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HOMOSEXUALITY: THE ULTIMATE SIN

by Rev. John E. Ashbrook

On July 8, 1972, in Washington, D.C. a young couple stood before three ministers to be married. My godly father would have observed that two of the clergymen were superfluous, for it takes only one minister to get married. However, perhaps three ministers were necessary because the bride and groom were both men — Jack and Floyd. In fact, "all the king's horses and all the king's men," could not have produced a holy union in the eyes of God on such an occasion. As I heard another minister say recently, "When God ordained marriage he created Adam and Eve, not Adam and Eric." Neither was it Jack and Floyd.

Homosexuality is a growing blight on our nation. No one knows its exact strength, but the estimates are appalling. To celebrate "Gay Pride Week" in 1981, 200,000 perverts marched in San Francisco; 50,000 joined the parade in New York City, and 25,000 in Chicago. We will not soil the pages of the VISITOR with any descriptions of the parades. Gay spokesmen have claimed that there are 20 million

homosexuals in the United States. *Newsweek*, in an article in October of 1982, estimated that 20% of the population of San Francisco is homosexual.¹ What began as a trickle in Sodom has become a flood in San Francisco.

CAN WE BE SILENT?

Bible-believing churches and people cannot stand by the side of this tidal wave and be silent. The purpose of this article is to point the way by causing you to think about three questions.

I. What Are Men Saying About Homosexuality?

Apostasy has always been, and always will be, in favor of immorality. I could turn this article into a book by quoting the statements of the apostates in favor of homosexuality. Let me go back to the wedding with which I began. The presiding minister was the Rev. Paul Breton, pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church, where the wedding took place. His assisting ministers, who defiled themselves at the occasion, were

the Rev. G. D. Smith, a Presbyterian, and Father Joseph Covert, an Orthodox Catholic. In our society blatant sin almost always produces an ecumenical gathering. Homosexuality makes strange bedfellows in more ways than one.

APOSTASY SUPPORTS SIN

During the past year, a task force of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Francisco has urged recognition of gays and lesbians as full members of the Catholic Church. As early as 1972 the United Church of Christ ordained an affirmed homosexual as a clergyman. In 1975 the Episcopalians followed suit by ordaining a professed lesbian. United Presbyterians and Methodists have been busy wording statements to open the door for homosexuals. When H. R. 2074, the so-called "Gay Rights Bill," was introduced into the House of Representatives in 1980, it had the immediate backing of the National Council of Churches, the United Presbyterian Church, and the United Church of Christ.

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THE AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Danger of Humanistic and Traditional Education

BY DR. DAYTON HOBBS

HUMANISTIC EDUCATION

Humanism is a word that has come into vogue in Fundamentalist circles in recent years, but it is not new. The emphasis may be new in any given period of time, but the system dates all the way back to the Garden of Eden. Satan's approach to Eve could possibly be described this way: "You don't need God; you can make it alone. God is trying to keep you down and keep back something from you that you need in order to be a success; in order to be properly fulfilled; in order to realize your full potential. Take of this tree of knowledge, and you can be a

success, a god, in fact."

Humanism is man operating without God. It is man doing his own thinking; man setting up his own system based upon his own ideas of what will benefit man. Humanism of any stripe is always satanically inspired. In its purest form it is the corruption of all truth, the absence of all thought of or need of God; man doing God's work — being or becoming a god, as Satan promised.

HUMANISM DEFINED

There are two spheres of responsibility we are here concerned with;

the responsibilities which God has delegated to man, and the responsibilities which He has reserved for Himself. When man attempts to perform any of the responsibilities God has reserved for Himself, he is, in fact, playing God (as Satan suggested to Eve in the Garden), and this activity on the part of man constitutes the roots of humanism. God does not cross over and fulfill responsibilities He has reserved for man. In other words, God will not do for you what He has given you the ability to do, and in like manner, man is not to attempt

