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SELF-LOVERS

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(continued from last month)

THE GOSPEL OF SELF

We live in the day of the gospel of "self." The self is studied; the self is analyzed; the self is catered to; and above all, the self is loved. This should not surprise us really, as the basic sin of the god of this world, Satan or Lucifer, was pride or self-love. Although Ezekiel chapter 28 is addressed to the king of Tyre, most Bible scholars agree that Lucifer, son of the morning (Isa. 14:12-14), is indirectly addressed.

Ezekiel 28:2, 12-17:

Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord God; Because thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I ama God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou art a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God:

Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

This sin of self-love seems also to be the dominant sin of the anti-Christ, as we would rightly expect.

Daniel 11:36, 37:

And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.

Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.

II Thessalonians 2:3, 4 gives further proof that the "man of sin," anti-Christ, will exalt himself, demonstrating the pride of his master, Satan.

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

Understanding this, we should not be surprised that the period of time preceding anti-Christ's unveiling, the time of the "falling away" or final apostasy, should have as its primary sin and most obvious project, the exaltation of self.

In a book entitled THE WORLD AND ITS GOD, Philip Mauro, a bril-

liant lawyer and a discerning Christian author, sheds important light on this "gospel of self."

Scripture tells us further that parents of our race were attracted by the supposed advantages of the career upon which Satan urged them to embark, the chief characteristic of that career (as set forth by the tempter) being the opportunity for progress or selfimprovement through the pursuit and acquisition of knowledge. The first human pair exercised their power of choice by accepting the career thus offered to them, thereby committing the race to the consequences of that choice, the first consequence being death, or separation from God....]

And does not the Divine origin of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ appear from its direct opposition to the gospel of the natural man? The teaching of our Lord is to deny self (Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23), instead of exalting or improving self; not to be as gods, or even "to make a man of oneself," but to "become as little children" (Matthew 18:3). He teaches, not self-reliance, but self-distrust, and reliance solely upon God. According to His instruction, we are not to develop our faculties to the utmost, but to mortify the members which are on the earth (Colossians 3:5). His witness is ever willing to say "I must decrease" (John 3:30), even to the very extinction of self, until he can joyfully exclaim, "Not I, but Christ liveth in me" (Galatians 2:20).

Just as was done in Eden, this gospel of self-improvement has been proclaimed throughout the ages, and is today proclaimed in the name of God Himself, and by those who profess to speak as His Apostles....2

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Editor's Desk

On August 25th, Santa Rosa Christian School opened its doors for the beginning of its 20th year of operation. Our enrollment is up over 5% above last year, and that does not include our College students.

Santa Rosa Christian College begins its second year of operation on September 9th. All of our students from last year are returning, and we have a fine group of new students, mostly freshmen, although we do have some transfer students. It is not too late to get in on first semester classes if you act right away. Our main emphasis is training teachers, although we offer Bible and other degrees.

Below is a letter we received recently. We appreciate so much the honesty and humility of this pastor. It is so refreshing, and of course, encouraging to receive a letter of this nature. We would like to hear from you if you have been blessed by this ministry.

Dear Dr. Hobbs.

This writer recently ordered and received "Gothardism Evaluated" written by Dr. George Dollar and yourself. Also ordered was Dr. Woodbridge's book, "Institute in Basic Youth Conflicts: A Critique." Words cannot express the great value derived from reading them.

I have attended six seminars and even served on a committee to bring the seminar into a city where I used to live. From the very beginning there was always a big question mark and some things that troubled me. But, the fact that so many who were more spiritual than I and had more insights than I were so excited and positive about the seminar, caused me to believe that I was being overly critical, too picky, and/or too bigoted. But, the abovementioned pamphlets raised the same questions that I had and answered them.

After reading these pamphlets I thanked God for giving you men the courage and ability to expose this subtle and unscriptural move-

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While I was serving on the committee to bring the seminar into our city, I was appalled at the group with whom I was to work. It was like everything I had heard about the people with whom Billy Graham works. There were nonfundamentalists, men who did not believe in eternal security, etc., on that committee. At that point I did quit the committee.

Again, thank you more than I could ever say.

Sincerely in Christ, E. J. W., Pastor Oak Hill, OH

We Get Letters...

Please renew my subscription to The PROJECTOR.

