcott-Hort text without falling into the trap of attacking the King James Bible and the Textus Receptus. He simply points out that the former are based on older manuscripts and are therefore a more accurate translation and text. Dr. Custer emphasizes, "The authority of verbal inspiration rests on the original autographs and on every manuscript and translation only insofar as it reflects the wording of the original."

Dr. Custer has done Christianity a great service in exposing Peter Ruckman as heretical and the cultish leader of the spiritually ignorant. Ruckman's wild claims such as "The King James Bible did not include the Apocrypha," "The Westcott and Hort

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## Fred Schmitz with the Lord



Fred Schmitz, an employee of Gospel Projects, Inc., went to be with the Lord on September 8. He is survived by his wife, Norma; a son, Phillip (9); a daughter, Mechelle (11); his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schmitz of Grand Junction, Colorado; and two sisters.

Mr. Schmitz came to the ministry of Gospel Projects in 1969, where he served in several capacities. Fred taught the fourth grade in Santa Rosa Christian School during the 1969-70 school year, and in April of 1970, he became manager of radio stations WSRA and WONF-FM, which were operated by the Gospel Projects ministry for several years.

Fred Schmitz was the program director and radio voice for the Children's Bible Club, a weekly radio program which is heard on over 20 stations throughout the United States, as well as in several foreign countries. This was the work which was closest to Fred's heart. In spite of tremendous physical handicaps which kept him in a wheel chair much of the time, Fred managed to supervise the recording and editing of stories which were taped for re-broadcast on the Children's Bible Club stations. He also supervised the entire program of advertising and marketing for the 15 story books and tapes which are sold in bookstores throughout the United States as well as to individuals through mail order sales.

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## Editor's Desk

There is humanism, and then there is humanism. We Fundamentalists have come to use the term so frequently in recent times that at times confusion arises as to just what we are talking about.

We speak of "secular humanism," "religious humanism," "Christian humanism," etc. HUMANIST MANIFESTO II (1973) mentions several varieties of naturalistic humanism, "Many kinds of humanism exist in the contemporary world. The varieties and emphases of naturalistic humanism include 'scientific,' 'ethical,' 'democratic,' 'religious,' and 'Marxist' humanism."

According to Funk and Wagnall's Standard College Dictionary, humanism is "a system or attitude in thought, religion, etc., in which human ideals and the perfection of human personality are made central..." A practical way for us to think of humanism in its broadest and fullest sense would be man's thoughts as opposed to God's thoughts. Any philosophy, idea, or thought of man outside of God's revelation is basically humanistic.

Humanists begin by rejecting God's revelation in the written and living Word and then, depending solely upon human understanding, to interpret God's revelation in nature. That is the reason they refer to "naturalistic humanism" in HUMANIST MANIFESTO II as quoted above. Any system man produces apart from God's revelation in His Word is, of course, man centered or humanistic. In Revelation 17 and 18 the Scriptures tell us of the destruction of the woman who sat upon the beast. This account seems to indicate that "religious humanism," "THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" (17:5), is to be destroyed by "political humanism" or the beast.

Let us be careful and do our best to remove all humanistic thought from our churches and Christian schools and colleges. This is a much more difficult job than appears on the surface.

## Dean Edwards in Glory

"Dr. Bob Sr. always said that what is best for the Cause is best for all of us. The Cause is everything." These words came from the lips of James D. Edwards who lay on a hospital bed two weeks before the Lord took him to Glory August 20, 1981. For 45 years Dr. Edwards served the Lord at Bob Jones University, much of it as Dean of Administration. In that capacity he presided over the discipline, the faculty, and academic matters.

Forty-five years of a man's life given to one cause and spent in daily stress and decision-making would be cause enough for tribute being paid. Dr. Edwards, however, was the victim of severe arthritis which, for 30 years of his service, caused him intense pain and crippling.

The heavy doses of cortisone which he took for the arthritis eventually weakened the body and honeycombed the bones; and when other health problems arose, the treatment of them was complicated by his condition to the extent that normal surgical procedures were greatly complicated. His body could not fight infection any longer, and the Lord took him Home.

Remaining here below without the ability to be active in the Lord's work would have displeased him greatly. He always said that he wanted to die in his office. God didn't grant that request; but until the day he entered the hospital for his final bout with debilitating illness, he was active in the ministry of Bob Jones University.