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Editor's Desk

A new school year and new opportunities for the training of our youth as servants of our Lord Jesus Christ. I'm afraid some Christian parents do not view the Christian home and/or the Christian school as having the responsibility of training servants for Christ, but it must always be our goal. The degree of our success ought not to be measured by the number of students we graduate, but by the number of our graduates that go on to live lives of faithful service for our Lord. The sooner we remove from the ranks of our Christian schools those young people who neither they themselves nor their parents have an interest in their becoming servants for Christ, the sooner we will be able to concentrate our efforts upon those who do, in fact, have service for Christ as their goal. You say, "but our classes would be rather small," to which I reply, "that will likely be so, but we will probably have something which more closely resembles Christian education going on in our classrooms, and the results in the lives of those we train will be much more rewarding." Christian Education just isn't for everyone...let's not try to prove otherwise!!

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
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RESOLUTIONS OF THE WORLD CONGRESS OF FUNDAMENTALISTS

WHICH MET AUGUST 1-7, 1983
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The following are some of the resolutions passed by the Congress. Others will be printed in future issues of THE PROJECTOR.

REGARDING THE SCRIPTURES

We resolve to retain our affirmation to believe that the Bible, both Old and New Testaments (66 canonical books), is the verbally and plerarily inspired, inerrant, and infallible Word of God in the autographs.

We reject the books known as the Apocrypha as the inspired Word of God.

We condemn paraphrases such as "The Living Bible" and "Good News for Modern Man" and the products of unbelieving and liberal scholarship such as the Revised Standard Version and the New English Bible.

We condemn also the rash of new versions which add to or delete from the Word of God, such as the New International Version, with special reference to those so-called "revisions" which by foot-note additions undermine the text.

We recognize the unique and special place of the Authorized (King James) Version providentially preserved by God in the English-speaking world.

We reject as heretical the concept that any translation of the Bible is given by inspiration, which has in our generation fostered a cult. We believe firmly that inspiration ceased upon the closure of the canon of Scripture in the original autographs. We likewise reject the fact of exalting any version or translation to the position held uniquely by the original writings.

REGARDING FUNDAMENTALISM

A FUNDAMENTALIST IS A BORN-AGAIN BELIEVER IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WHO:

1. Maintains an immovable allegiance to the verbally inspired Bible.
2. Believes that whatever the Bible says is so.
3. Judges all things by the Bible and is judged only by the Bible.
4. Affirms the foundational truths of the historic Christian Faith:
 - a. The doctrine of the Trinity.

- b. The incarnation, virgin birth, substitutionary atonement, bodily resurrection and glorious ascension, and Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- c. The new birth through regeneration of the Holy Spirit.
- d. The resurrection of the ungodly to final judgment and eternal death.
- e. The resurrection of saints to life eternal.
- f. The fellowship of the saints, who are the body of Christ.
5. Practices fidelity to that Faith and endeavors to preach it to every creature.
6. Exposes and separates from all ecclesiastical denial of that Faith, compromise with error, and apostasy from the Truth.
7. Earnestly contends for the Faith once delivered.

REGARDING SEPARATION

Rejecting the principle of inclusivism, the World Congress of Fundamentalists reaffirms the historic separatist position by observing scriptural

1. Separation from doctrinal schismatics and apostates.
 - a. "Mark them" (Philippians 3:17-18)
 - b. "Avoid them" (Romans 16:17-18)
 - c. "Identify them" (I Timothy 1:20; II Timothy 1:15; 4:14)
 - d. "From such turn away" (II Timothy 3:5)
 - e. "Reprove them" (Ephesians 5:11)
 - f. "Have no fellowship with" (Ephesians 5:11)
 - g. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with" (II Corinthians 6:14-16)
 - h. "Come out from among them" (II Corinthians 6:17)
 - i. "Reject" (Titus 3:10)
2. Separation from disobedient saints and appeasers.
 - a. "Note that man" (II Thessalonians 3:14)
 - b. "Withdraw yourself" (II Thessalonians 3:6)
 - c. "Have no company with" (II Thessalonians 3:14)
 - d. Rebuke them sharply" (Titus 1:13)
 - e. "Count him not an enemy" (II Thessalonians 3:15)
 - f. "Admonish him as a brother" (II Thessalonians 3:15)
 - g. "Keep not company" (I Corinthians 5:11)
 - h. "With such an one no not to eat" (I Corinthians 5:11)

And while adhering to this separatist position, we will "let brotherly love continue" (Hebrews 13:1).