Thank you so much for a fine paper. There are many things that even faithful Christians would be unaware of without the likes of the articles that appear in The PROJECTOR.

> K. E. L. Hendersonville, NC

Enclosed is \$4 for another year's subscription to The PROJECTOR. I have received the paper since it was started, and have been blessed, enlightened, and challenged with every issue.

> R. S. Rockford, IL



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SELF-LOVERS

The world is peopled today by worshippers of the "progress" and "destiny" of humanity — a progress which is effected, and a destiny which is to be achieved, through the very means commended by Satan to our first parents. Even those who try to live according to the Word of God are not free from the disposition to give praise and glory to man for his wonderful achievements, and for the supposed success which has attended his strivings after progress in the direction chosen by the first man at the instigation of Satan.

As we contemplate the complex world system which has resulted from the zealous pursuit, continued throughout the period of 6000 years, of the Satanic doctrine of selfimprovement by the acquisition of knowledge, do we wonder that here and there a voice is raised in appeal for the "simple life"? And, as has been well said: "What is the simple life but to follow Christ?" 3

... The woman ate of the fruit, and the man, who apparently stood by during the colloguy (for the account says that she gave unto her husband, who was with her), immediately followed her example. The man apparently was prudent and willing to listen to, without taking part in, the discussion between the woman and the first higher critic of the Word of God. Apparently he watched her experiment, and, seeing that no visible harm followed. imitated her action. Have we here the explanation of woman's influence over man in spiritual matters

and in affairs wherein the affections are concerned? The result was, indeed, the immediate acquisition of knowledge. "The eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked."

Moreover, this newly acquired knowledge was immediately applied to practical use, and mankind forthwith entered upon its career of activity. "And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons."

In this short sentence the Divine source of the narrative may be clearly perceived by all who have eyes to see. The two concise statements of this sentence set forth the subjective and objective consequences flowing from man's disloyalty to God and his acceptance of the leadership of Satan. Contained within this brief sentence, which is devoid of comment and phrased with superhuman simplicity, is an epitome of human nature and human history. What the man and woman immediately acquired was the now predominant trait of selfconsciousness. "They saw that they were naked." Previously they were naked, but "were not ashamed" (Genesis 2:25).4

Man was obviously not made for self-contemplation, but rather to look away from himself. This is apparent from his very anatomy. Man is, as to all his vital organs, practically hidden from himself. The important functions of the body are carried on by concealed apparatus and engines, marvellous conFrom p. 2

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trivances whose operations and processes still, after all these centuries of self-examination, remain unsolvable mysteries. The processes of the mind are absolutelu inscrutable to the mind itself. The senses are adapted to giving man information concerning external things; but concerning themselves, or how they transmit information from without, they can tell him practically nothing. Consciousness, that mysterious reservoir wherein is gathered all man's knowledge, contains no knowledge whatever of its own nature. What a calamity, therefore, has befallen a creature so organized, in becoming selfcentered and addicted to selfcontemplation!

To this cause we may trace all morbid, unwholesome, and depressing mental states. This is commonly recognized, and yet despite his own efforts and despite all the manifold contrivances wherewith the world is . equipped, how difficult it is for the natural man to avoid lapsing into self-contemplation! Indeed, knowing nothing better, nothing higher and more important than self, his thoughts must naturally gravitate to that object as a center when released from the control of the will. There is nothing more attractive than childhood in its freshness and unconsciousness of self; but when self-consciousness begins, the charm disappears. Do we not see in this the profound reason why the Lord Jesus Christ pointed to a "little child" as the type of those who shall compose His Kingdom?

And what is it that spurs men along the many lines of human activity? Is it not the same subjective condition which prompted the making of the apron of fig leaves — namely, man's consciousness of some deficiency, and the desire to supply it by his own efforts? This is only putting in another form the oft stated incentive to human exertion — namely, the so-called "duty" of the individual to develop what is in him, and thus to rise to his "highest possibilities." 5

THE "SELF" AND TODAY'S EDUCATION

As we have pointed out earlier in this message, II Timothy 3 describes the conditions in professing Christendom in the last days. However, it might be interesting to see the tremendous amount of emphasis put upon "self" by the humanistic educators of our time, as the

conditions in the professing church of the last days are but a reflection of the conditions in the world and particularly in the ivory towers of the high priests of humanism, the humanist educators.