## Proctor and Gamble Commended

GREENVILLE, S.C....Dr. Bob Jones III, president of Bob Jones University, has commended the chairman of the board of Proctor and Gamble for his "great sense of moral responsibility you showed in withdrawing Proctor and Gamble's support of some 50 television programs that were debilitating to the nation's well-being."

Proctor and Gamble, the nation's largest television advertiser, shocked the television industry recently when it announced the withdrawal of sponsorship of 50 network programs that did not meet its "program guidelines." According to the company's board chairman, Owen

B. Butler, the company withdrew sponsorship because of programs that feature too much sex, violence, and profanity. Butler said, "I sincerely hope that other large industries will follow suit."

Dr. Jones wrote Butler, "I thank the Lord for what you have done; and while I know you will be receiving some abusive letters because of it, I wanted you to have this one, which I know will be joined with many others to say thanks for what you did. My children and theirs, if the Lord tarries, will applaud you and will have all the more respect for your products."

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### Fred Schmitz with the Lord

Even after back surgery in 1976 which left him unable to walk, Fred fought the odds and through prayer and determination was back on his feet in less than a year.

Fred will be best remembered for his positive attitude and uncomplaining spirit which accompanied his Christian testimony. He was genuinely interested in others — to the point that there was simply no time to be concerned over his own poor health. He was loyal to the Lord and to the ministry to which he devoted his life. Indeed, "The memory of the just is blessed..." Proverbs 10:7.

The Fred Schmitz Children's Bible Club Memorial Fund has been established in honor of Mr. Schmitz. Contributions may be sent to CBC Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 643, Milton, FL 32570.

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## MISSIONS: The Indigenous Principle

But some are barely on the field before they circulate advertisements of meetings at a Calvary, Immanuel, Bible, etc., church (and such a church does not exist in that area), and the missionary lists himself as the pastor. That is not the way to begin a local, indigenous, New Testament church. Another reason for failure in this important matter is that of

### Methods

The missionary is often too fond of the "American Way" and actually feels that methods used in the United States are the only right methods. He fails to adapt himself to national culture and methods.

He often leads in the construction of a building according to our American idea of architecture, and the nationals find it difficult to be at ease in this atmosphere. He thinks the time of meeting and the order of service must be just like the ones we have here in the United States. Another reason for failure in the effort to establish indigenous, New Testament churches is that of having the wrong

### Center

They center the work in a mission station. It should be centered in a local church. Hospitals, clinics, Bible institutes, seminaries, etc., should not be the center. The local church should be the center of the work. God does not call missionaries to build mission stations but to win souls to Christ and establish local, New Testament churches.

Local churches should be located in the village or city, not on a mission "compound." The new converts' activities should center around a local church. They should be sent out by the local church to minister in the outstations. Preaching stations should be branches of the local church and not branches of the mission compound. Then, many fail in establishing local, indigenous, New Testament churches because of the use of the wrong

### Money

The national churches are not to be taught to depend upon foreign funds to finance their work. The missionary usually excuses this wrong method by saying that the people are too poor. He should teach new converts to bring their tithes and offerings to the Lord and build their own buildings.

Some missionaries put up a smoke screen in this area by soliciting extra funds for themselves and then use them to build local church houses. New converts, anywhere on earth, can build with their tithes and offerings the building that will correspond to their economic structure and their cultural pattern. To use foreign funds for the local, national churches does irreparable damage by dulling the sense of responsibility, weakening the spiritual and moral fiber, and killing the

initiative of the new Christians. And then, there are those who fail in establishing the right kind of churches by making themselves

### Indispensable

They "consciously," or "unconsciously," teach the new converts to be dependent upon the missionary. They make themselves indispensable. They place the new converts in a spiritual greenhouse, and their spiritual capacities are not developed.

The missionary may do this because he fears that the new convert will be discouraged. But we must remember that the Holy Spirit can work in India, China, Korea, France, etc., the same as He works in the United States. Another reason for failure in the effort to establish indigenous churches is that of

### Poor Arithmetic

Too many missionaries in one area may be a real hindrance. If the ability and ministry of the nationals are to be developed, missionaries should never hold positions which the nationals are able to fill. And when several missionaries work in the same area this practice is violated. Missionaries are used in positions which nationals should be filling.