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Stars of the Morning

By "Aunt Carolyn"

Poor Spook



It turned out that the big, white cat was well-named. No half-tamed mustang ever spooked at the sight of a snake in the trail worse than Spook spooked at the slightest motion or sound. Spook could be curled up in the coziest cat nap but disappear like a phantom at the sound of a strange footfall on the porch. His inner motor could be purring smoothly as he lay in serene contentment on the carpet, yet he could be gone like a streak at a stir in the room.

Poor Spook. He was foreign to strangers, for no stranger ever saw him. He fled before they came into view. How such a creature of gentleness and affection could turn into an instant tornado cutting a swath of escape before man or beast, friend or enemy, was a mystery not easily solved.

Poor Spook! No wonder he was sick! Was it severe fright? Was it a case of nerves? Was it ulcers from all his upsets? Whatever it was did not seem to be self-curable. One, two, three days, and Spook had not touched a bite of food. Kitty salmon, bits of beef, and other feline delicacies meant nothing. Soothing cream was ignored. Gourmet delights of Catdom were no temptation to the big white cat, now too weak to move no matter what disturbance arose.

Poor Spook! The fourth day of the malady only brought fast sinking. All strength was gone. No amount of self-help, no amount of home remedy would suffice. Spook was in serious trouble. To move him to a veterinarian would surely frighten the poor kitty beyond measure, but to fail to seek help seemed like certain doom. Caring arms lifted the limp, fevered body into a box, gently put it in the car, and cautiously drove away.

The kindly doctor, skilled in the art of relief and cure of disease and injury in animals, was a man

of few words and little time. Going without hesitation directly to the problem, he gave his diagnosis and announced the urgent remedy. "Serious infection" was the verdict, and an immediate, direct, large dose of medication was given with a needle and syringe. The ailing cat was packed up ready to be returned home along with an envelope of thirty small purple tablets. "Antibiotics," said the vet. "Give one three times a day or the disease could prove fatal."

With such a threatening warning, there was no doubt that the pet would receive the prescribed pills. Distasteful flavor, difficult swallowing, disturbance of rest and sleep would have no effect in the matter. He would take the pills by choice or by force, but he would take them. It was a matter of life and death.

And take them he did. Every day, careful, yet determined fingers forced open the little, pink jaws, thrust in the purple tablet, closed his mouth, and stroked his throat until the vital medicine was swallowed. Would the remedy be effective? Was it in time?

It worked! Oh joy, it worked! Gradually the medicine took effect, and each passing day brought a measure of strength and vitality until health was restored. Spook was himself again, able to eat, sleep, purr, yes, and scat in a flash. What a difference the medicine made! The remedy worked!

Boys and girls without the Lord Jesus Christ find themselves in much the same condition, but it is worse. The disease has not set in of late; boys and girls were born with the deadly disease of sin. It not only will be fatal; it is already fatal. Ephesians 2:1 says that without the Savior we are "dead in trespasses and sins". "...As by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." (Romans 5:12) What a desperate diagnosis that in every child born is a fatal disease that causes disobedience, lying, sneakiness, impudence, deceitfulness, and all other inexcusable sins. And the verdict is that "the wages of sin is death." (Romans 6:23a) Is there no hope? Is there no remedy?