A few quotes from their writings should establish our point.

...I found that the clearest common denominator among humanistic educators as they ply their trade in classroom and university is the inclusion of the self-as-curriculum. Feeling and thought, affect and cognition are joined together in pursuit of knowledge about the self..6 (emphasis mine)

From the vantage point of 1976, it seems clear that the 1960s ushered in a new era of concern about the human condition. Dialogue and action on race, poverty, the disadvantaged, "identity," individualized instruction, open education, ethnic pride, along with new religious expressions, war protests, and environmental awareness —all marked a new kind of individualism, compounded of a sense of responsibility and respect for others' individuality and worth as well as for one's own self (emphasis mine)....7

I argue at length below that "humanistic" as a broad rubric includes such separate educational developments as confluent education, affective education, self-asscience, and psychological education (emphasis mine)....8

Existentialism, which teaches that your own existence is your central reality, has had a tremendous effect upon education in our day and has played a large role in the exaltation of self.

... Instead, you may be looking for something simpler, or more downto-earth, both nonauthoritarian and nonsocietal, that gives individuals the absolute maximum of freedom to be themselves and to become the persons they choose to be. Live and let live; learn and let learn. The way you look at it, freedom applies to children as well as to adolescents and adults. Education, •ou believe, belongs in those venues of life that are private and personal. What you want to learn is your own business, you are prepared to argue, and not the prerogative of others to decide for you. 9

To pursue the goal of education for the individual in the face of the odds just set forth, you may find relief, as I do, in the exis-

tentialist's portrayal of human beings as free agents. According to this view, your own existence is your central reality. As an autonomous person, you have the capacity to determine your own destiny by the choices you make. Your function as a person is to achieve selffulfillment...10

...This concentration on the individual does not ignore, is not necessarily indifferent to, the social good: The existentialist simply regards that society as best which is most fully populated by independent, self-directing, self-choosing, self-fulfilled individuals.... 1

GOTHARD'S SELF-IMAGE DISTORTIONS

One of the many errors of Gothardism is his teaching on "acceptance of self." This is the first of his six areas of Basic Youth Conflicts listed in the big red book. It comes before "Assurance of Salvation" and the other four areas listed; therefore, it is to be assumed that he feels it must be of primary importance and that one is not likely to have assurance of salvation, or harmony at home, or successful friendships until he improves his self-image and accepts himself.

Now understand, this is not Bible, and Gothard makes little effort to establish it as such. Gothard's ideas are the product of human reasoning. He establishes certain problems which he has observed teenagers and others to have, then he prescribes the remedy. We do not discover man's problems through observation or human reasoning; we find them clearly written in the Scriptures. The Bible tells us what the problems are and what the remedy is, and nowhere does it say one of them is a bad self-image or non-acceptance of self. On the contrary, self is man's problem, and Jesus made it very clear that we are to deny self if we would follow him (Matthew 16:24). Man's problem is love of self, and Paul uses this to teach man how he is to love his wife (Eph. 5:28, 29). Christ was not encouraging us to love ourselves when he said "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (Mark 12:31), as some have said; he was using the fact that every man loves himself as the means to get across how we should love our neighbor. The Scripture is clear that "no man ever yet hated his own flesh" (Eph. 5:29a); therefore, Jesus knew we would all understand what He meant by loving our neighbor as ourselves.

It would take a good-sized volume to analyze all the problems

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Stars of the Morning

By "Aunt Carolyn"

GOSPEL PROJECTS



. The Story of THIRTY YEARS OF SERVICE Part II

By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land. Exodus 23:30

In spite of trouble, God graciously provided, and the following week a store front building was rented and scrubbed. Services began with some borrowed, wooden, folding chairs for pews and two apple crates for a pulpit.

Surely after such seeming setbacks, the young preacher would quit. Surely he would not keep on trying to lead a church against such odds. Starting a work is difficult anywhere, but almost no one does it in his home town. "For Jesus himself testified, that a prophet hath no honour in his own country' (John 4:44). But Hobbs stuck, determined to see the work through under God's hand, and from that unlikely corner, the ministry began to spread. With emphasis on youth work from the beginning, the pastor had a bus ministry before bus ministries were promoted and popular across the country. Vehicles were not always the most modern. Laundry vans, pickup trucks, station wagons, and whatever else would run hauled children and young people to Sunday

School, youth rallies, and outings.