Missionaries should only fill capacities which would be left unfilled otherwise. Local churches should not be made up of missionaries. And, again, there is failure to establish New Testament churches because of

### Misplaced Faith

It is vital that the missionary have a clear concept of his own work and of his relationship to the new converts. His must be a work with a transitory aspect. A carpenter who leaves the scaffolding up around a building he has constructed, lest it fall, has not erected a very good building. And this is what a missionary does, when he centers the work around his abilities, his person, and his or other foreign money. The missionary is not

intended to be a permanent factor in the life of an alien people. Our Lord Jesus is to be the permanent Factor.

To be effective in this, the missionary must **trust, train, and develop** the nationals. To fail in any of these three important elements is to have a misplaced faith on the part of the nationals. The work must be dependent upon our Lord—not on the missionary. And God help us, this same misplaced faith is found in so many churches here in the United States. Finally, the failure often comes because of

### Fear

Too many missionaries are afraid that the pastors and churches back in the States will drop their support, if they do not get **big, "successful" reports and quick**. To establish local, indigenous, New Testament churches on the mission field is a lot slower than establishing these artificial, foreign funded, missionaries' churches. But they are the only kind of churches taught in the New Testament and are the only kind that will truly last and glorify our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our pastors and churches need to know this and back the right kind of missions on the foreign field and at home. Some are in such a "rat race" competition here that they never take time to study the situation and stand by the New Testament kind of missions. And some missionaries seek to please these pastors and churches in their reports, even if they have to lie to do it.

We must establish churches which are indeed indigenous because the churches of our Lord Jesus Christ in Chile, Colombia, Japan, Africa, etc., must not be branches of our churches in the United States. They must be churches in their own right. Building churches who cannot function without artificial help are not truly churches of our Lord Jesus Christ. **We must have the right concept** of the ministry of our missionaries and **have faith in the power of the Gospel** to do what our Lord purposes, anywhere on earth, and so must the missionaries, if souls are to be saved and local, indigenous, New Testament churches are to be established. **U**

## BJU's Tax Status

The IRS formally revoked Bob Jones University's tax-exempt status on January 20, 1976. The school sued the government for restoration of its tax-exempt status and changed its admission policy to comply with the current law which forbids private schools from practicing racial discrimination in admission procedures. On December 26, 1978, Federal District Judge Robert Chapman ruled in favor of the University; however,

the appeals court overruled this decision on December 31, 1980, and Bob Jones University's tax-exempt status has again been denied. This time the IRS is not taking away the exemption because of an admission policy but because of an internal policy which forbids interracial dating and marriage. This can affect many fundamental Christian high schools and colleges which have similar policies.

# Stars of the Morning

By "Aunt Carolyn"

## NO LONGER A BEGGAR



Three o'clock? Do you mean that busy men are expected to lay down their work in the middle of the day — to go to a prayer meeting at three o'clock in the afternoon? But that is exactly what Peter and John were doing. They were never too busy to be faithful at the hour of prayer.

When prayer-time came, they didn't say, "I have so much to do today, I just don't believe that I'll have time to pray and get all my work done, too." They didn't say, "I have a little headache. I believe I will go on home and skip prayer meeting today." They didn't argue, "I have attended five days in a row; surely it will be all right if I just miss today." No, there were no arguments or questions. The time of prayer was at hand, and Peter and John were on their way, faithful each day. Perhaps that is the reason God could bless their lives and give them power to do a mighty miracle in the temple where others were powerless and weak.

But let's not get ahead of the story. You see, the hour of prayer had come. As Peter and John were on their way to the Temple, they passed through the Gate Beautiful. Well, the gate might have been named "Beautiful," but the sight there was certainly not beautiful!

Beside the gate lay the poor, pathetic form of a crippled beggar. "Alms! Alms!" he cried. His gnarled, drawn hands reached out as people brushed quickly by him as they hurried into the Temple.

"Alms!" he begged, but who cared about a beggar? He had been there for years, for he was born in that condition — crippled, helpless, unable to move in his own strength. It mattered not how hard he concentrated or how determined he was to move his legs. They just wouldn't move; they were stiff, withered, crippled, and weak. He was unable to work for a living. He was helpless to provide for his own needs, so there he was!