God gives a wonderful answer. He gives the only prescription, the only remedy for sin: "Christ died for our sins." (I Cor. 15:3) "...the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." (I John 1:7b) "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." (I John 5:12) God makes the

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remedy for sin plain and simple. It is faith in Jesus Christ, His Son. No other answer will do — not trying to be good, not being baptized, not joining a church. All these answers, no matter how good, will prove fatal without faith in Christ. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

God loves us and has graciously provided the remedy for sin. Jesus died for us and completed the payment for sin. The remedy awaits, yet God will not force His cure on any person. Salvation is a matter of life and death, yet you have the choice whether or not you will receive God's prescription. His grace must be received willingly with repentance for sin and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Trust Christ as your Savior today. Receive Him as the only remedy for sin and the only hope of eternal life. Then know the joy of salvation and new life in Christ.

If you are already a Christian, be always ready to give the Gospel so that others who need the sin remedy can know the cure. ★

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**Focus
On
Religion**

BY

PETER J. FOXX

**ROUSAS JOHN RUSHDOONY
-FRIEND OR FOE?**

Whatever might be said concerning the popular lecturer and eminent scholar, John Rushdoony, two facts are indisputable: he is one of Christianity's most articulate spokesmen against secular humanism, and he is a leading proponent of militant postmillennialism. This unique combination of roles serves, in my opinion, to make John Rushdoony one of the most dangerous men in America as far as the cause of Jesus Christ is concerned.

Humanism is basically the belief that man is able to solve his own problems. Secular humanism, which Rushdoony opposes, maintains the position that man in his own wisdom and strength can bring peace and prosperity to this earth. Religious humanism, which is in reality what Rushdoony embraces, teaches that Christian men, under the power of God, can bring an era of peace and prosperity to this earth. The Church, in his view, has a mandate from God to have dominion over the world in every aspect of life — culturally, economically, religiously and socially. She is to conquer and rule this world for Christ.

The peculiar feature about Rushdoony's brand of postmillennialism is its militant fervor. In his book "Thy Kingdom Come", Rushdoony writes,

Tragically, the Church has too often felt that its only role is to suffer and to wait...But such waiting on God and such passive suffering are not marks of holiness; they can be described only as sin. The Church is not merely a victim in the world struggle, but it must be an active and aggressive army. (p.177)

Concerning the forces of evil usurping the dominion of this world, Rushdoony admonishes,

Sometimes, however, the possessors of a forfeited estate and inheritance refuse to vacate the property or to surrender the enslaved persons. In like manner, the powers of darkness refuse to surrender the world to Christ

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**From
The
President**



There is still time for you to enroll for the fall term here at Santa Rosa Christian College. Our opening service is Wednesday evening, September 14th. Rev. Bud Bierman, Alumni Representative from Bob Jones' University, will be with us for our opening this year, with services nightly Wednesday thru Friday and all day Sunday, September 18th. On Saturday evening there will be a special youth retreat. Why not make that decision you have been delaying and come and join us for the fall term here at Santa Rosa Christian College?

The junior and senior high school dormitory students are in for the fall term, and we have a number of new students in addition to the oldtimers. It looks like one of the best years ever, and we are grateful for every young person the Lord has given us to train for His glory. We take the business of training servants for Christ seriously, and we love every one the Lord has given us. When you come to Florida this winter, why not plan a trip by Santa Rosa Christian College and see the beautiful campus the Lord has given us, and best of all, see the many happy young people being trained for the Lord's service. ★

**Dr. Edna E. Hobbs
Heads
Department
of
Arts and Sciences**



Santa Rosa Christian College is pleased to announce that Dr. Edna E. Hobbs, B.A., M.A., Ph.D., has joined the College faculty on a full-time basis. Since her retirement in May as Chairman of the Department of English at Pensacola Junior College, she is able to devote herself full-time to her duties at Santa Rosa Christian College as Chairman of the Department of Arts and Sciences and as Head of the English Department.

A native of Santa Rosa County, she is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Ann Hobbs and the late R. D. Hobbs, Sr. She received her B.A. degree in 1938 at Florida State College for Women in Tallahassee in the School of Education with a major

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**SANTA ROSA
Campus**

**Dr. BIERMAN
PREACHES
FOR
COLLEGE
OPENING**



Dr. Bud Bierman will be preaching in special evangelistic services September 14-18, marking the opening of the 1983-84 term of Santa Rosa Christian College. He will preach both in evening services in Grace Fellowship Church and in daytime chapel services in the College and Academy. Dr. Bierman is Director of Alumni Affairs for Bob Jones University, Greenville, S.C., where he graduated in 1961.