In 1954, The Children's Bible Club, a weekly radio broadcast for children, was begun. The broadcast continues today, having expanded from one local station to over twenty stations across the country and in the Carribean, with an additional ministry of visualized Gospel story books and cassette story tapes for use in children's work.

In 1954, the pastor also began a daily radio ministry which continued for fifteen years. Always desiring to stand for God and to stand right on issues, the broadcast became a battleground for many issues-from local problems such as

Wet-Dry Elections to spiritual issues concerning the Scriptures, Compromise, and Separation. One man once said, "One thing about it, Dayton Hobbs doesn't stick his finger up to find out which way the wind is blowing before he speaks. He takes a stand no matter what others are doing."

During these years, the Church was too small to support the pastor, so he took the opportunity to teach in the public schools. Now, in addition to his Bachelor's Degree for the ministry, he did graduate work at Florida State University in the area of Education and Educational Administration and Supervision. He taught classes four years and then was appointed principal of the Bagdad Elementary School, the very school he had attended for eight years as a boy.

Except for a two-year period when the Church met in the pastor's home, the next move came in 1959 after the Church purchased property in Bagdad — of all the unlikely places — the old Oddfellows Lodge Hall. It had stood empty for years. After the mill closed, the building was used for everything from dances to a theater to a boxing arena. Now old, weatherbeaten, without paint or any whole windowpane, it took a gigantic renovation job, but the pastor and his people worked and saw God provide paint, new electrical wiring, and many other needs. The regular church work, the radio ministry, and youth work continued here and added to it was an extensive baseball program for youth. This grew until there were over 500 youngsters in the program. Baseball was an effective tool for reaching young folks for the Lord Jesus Christ. Out of all this was developed a new game - Tee Ball. Dayton Hobbs was Founder and Commissioner of this game for children ages 5-7. Gospel Projects has the patent and prints the official rule books. The game has "caught on" and spread now across the U.S. and into many foreign countries. The Annual Tee Ball World Series is held at Gospel Projects Fields, the national headquarters, in Milton, Florida.

Such a schedule — preaching for all the church services, teaching Sunday School, being full-time principal, coaching school athletics, coaching two ball teams with two practices and four games per week, and preaching on the radio seven davs a week, plus a myriad of other unscheduled responsibilities — took its toll on the young preacher, and in 1961, a total thyroid collapse brought him down. Yet God used even this time for His glory. In the weeks that Hobbs was bedridden, he dictated the Charter of Gospel Pro-

jects, Inc., as it was originally chartered by the State of Florida and as it stands and governs the work today.

A new opportunity loomed on the horizon. With Hobbs' recognized effectiveness as a school principal and with the earned confidence of the community, political powers urged him to run for the office of County Superintendent of Schools. "What an opportunity," they said. If what he had done for one local school he could do for all the schools in the county, he surely could not resist such an opportunity. There was no denying it was a temptation. The blood ran fast at the political challenge, and winning looked like a sure thing. The door was open wide. The man earnestly sought God's will; the pros and cons became difficult to sort. Once again he sought Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.'s advice. It was a simple, concise reply. "Will you get your hands dirty?" Dr. Bob knew Northwest Florida politics, and his question went directly to the point. No matter how strong one might determine to be, in politics no one could guarantee not getting tainted, and the issue was immediately settled. Hobbs would not run for the office.

It was not long before it was evident that this had indeed been a temptation of the devil, for in 1962, Hobbs founded Santa Rosa Christian School, and a further work for God in training boys and girls and young people for Christ began to grow. How disastrous would have been the loss if the devil had been successful in his attempt to thwart the beginning of this work!

Forty students the first year doubled to eighty the next and increased to 125 the third year. And so God blessed. Out-growing the old lumber building and its temporary additions, Gospel Projects purchased new property across the creek and a couple of miles up on the hill north of Milton, and in 1967 the new brick building with the white arches was dedicated and opened for service. The campus, 120 acres nestled in southern pines, became the home of Santa Rosa Christian School and Academy for students in Nursery through Grade 12. In 1971, dormitory facilities were built for resident students in Grades 6-12. In 1974, a satellite school for Grades K-6 was begun in Century, Florida.