What a picture of an unsaved,

sinful boy or girl! Yes, you were born into this world a sinner, and you can't save yourself. You can't lift yourself up by your own bootstraps. No matter how you try, you cannot quit sinning. You were born a sinner, and you prove it by the things you do, the lies you tell, the way you snap at other children, and the rebellious way you feel when mother asks you to do something. I don't know all the sins you have done, but you know, and God knows. If you are unsaved, you are as helpless spiritually as the poor cripple at the gate who reached out and cried, "Alms! Alms!"

Peter and John came by, looked at the man, and stopped! Oh, hardly anybody ever stopped to give him even a kind look.

"Look on us," Peter commanded.

The cripple's heart leaped in hope. Perhaps these men would give him a shekel or some small coin to buy a piece of bread.

Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none..."

"None?" the beggar's hopes fell. "What were these cruel men doing?" he thought. "Had they stopped in jest to mock his pitiful condition? Would they taunt him with hopes of silver and gold when they didn't even have any money themselves? Was this a joke on a pitiful cripple? What a warped, hard-hearted thing to do!"

But Peter didn't stop with that statement. "Silver and gold have I none;" and he continued, "but such as I have, give I thee." And reaching down, he took the cripple by the hand. "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth: rise up and walk." And Peter lifted him up.

Wonder of wonders! Immediately his ankle bones were straightened and strength surged through his legs. He leaped up and stood. Then he walked into the Temple with Peter and John. He was so thrilled over this miracle that he began to leap and praise the Lord!

Oh, what a wonderful thing those men had done for him! They had

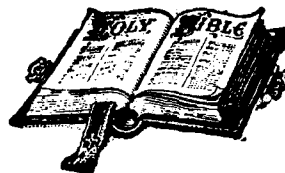
given him something far better than money. Why, he could earn his own silver and gold now that he was well and strong!

Some of the men in the Temple demanded to know what was going on and how Peter and John did such a thing. "What is going on here?" Now, the Jews in the Temple were not rejoicing with the man; they were busy criticizing Peter and John.

But Peter said, "Wait a minute! Don't give us credit for what has been done here today. The same Lord Jesus Christ that was here on earth, whom you crucified, is the Lord of glory! It is He that God raised up from the dead, and it is in His name and through faith in His name that this man has been made whole. Jesus Christ is the One Who has made this man well today. Repent of your sins and put your trust in the Lord Jesus Christ that your sins may be blotted out."

The priests and Sadducees were terribly upset and angry when they heard that. Those religious leaders were just as helpless spiritually as the poor crippled man had been physically. They needed the Lord Jesus Christ to cleanse them from sin, but in their pride and self-righteousness, they did not like to be reminded of their sin.

Boys and girls need Jesus, too. You are helpless to save yourself. No matter how you try, you can't quit sinning. Perhaps you have tried, and then you have gone right back to doing things that are wrong. But Jesus Christ died on the cross to save you by the miracle of the new birth. He can give you a new heart and a new life so that you have the power to do right, to stand for Him, to live for Him, and to be a testimony and witness for Jesus Christ. By His power, you can be prepared to go to Heaven someday to be with Him. Say, that is better than silver and gold or anything else of this earth! Jesus said, "Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out."



### The Anvil—God's Word

Last eve I passed beside a blacksmith's door  
And heard the anvil ring the vesper  
chime;

Then looking in, I saw upon the floor  
Old hammers, worn with beating years  
of time.

"How many anvils have you had," said I,  
"To wear and batter all those hammers  
so?"

"Just one," said he, and then, with

twinkling eye,

"The anvil wears the hammers out, you  
know."

And so, thought I, the anvil of God's Word;  
For ages skeptic blows have beat upon.  
Yet, though the noise of falling blows was  
heard,  
The anvil is unharmed—the hammers  
gone.

—Author Unknown, in *Morning Glory*



## The Other Side

with Dave Johnson

### GENOCIDE

Genocide is defined as "the deliberate and systematic destruction of a racial, political, or cultural group." The Genocide Convention (treaty) has been before our Senate since 1949 (longer than any other treaty in history) and could possibly become law if Senator Percy has his way.

Senator Charles Percy is chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee which has jurisdiction over the treaty. He is committed to ratification of the treaty and is convinced that the Senate will deal with it this year. With a conservative administration in power in Washington, this may be the ideal time to push through this controversial treaty with as little fanfare as possible.

The Genocide Treaty is another step in the direction of world government. Concerned Americans have been warning their fellow-citizens about the nature of the treaty and about the possibility of its leading to a surrender of Constitutional rights for 32 years. For years, the treaty's loudest critic was former Senator Sam Ervin. Ervin, a well-respected Constitutional scholar, warned that certain provisions of the Constitution would automatically make the Genocide Convention the supreme law of the land once it is passed.