He pastored the First Baptist Church of Westfield, N.Y., for nearly seven years. During this time, the church doubled its physical facility. While in New York, he conducted a daily radio ministry and taught in a Bible institute. He was also New York State Youth Director for the Bethany Fellowship Independent Baptist Churches for four years.

He has conducted nearly 800 evangelistic campaigns, revivals, and youth rallies throughout forty-seven states and five foreign countries and is in demand as a speaker at Christian schools and summer youth camps. Articles on ecclesiastical separation, the Charismatic movement, and the relationship of the local church to the Christian University written by Dr. Bierman have had wide circulation.

In 1979, the San Francisco Baptist Theological Seminary conferred upon him the honorary doctor of divinity degree. In 1980 he was inducted into the Fundamentalist Hall of Fame at the Lucerne Christian Conference Center in Lucerne, California.

Music for the meetings will be provided by the church choir and Santa Rosa Christian College music groups. On Saturday, there will be a special youth retreat. Many activities will be scheduled for the young people with Dr. Bierman being the featured speaker for the day.

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in English and a minor in History. In 1950, she earned the M.A. degree in the College of Arts and Sciences at Florida State University in Tallahassee with a major in English.

In 1961, she received her Ph.D. degree in the College of Arts and Sciences with a major in English.

Since completing her doctorate, Dr. Hobbs has taught English for the past twenty-one years at Pensacola Junior College and was appointed Chairman of the Department of English there nine years ago. She has taught various seminars for college teachers of English at professional conferences in the South. She is a member of a number of professional organizations including the National Council of English Teachers and the South-eastern Council of English Teachers.

In addition to her professional training and experience in education, Dr. Hobbs brings to her classroom and administrative duties strong Christian conviction and the Biblical philosophy of education. As in other departments of Santa Rosa Christian College, Dr. Hobbs brings to the Department of Arts and Sciences the earnest commitment to prepare people scholastically to serve the Lord while keeping a warm perspective toward the Word of God and His will. ★



ALAN KNOWLES

**FACULTY
PROFILE**

Mr. Alan C. Knowles teaches in the Science Department in Santa Rosa Christian College. His students greatly profit from his Biblical philosophy of education and his Christian approach to the study of science in the light of the Word of God.

A native of Miami, Florida, Mr. Knowles received his B.S. Degree from Bob Jones University in 1969. He is presently completing the Masters Degree at the University of West Florida. He has done outstanding work in the field of biology and has worked as an assistant on the University of West Florida faculty. His teaching experience includes eight years in Christian schools in California and Central Florida before joining the faculty of Santa Rosa Christian School and College in 1979.

His wife, Becky, is the supervisor of the nursery and Day-Care Division of Santa Rosa Christian School. The Knowles have one son, Joseph, age one year. ★

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the King or to yield believers to their God... Action must therefore be taken to oust the powers of darkness from the Lord's possession. Jesus Christ as true man is also true heir, and His saints are heirs in and through Him. (p. 141)

Militant postmillennialism is extremely dangerous, for it gives God's blessing on civil disobedience, anarchy, and even violence on the part of Christians warring against the world. Justification is found for acts ranging from refusal to pay taxes to armed resistance against governmental authorities. The "Christian" umbrella is enlarged to include a lunatic fringe who seemingly desire to pick up the fallen swords of the medieval crusaders.