Rapid growth brought new problems. An unexpected initiation of public kindergartens in the area and national economic changes brought the ministry to a difficult financial crisis, but God was faithful, and God's people stood with the leader. God wonderfully provided,



The Other Side

More Identity

During the months of February, March, and April, 1981 this column contained a series of articles having to do with the cult of British Israelism. Since that time, your author has continued his research on the subject and has learned some startling facts which perhaps need to be passed on as a warning to patriotic Christians who might be persuaded to take up the banner of this cult without recognizing it as such.

British Israelism can be divided into two main camps - the original group, whose modern-day prophet is Herbert W. Armstrong, believes that the British Empire is the chosen people of God and that the throne of England will some day be the seat of the Messiah who will rule the world from that throne (some believe it will stay in London, and others believe it will be removed to Jerusalem). These people believe that some day the United States and Britain will again be united, and they are working politically and spiritually toward that end. A more recent form of British Israelism calls itself "Identity" and sees the United States as the central point of end-time prophecy. It is this group which I wish to deal with in this article.

My original articles, which are referred to above, produced a series of letters between myself and Col. Jack Mohr. For the last couple of years, Col. Mohr has been sailing under the "Identity" flag. One of the questions which I asked Col. Mohr was, "Are you associated with the paper, CHRISTIAN VANGUARD, which claims to be the official publication of the Identity movement?" Col. Mohr claims that he has nothing to do with the paper, and I have no reason to doubt his word. However, CHRISTIAN VANGUARD does promote the same books by Sheldon Emry which Col. Mohr encouraged me to read. We shall get back to the CHRISTIAN VANGUARD later, but first I would like to mention two other things which Col. Mohr said in his final letter to me.

Col. Mohr said, "May I respectfully suggest that you go back and study the teachings of the early church fathers; of the great Christian scholars of the Reformation; and of the early fundamental preachers of this country." Now, if Col. Mohr believes what these men believed, I would have no argument with him, but if he thinks that the church fathers and the scholars of the reformation were followers of a British Israel movement, he is studying history with his mind already made up.

Col. Mohr also agreed with me that there are many different beliefs among the Identity people. He said, "But this is also true among the fundamentalists, as you well know. They are constantly bickering over minor issues such as modes of baptism, open and closed communion, washing of feet, etc." Now, I can have fellowship with people who disagree over minor issues, and I assume that Col. Mohr is saying that the Identity people disagree on minor issues, but on the fundamental doctrines, they all agree.

The CHRISTIAN VANGUARD's 24page "All Identity" issue goes into the basic doctrines of the Identity movement. In order for the doctrines to be taught properly, one must first be taught that the KJV is filled with errors due to mistranslated words. Therefore, the Identity people use the Ferrar Fenton Bible which "properly" translates certain words such as "day" being replaced with "cycle of time," "white man" instead of "Adam," and "physical seduction" instead of "beguiled." These "minor" changes give us evolution, white supremacy, and "two seedism" not to mention a pre-Adamic race.

The editor of CHRISTIAN VANGUARD, Thomas E. O'Brien, has written an interesting article on worldliness on page 19 of the special edition paper. He refers to the Jews as children of Satan and to the white race as the true chosen people. (For those of you who are not familiar with "two seedism," this means that Satan seduced Eve and produced Cain, or Satan's seed, and then Eve seduced Adam and produced Abel, or Adam's seed). I quote the last paragraph of that article:

To cleanse our land, Satan must be shorn of his power by eliminating his children, the Jews. How do we accomplish this? Remove all Jews from public office, strip them of citizenship, ship them to Israel, or to their blood relatives in Africa? NO, NOT AT ALL. If you find a snake in your backyard and throw him over the fence into your neighbor's yard, by morning he has slithered back into your yard. When a problem is so great that it seems insurmountable, turn to your Bible and God

will give you the answer. Isaiah 14:21 "PREPARE SLAUGHTER FOR LUCIFER'S CHILDREN."