If this treaty is passed by our government, it could mean the end to many of the liberties which we as Americans, and particularly as Christians hold dear. Under the treaty, genocide is defined as "to destroy in whole or in part, or to intend to destroy, a national, ethnic, racial, or religious group by killing, causing mental or bodily harm, inflicting harmful conditions and forcibly transferring children of the group to another group." Under this broad and vague language, a Christian could conceivably be punished for passing out tracts in a Roman Catholic community. This would obviously cause "mental harm" to the local priest who is the leader of his religious group. Consider the far-reaching effects this type of wording might have on the mission field as American missionaries endeavor to



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"destroy" pagan religions by witnessing to people in foreign nations which have also endorsed the treaty.

To make matters worse, United States citizens could be hauled off by UN troops and tried by an international body for acts alleged to have been committed within the United States. Conceivably, if you were caught telling a Polish joke, this might be construed as genocide — causing mental harm to that ethnic group. If found guilty by a foreign (Polish) tribunal, you could be shot or hanged. The treaty states that those convicted will be given "effective penalties."

A recent article in the SPOT-LIGHT pointed out that the greatest criticism of the Genocide Convention

is that it does not apply to "political" murder. Therefore, the mass murder of civilians by the communists is not genocide. If you are familiar with what has happened in S.E. Asia, you can understand why the communists want the treaty passed without any word changes.

Currently, the treaty's most avid opponent is Senator Jesse Helms (R-N.C.). The treaty's most tireless supporter has been Senator William Proxmire, who has brought up the Genocide Treaty every day he has been on the Senate floor since 1967. Where does your Senator stand on this vital issue? Perhaps you should let him know where you expect him to stand before it is too late.

## BJU Legal Seminar

GREENVILLE, S.C....Bob Jones University, which has been in a battle with the Internal Revenue Service over tax exemption for more than 10 years, will sponsor "Advocates in Adversity," a legal seminar on the preservation of religious and educational freedoms, on campus Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, October 12-14.

Among the outstanding group of speakers are the following lawyers and national leaders: Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, luncheon speaker; Georgi Vins, Baptist minister exiled from Russia, luncheon speaker — "Faith on Trial"; William Ball, Constitutional Law Attorney, Harrisburg, Pa., "A Thorough Examination of the First Amendment" (Parts I and II); Wendell Bird, legal counsel for Institute for Creation Research, San Diego, Calif., "The First Amendment and Evolution — Scientific Creationism in Public Schools," "Biblical Conservatism"; Orin Briggs, attorney and founder of Christian Viewpoint, Columbia, S.C., "Obscenity and Pornography — Legal Issues Involved"; John McLario, legal counsel for Christian Legal Defense, Menomonee Falls, Wisc., "Child Abuse, Child's Rights, Parents' Rights, States' Rights, and Discipline Policies"; John Stophel, tax specialist and partner in largest law firm in Tennessee, Chattanooga, Tenn., "Evaluation of the BJU case — Public Policy vs. Religious Freedom," "Charitable Giving and Tax Advantages"; Bob Toms, attorney, Securities Commissioner in California under Ronald Reagan, Los Angeles, Calif., "The Origins of Liberty in Law," "Preserving Liberty in Law"; George Webster, attorney, Washington, D.C., "Limits on Campaign Activities by Non-Profit Organizations"; and John Whitehead, attorney, Washington, D.C., "Christian Resistance in the Face of State Interference," "Plan for Action: How to Attack the Enemy."

Other speakers or panelists will include Dr. Bob Jones, chancellor, Bob Jones University; Dr. Bob Jones III, president, Bob Jones University; Dr. Rod Bell, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, Va.; Dr. Al Janney, Christian Legal Defense, Leesburg, Fla.; Dr. William Lincoln, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Watertown, Wisc.; Dr. Ed Nelson, pastor of South Sheridan Baptist Church, Denver, Colo.; Rev. Rene Ouellette, pastor of First Baptist Church, Bridgeport, Mich.; Evangelist Les-

ter Roloff, Corpus Christi, Tex.; and Dr. James Singleton, pastor of Tri-Cities Baptist Church, Tempe, Ariz.