Premillennialists have no one to blame but themselves for the current postmillennial mentality that has permeated many fundamentalist ministries. Men like Rushdoony have been invited to premillennial churches and Christian School organizations because of their expertise on humanism. One wonders how welcome Rushdoony would have been in premillennial ministries if leaders had taken the time to read what he has written about the premillennial position of eschatology. Consider the following excerpts from Rushdoony's book, "Thy Kingdom Come":

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The chorus of accolades for perversion is not restricted to groups in open membership with the National Council of Churches. In 1978 six hundred Southern Baptists, attending a national "life style" seminar in Nashville, gave applause to Henlee L. Barnette, a University of Louisville professor, who stated:

*It is incredible that the Southern Baptist Convention... would call for the denial of basic civil rights of a minority group on the basis of sexual orientation... If churches really believe in the Christian and democratic way of life, they should work actively to decriminalize laws against homosexual behavior between consenting adults, to eliminate discriminatory laws in employment, housing and public facilities.*²

Christianity Today, which reported the meeting, indicated that the professor drew applause from Southern Baptists instead of tar and feathers. As I said before, apostasy will always be on the side of immorality.

When a bandwagon begins to move you can always count on the politicians to hop on board. During President Carter's tenure in the White House, a group led by Dr. Bob Jones presented an anti-gay rights petition to Dr. Robert Maddox, Carter's liaison for religious affairs. About a month later, a group of gay rights advocates from American churches met with Dr. Maddox. Among other things, Dr. Maddox encouraged the perverts with the following words:

*You have blown a number of stereotypes for me today. The kind of careful preparation you have done will carry the day for you eventually... Still, I feel at home and very comfortable with you folks today—more so than with a delegation of fundamentalists who visited a month earlier to present anti-gay rights petitions bearing 74,000 signatures.*³

More recently, Walter Mondale, who wants to be our next president, was the keynote speaker at a \$150 per plate dinner in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York. According to the dinner invitations, the purpose of the hefty donation was to assemble a political war chest "exclusively dedicated to advancing the cause of lesbian and gay rights."⁴ *The New York Times* reported that Senators Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York, Teddy Kennedy of Massachusetts, and Alan Cranston of California were also

supporting the fund-raising effort. Politicians join with perverts when there are votes at stake.

NEO-EVANGELICALS AND PERVERSION

It is plain where the apostates stand on this subject. It is also obvious where the politicians will go. Where will the neo-evangelicals stand? In reading the literature of neo-evangelicalism I have observed that the most common reaction to homosexuality is, "I am against it, but..." I have italicized the *but*, for that is the key word of the sentence. The *but* is always followed with some ameliorating observations of social science or some crocodile tears of sympathy.

Some evangelicals, however, have opened their arms like the apostates. In 1978 Letha Scanzoni and Virginia Ramey Mollenkott published a book titled, *Is the Homosexual My Neighbor? Another Christian View*. *Christianity Today*, the daily racing form of neo-evangelicalism, recognized that the authors are neo-evangelicals and described their view in these words:

*The authors, well-known in evangelical circles, argue that for those who have exclusively homosexual drives and cannot change, the most Christian solution is often a committed, permanent homosexual relationship.*⁵

In other words, Scanzoni and Mollenkott are willing to accept homosexuality and dignify a permanent perverted relationship as a "Christian solution." It would logically follow that adultery and fornication are also acceptable if they are "committed, permanent relationships."

How do these apostates, politicians, and neo-evangelical sympathizers present and defend their heresy? First, they picture Christianity as merely love and compassion. They see nothing in Christianity of a holy and just God. A good example is the following quote from the General Convention of the Episcopal Church:

*...all homosexual persons are children of God who have a full and equal claim with all other persons upon the love, acceptance and pastoral concern and care of the church.*⁶

A second way of dispatching with Scripture is to brush by the Word of God on the way to the psychologist's office. A clear example is found in these words of Scanzoni and Mollenkott:

Since the Bible is silent about the homosexual condition, those

*who want to understand it must rely on the findings of modern behavioral science research and on the testimony of those persons who are themselves homosexual.*⁷