Another article, on page 18, by Mr. O'Brien, discussed race mixing. I also quote the last paragraph of that article:

To the non-whites who may have read this article, it pains me ever so deeply to point out your inadequacies, but I must tell the truth, there is no alternative. You see we Whites have to prepare ourselves for an after-life with our Father, YOU DO NOT.

I hope that you are convinced that the Identity movement is a dangerous one. These people mean business! Do men like Col. Mohr and Nord Davis believe these doctrines which are promulgated by CHRISTIAN VANGUARD? I hope not. However, they are certainly in an unequal yoke if they do not believe these doctrines.

We are living in times when discernment is a much-needed attribute in the lives of God's people. Beware of the false prophets of Identity.



JOHN WESLEY'S RECORD

John Wesley traveled two hundred and fifty thousand miles in forty years; preached forty thousand sermons; produced four hundred books; knew ten languages.

At eighty-three he was annoyed that he could not write more than fifteen hours a day without hurting his eyes, and at eighty-six, he was ashamed that he could not preach more than twice a day.

He complained in his clary that there was an increasing tendency to lie in bed until 5:30 in the morning.

— EVANGELICAL METHODIST



Focus

Religion

PETER J. FOXX

Creationism in Louisiana

Governor David Treen has signed a bill into law in the State of Louisiana mandating that the theory of creation be taught where the theory of evolution is taught in the public schools. Conservative groups such as the Moral Majority are hailing this action as a major setback to humanists — and a victory for the Christian community.

Is it really possible or even proper to attempt to Christianize public education? How much good is going to be accomplished by forcing a humanistic educator to teach what he does not believe? Will Biblical truth be accurately conveyed through an agnostic or skeptic? What if the tables were turned? What would happen if a law were passed mandating the teaching of evolution in Christian schools?

The responsibility of Christian parents is to withdraw their children from public schools and enroll them in Christian schools. The responsibility of Christian teachers is to resign from public schools and serve the Lord in Christian education. Why keep alive that which would be better off dead? Christians simply have no business in the temples of secular humanism

(public schools)!

No victory for Christ has been won in mandating the teaching of creationism in Louisiana. If it encourages people to remain within public education, Christianity has suffered a defeat! Our victory comes when the State leaves the Church alone so she can go about her business of educating the children of discerning parents.

Weniger **Medical Bulletin**

THE PROJECTOR recently informed its readers of the condition of Dr. G. Archer Weniger, Pastor of Foothill Baptist Church in California, who suffered a major heart attack. The following bulletin has been subsequently released by THE BLUE-PRINT:

The Pastor, Dr. G. Archer Weniger was put back into CCU at

Providence Hospital on Wednesday, July 15, 1981 in the morning. His heart was sending out extra beats from the scar tissue forming on the heart. They had tried several different types of medicine to control the extra rhythm. That Wednesday, his blood pressure dropped down to nearly nothing because the rhythm of the heart was being taken over by the extra heartbeats (PVC's). The Dr. and the nurses took right over and tried an experimental drug which seemed to help with eliminating the extra beats. The blood pressure has remained stable, but the heart rate has been jumping somewhat from the 80's to the 120's and back down again. To get the oral (pill) form of the drug the Dr. had to order it from Massachusetts. Word was received today that the

company had shipped it out (July 27), and the hospital should receive it tomorrow. The Pastor will then have to stay for at least three more days in the hospital for observation. He will have remained in the hospital for nearly three weeks this time. Once the drug arrives he then will be taken off the IV and will become more mobile. He is becoming a little bored because he cannot get up and walk around freely because of the equipment still hooked up to him. The Pastor has not lost any ground in his recovery but rather it is thought this is another step of his recovery. Please continue to pray for the Pastor and his wife, Irene, as they wait patiently upon the Lord's guidance." (Reprint from THE BLU-PRINT, July 28, 1981.)

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we find with Gothard's views of self-image; however, I'd like to quote a portion of "Self Acceptance" page 2:

What are the consequences of ... A NEGATIVE SELF IMAGE?

* An Inability to Trust God Very often a teen-ager will be deeply troubled about his inability to really trust God. Try as he will, he just can't stir up enough faith! He wants to trust God, but he just can't.

This inability to trust God will very often be traced to a deep rejection of self. The following reasoning makes this problem a very logical dilemma:

"God is credited with creating every thing, including me. He is also credited with being all wise and infinitely loving. If what I see in the mirror is an example of His creativity and His love, then I'm not interested. I'd better hang on to what's left and try to make the best of it!"