The basic purpose of this seminar is to make religious rights advocates and/or to assist them in knowing and exercising their rights. The basic legal problems faced by the religious community will be discussed, and speakers will deal not only with philosophy of First Amendment rights, but their application and implementation.

This seminar is for anyone concerned with religious rights and the present threats to the exercise thereof — pastors, educators, lawyers, laymen, parents, and students.

The cost for the entire seminar, including all sessions and three special luncheons will be \$150. Dormitory accommodations, including meals, are available for an additional \$25. The price for attending one day will be \$60 per day. A select number of full scholarships — including meals, lodging, and seminar expenses — are available to full-time students who desire to attend. Applications for these scholarships should be made by letter to the Director of Public Relations, Bob Jones University.

The University's travel agency, Unusual Tours, has made special arrangements with the Sheraton Motor Inn for room rates during the seminar for \$22 single and \$25 double, plus tax. Reservations must be made with Unusual Tours for these rates. Also, Unusual Tours can arrange for your airline or Amtrack tickets to and from Greenville and can handle your car rental. For any of these free services call person-to-person collect to Harry Ward at (803) 271-3338.

No Christian institution has been as harassed by the federal government, especially the Internal Revenue Service, as has Bob Jones University. For more than a decade, the University has been in litigation trying to preserve its tax-exempt status as a Christian educational institution. Dr. Bob Jones III, the university president, contends that the outcome of the school's case, which was recently appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, "will affect the whole future concept of First Amendment rights in America."

Bob Jones University has sought to preserve its religious freedom, and in so doing, has fought the battle to maintain the freedom of

every Christian school, church, and other organization. With this experience of harassment and court battles, it is only fitting that BJU should sponsor this legal seminar on the preservation of religious and educational freedoms.

A brochure giving complete information and a reservation form is available from the Reservations Secretary, Bob Jones University, Greenville, S.C. 29614, telephone (803) 242-5100. The deadline for reservations is October 1.

## The Voodoo That You Do May Bring An Exemption

In its campaign against tax-protesting mail-order "ministers," the IRS is being very careful not to violate anybody's constitutional guarantees of freedom of religion.

"We don't set doctrine or dogma," says an IRS spokesman. "If you are sincere in your belief we will recognize you as a church even if you worship trees."

As if to prove that statement, the IRS has ruled that a group engaged in the practice of witchcraft is neither illegal nor contrary to defined public policy. Therefore, it has decided, because their beliefs are sincerely held, the witches are entitled to tax-exempt status as a church.

—American Institute of C.P.A's, August 1981

**Comment:** The above article would be comical if it were not so sad and frightening.

Has America really arrived at a place where unknown and unelected bureaucrats can by some unknown method interpret and apply "laws" and government policies that make witchcraft "public policy" and at the same time harass and persecute and prosecute true Bible Christianity for believing and practicing Biblical standards of faith, holiness and separation?

The answer is obvious to those with seeing eyes and hearing ears.

Those who want to be in favor with the IRS may soon have to "sincerely worship trees" or "practice witchcraft."

# Sheriff Padlocks Nebraska Church

by Robert McCurry

The Faith Baptist Church building in Louisville, Nebraska was padlocked by Cass County Sheriff Fred Tesch on Sunday night, September 13, 1981, as ordered by District Judge Raymond Case.

The "crime" that this independent Baptist Church committed to cause this drastic and unprecedented action in America's history is *conducting a daily educational ministry without a state license and state certified teachers.*

Because the church will not voluntarily submit to state licensure and control it is now under *mandated* state court control. Judge Case, according to Pastor Siliven, determines when and how the church building can be used, including what is a "religious service".

The court ordered padlock is removed by the sheriff on Saturday and Sunday and Wednesday evening. The pastor and congregation are prohibited the use of the building at any other time. "No one can go in for prayer or counseling," Pastor Siliven said. "Even the Monday and Tuesday night Adult Bible Institute is prohibited the use of the building."

"I do not have access to my office, desk, files and library," the pastor continued. "The church offices and print shop are locked up."

## Sunday Night Lock-Up

The expected Monday morning padlocking of the church building surprisingly took place on Sunday night, September 13. Pastor Siliven reports that a deputy came about 6:00 p.m. to apply the padlock. Since a worship meeting was in progress Sheriff Tesch was contacted for further instructions. Pastor Siliven explained to the sheriff when he phoned that their regular Sunday night meeting was usually over about 8:30 or 9:00 o'clock, but a prayer meeting had been scheduled afterward and would possibly continue rather late.