METHODIST MISHMASH

A third way of ignoring Scripture is to recognize it, and promptly make an end run around the truth. Last year, in Colorado, the Bishop of the United Methodist Church, Melvin E. Wheatley, Jr., knowingly retained a homosexual minister and welcomed a self-confessed lesbian into the Rocky Mountain Conference as a beginning minister. Two groups of believers within the United Methodist Church brought charges against the Bishop. An investigating committee of seven ministers was appointed to study the situation. The committee admitted that there "are biblical statements condemning homosexual activity." However, it concluded that:

*...it is debatable what perspective on homosexuality and homosexual activity emerges when the biblical witness as a whole is brought into interaction with tradition, experience, and reason.*⁸

We protestants have always criticized the Roman Catholic Church for promoting "tradition" to the level of Scripture. You will notice that the Methodist clergymen have borrowed a trick from Rome and promoted "tradition, experience, and reason."

GOOD WORDS FOR EVIL ENDS

The Bible teaches us that Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. He delights to present sin as righteousness. This is nowhere more apparent than in the names taken by many of the homosexual lobbying groups. One of the Roman Catholic groups is called, "Dignity." The Episcopalians gave birth to, "Integrity." There is "Lutherans Concerned." The United Methodists have, "Affirmation." I can almost hear Satan himself say, "Now, who can be against dignity, integrity, concern, and affirmation?" Great words with Gospel roots have been twisted to speak for perversion.

One of the co-founders of the "Gay Student Union" at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California is quoted as saying:

We have no reason to believe that Jesus was "straight." Two of the greatest love stories in the Bible concern David and Jonathan, and Jesus and John. Besides, the Bible allows for both homosexuals and hetero-

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to take on responsibilities that are God's. This is humanism in its simplest form — man playing God; that is, attempting to take to himself areas of responsibility that belong to the Creator, not the creature. Humanism as a philosophy and system has as its underlying tenet the deification of man, no matter what the adjective that precedes it (for the purpose of identifying its particular brand of humanism). There is secular humanism, scientific humanism, religious humanism, and indeed, Christian humanism, to name a few of the varieties.

Many assume humanism to be something foreign to Fundamental Christian circles. They tend to think of humanism as a demonic philosophy held and practiced only by godless men. Such is not the case. Humanism's most critical and dangerous inroads have been made into religious, and especially Christian circles. You don't have to be an atheist or an evolutionist to be a good humanist. The underlying tenets of humanism can be practiced by those who vehemently decry the horrors of "secular" humanism. Secular humanism's errors are of such a glaring sort that few, if any, informed Christians are likely to be deceived by them; however, Christian humanism presents itself in a manner acceptable to unwary and gullible Christians. In this fashion, humanism may enter the educational halls of the soundest Christian schools and churches and eventually dilute, corrupt, and destroy that which was built on a Biblical foundation and for the purpose of training servants for Christ. Remember that when error is mixed with truth, you no longer have truth, but the very worst kind of error — deceptive error.

When Christians take to themselves roles or responsibilities that belong to God alone, they in fact, become practicing humanists. When the post-millennialist allots to the Christian the responsibility for taking over the world for Christ and ushering in the Kingdom, he is a practicing humanist. When an overly aggressive soul-winner goes beyond presenting the Gospel to the unsaved and attempts to usurp the Holy Spirit's work by bringing about conviction and conversion himself, he is a practicing humanist. When Christian men believe that they must join together for increased "clout" with the legislature, even if that union be unbiblical, they are practicing humanists. When a Christian college believes it must join

an accrediting association, even a Christian one, in order to survive, it is practicing humanism. When any of us do not leave matters in God's hands that He has said are His responsibility, we do not, in fact, believe that "Salvation is of the Lord", and we become practicing humanists.

TRADITIONAL EDUCATION

Traditional Education is the primary system of education in a "content-centered" philosophy of education. The goal: Learning for learning's sake. The emphasis: The basics, facts, information. The mind of man is exalted, though generally speaking, God is neither recognized or denied. Because of an over-emphasis upon the mind and the importance of learning, this system tends to lead to intellectual pride and the pursuit of knowledge. Some in Christian education, finding that this system of education produces results in terms of the basics, have made it synonymous with Christian education. Traditional education and Christian education are not one and the same. Traditional education is passively humanistic, as opposed to humanistic education, per se, which is aggressively humanistic. Traditional education does not necessarily begin with the goal of exalting man, but generally attains that goal by its exaltation of learning and the human mind.