It's amazing how widespread these very feelings are - either conscious or unconscious. However, this response overlooks all the significant insights into what God is preparing to accomplish in and through our lives ...

(1) Gothard says this teenager wants to trust God but can't. What about that, is that Scriptural? Where is this thinking in error? It is in error because it is simply human reasoning. What saith the Scripture to this teenager, and indeed, to all men? God "... commandeth all men every where to repent." This young person needs to repent, and all the inductive

reasoning of Christian psychologists will not substitute for that. In this example, God is blamed for making us as we are. "Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?" (Rom. 9:20).

Christian (?) psychologists such as Gothard, who through observation and human reasoning try to solve man's problems, are contributing to the self-love in Christian circles that is a part of the last days. It is no accident that such men have come upon the scene in our time. These men are not Fundamentalists. They are not faithful preachers of the Word of God, but those who teach the imaginations of their own hearts.

FOOTNOTES

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TRUE CHRISTIANITY

by Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

There is some danger of falling into a soft and effeminate Christianity, under the plea of a lofty and ethereal theology. Christianity was born for endurance; not an exotic, but a hardy plant, braced by the keen wind; not languid, nor childish, nor cowardly. It walks with strong step and erect frame; it is kindly, but firm; it is gentle, but honest; it is calm, but not facile; obliging, but not imbecile; decided, but not churlish. It does not fear to speak the stern word of condemnation against error, nor to raise its voice against surrounding evils, under the pretext it is not of this world; it does not shrink from giving honest reproof, lest it come under the charge of displaying an unchristian spirit. It calls sin sin, on whomsoever it is found, and would rather risk the accusation of being actuated by a bad spirit than not discharge an explicit duty. Let us not misjudge strong words used in honest controversy. Out of the heat a viper may come forth; but we shake it off and feel no harm. The religion of both Old and New Testaments is marked by fervent outspoken testimonies against evil. To speak smooth things in such a case may be sentimentalism, but it is not Christianity. It is a betrayal of the cause of truth and righteousness. If anyone should be frank, manly, honest, cheerful (I do not say blunt or rude, for a Christian must be courteous and polite); it is he who has tasted that the Lord is gracious, and is looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God. I know that charity covereth a multitude of sins; but it does not call evil good, because a good man has done it; it does not excuse inconsistencies, because the inconsistent brother has a high name and a fervent spirit, crookedness and worldliness are still crookedness and worldliness, though exhibited in one who seems to have reached no common height of attainment.

I Corinthians 15:58
"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

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and the work was able to continue with renewed assurance of God's purpose.

In this day of many words, but little Scriptural conviction, Dr. Hobbs felt there was a need to inform God's people on contemporary issues of compromise and movements, so another facet developed in the ministry. In January of 1972, the first issue of THE PROJECTOR came off the press. Since that time, the paper has endeavored to fulfill its motto: "Projecting the Light of the Word of God on the Issues of the Day." Sometimes its stand on the issues has not been popular, but time has not proved it wrong.

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Texas Challenges Church Licensure Victory

by Robert McCurry

After seven years of battle in refusing to accept a license from the Texas Department of Human Resources (DHR) to operate the Rebekah Home for Girls and Lighthouse Home for Boys, a faith ministry for wayward young people, Pastor Lester Roloff and The Peoples Baptist Church in Corpus Christi won a decisive victory on April 17, 1981 when a State Court Judge ruled that the church was not required to have a license to operate its ministries.

Now, Pastor Roloff reports that Texas Attorney General, Mark White, is asking for a re-trial and has announced that he will appeal the case.

Pastor Roloff has requested that a letter be written to the Attorney General, Supreme Court Building, P.O. Box 13548, Austin, TX. 78711 and ask him to let the victory stand, since the case was won on the facts presented in court. "The rights of the parents, the children, the workers and the Church have been violated long enough," Roloff said.

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- 3. Keep your mind on Jesus Christ. (Isaiah 26:3)
- 4. Let your expectations be from God. (Psalm 62:5)
- 5. Cultivate affection for the Word. (Psalm 119:165)
- 6. Believe God will supply your need. (Romans 8:25)
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