"The sheriff arrived about 8:30 p.m. and asked us to vacate the building," Pastor Siliven said. "I told him that there were prayer groups in progress, but if he ordered us to vacate the building we would. He said he wanted the people to leave. I went in and gave the people the sheriff's message," the pastor continued. "They vacated the building promptly and orderly."

"There was no resistance or confrontation," Pastor Siliven explained. "We all sang 'Victory In Jesus' out on the lawn as the sheriff put the chain through the door handles and padlocked the doors. We had determined to be peaceful."

In a press conference on Monday morning Pastor Siliven said they would allow approximately three weeks for the necessary court procedures to take place. "If the courts will not open the doors, there are plenty of people who will," he said. "While we do not want a confrontation, there is certainly the potential for one if the courts refuse to open the church doors."

## Governor Refuses To Intervene

Governor Charles Thone has had a great deal of pressure to intervene, according to Pastor Siliven, but says under no circumstances would he call a special session of the Legislature. "He doesn't want to get involved in it. He thinks it's too controversial," the pastor said. "We do not have too many patriots in the government up here."

Now, some citizens according to a reliable source, intend to inform the governor that they will not purchase state produced products and will avoid the state as tourists unless this violation of religious freedom is corrected.

## Educational Ministries Continue

The daily educational ministry of the church that the court-ordered padlocking was intended to stop has continued uninterrupted. The ministry was simply moved across the state line into Iowa and continues in another Baptist Church. The hardship of parents transporting their children 40 miles is small compared to the blessedness of living in obedience to God's Word.

## Appeal Filed

Attorney David Gibbs and Charles Craze of Christian Law Association have filed an appeal with the U.S. Supreme Court. A ruling on whether the court will hear the case is expected soon.

## It is Time To Act

The enemy is not coming. The enemy is here. Secular humanism has declared war on Christianity, churches and religious freedoms.

The Scriptures are clear. Freedom is *not* a privilege granted by government—it is a gift and right granted by God. *The Lord Jesus Christ—NOT the government—is the sovereign head of His church. A lawful government is one that protects God-given freedoms. A lawless government is one that oppresses, restricts, controls or destroys God-given freedoms. A lawless government claims sovereignty and will abide no rivals. That which it cannot control it will destroy.*

Are our freedoms worth standing for; living for; fighting for; dying for? If so, let's stand up and be seen and speak up and be heard while we still have the freedom to do so.

Christians are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Salt and light are *dominion* qualities. It is time for Christians to *exercise* Godly dominion.

Those who think that the enemies of God and the Gospel and religious freedom intend to roll over and play dead because a "conservative" administration is in office in Washington are in for a rude awakening. *The dangers are greater than ever before.*

Let us pray that our nation will yet come to the knowledge of The Truth and that God will grant repentance and heal our land. Let us obey and *make application* of the Gospel every day in the real world.

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**"In Germany, the Nazis came for the Communists, and I didn't speak up because I was not a Communist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak up because I was not a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist. Then they came for the Catholics, and I was a Protestant, so I didn't speak up. Then they came for me. . . . By that time there was no one to speak up for anyone."—Martin Niemöller, Protestant clergyman.**

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**Ruckmanism Exposed**

Greek text includes the Apocrypha," "The Septuagint was translated after the New Testament was written," and "The Septuagint and the Westcott and Hort New Testament are written in classical Greek" are all addressed and factually repudiated. Ruckman's asinine statements teaching that A.V. 1611 English has superiority over the original Greek are documented and debunked. Dr. Custer exposes Ruckman's heresy in labeling early Christians as Arians (Arian was a heretic who denied the deity of Christ) and for attacking Augustine, who was a staunch defender of trinitarian doctrine. Finally, Ruckman's own personal life is examined and found to be suspect at best. He is a man given to crude language and harbors a vitriolic disposition. Ruckman remains active in the pastorate although divorced and remarried.

Christians advocating the King James Only teaching must re-examine their position in light of the character of the founder of their movement (Ruckman) and his false, misleading doctrine (Ruckmanism). Peter Ruckman is a false teacher who has perverted truth and caused a great deal of unnecessary confusion. There is no longer an excuse, if indeed there ever was one, for true believers to be duped by his doctrine.

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