"CHRISTIANIZED" EDUCATION

It is neither Biblical nor possible to take a basically heathen approach to education and make it Christian by adding Bible principles and Scripture verses. A "Christianized" educational system is more dangerous than an obviously heathen one. Those who travel the "Christianized" traditional education road may get a certain amount of satisfaction from thinking that the pot-holes have been patched; however, the road is still the same old road and will never bring us to our desired destination — Christian Education. Christian education is not arrived at by the modification of some other system, even if that system has much that is good in it. Christian education like Christianity itself is not the admixture of many systems, but is itself the one true way to educate. We must think afresh. We must think Biblically. We must think in harmony with God's authoritative Word if we are to, in truth, have Christian education. True Christian education will be Biblical in its philosophy and in its teaching methods, as well as in its content.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

There are three things that will be true of any educational approach that is Christian.

- (1) God will be exalted throughout, not man. He will be identified as Creator, Savior, Sustainer, and Judge.
- (2) Christ will be honored and magnified in every facet of education. It will truly be "Christ-centered", not "Child-centered" or "Content-centered".
- (3) Man will be presented as servant, not master; the crowning creation of God, not the product of evolution or chance.

Our job as Christian educators is not to re-hash the ideas and methods developed by men, whether these men came from the past and espoused what we call a traditional philosophy and system of education, or whether they come from our present day with their aggressively humanistic approach to teaching and learning. Our job is to search the Scriptures for the answers to the education of our Christian youth. The answers are there! They may not reveal themselves to the casual reader, but the answers are to be found in the Word of God. If we want Christian education for our children, we must put forth the time and effort necessary to find the answers in God's authoritative Word. It is much easier to modify some humanistic system, as many in Christian education are doing today, but that is not the answer. We must deal in originals, in the genuine article, if we are to rid our Christian schools of humanistic and traditional heresies, and thereby give our youth a distinctively Christian education.

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sexuals: It says, "Be fruitful and multiply!"⁹

The filthy implications of those words should make any red-blooded Christian ready to rise and fight.

So far we have been answering the question, WHAT ARE MEN SAYING ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY? We have talked about apostates, politicians and neo-evangelicals. Ordinarily a man would present the truth, then analyze the error. In this article I have chosen to do it the other way. I have sought to set forth the filth before we look at the truth so that you might end your reading with the truth in mind.

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RUSHDOONY, FROM PAGE 5

Premillennial and amillennial interpretations are tainted with the background of Manichaeian heresy, with its surrender of matter to darkness. A further heresy clouds premillennial interpretations of Scripture — their exaltation of racism into a divine principle. Every attempt to bring the Jew back into prophecy as a Jew is to give race and works (for racial descent is a human work) a priority over grace and Christ's work and is nothing more or less than paganism. It is significant that premillennialism is almost invariably associated with Arminianism, i.e., the introduction of race into prophetic perspectives is accompanied by, and part and parcel of, the introduction of works into the order of salvation. This is the essence after all, of the Phariseism which crucified Christ and which masqueraded, as it still does, as the epitome of godliness. There can be no compromise with this vicious heresy. (p. 134)

According to Rushdoony then, premillennialism is (1) tainted with the Manichaeian heresy (2) racist (3) the promotor of works salvation (4) Arminian (5) Pharisaic and (6) a vicious heresy. Among the more caustic remarks constantly directed toward the promise of Christ's

return to this earth is his references to the Kingdom hope as a "dream of Babylon" and "a millennial pipe dream." (p. 211) Do you want this man preaching to your people?

These are very difficult and trying days. Keeping our theology straight is certainly vital to keeping our practice right. As never before we need pastors and others in place of leadership who can think, examine and discern.

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. (I John 4:1)

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