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EDITORIAL

ARE "SATANISM" AND "DEMONISM" FOR REAL?

by Dr. William A. BeVier

The secular media reports incidents of suspected satanic or demonic activities with increasing frequency. Some reporters seem to minimize such activities and some seem to sensationalize them. As Christians we need to have a Biblical perspective when we hear of such incidents.

I recently read an article in a suburban newspaper in Minnesota with the headline: "Ritualistic crimes are not a major problem in Twin Cities metro area, experts report." The article reported symbol painting, etc. seems to have become "more prevalent" in the Twin Cities recently, but the "problem isn't as serious as some might think." I don't know how "serious" some people think the problem is, but why does it exist at all?

The article came from a meeting of the East Metro Crime Prevention Association where the topic was "satanic beliefs and criminal activity." Somebody seems to think there is a problem. One of the speakers at the meeting was a Sergeant in the Minneapolis Police Department who for several years has been studying "ritualistic crimes" because of their increase. Churches and cemeteries seem to be

particular targets for such activities. Sometimes the results are graffiti paintings, but at other times it involves graves being dug up and bodies stolen. The officer, however, warned his listeners not to put all groups involved in the occult in the same category. From the perspective of law enforcement, this is good advice. Not all occult activities are criminal. But from a Biblical perspective, we need to remember that ALL occult activities are ultimately of Satan and his forces. By definition we should understand the "occult" to refer to secret supernatural activities involving both satanic forces and human beings working together.

The officer even reported that he had found the majority of the Satanic groups to be "friendly and cooperative." For those of us who have studied our Bibles, this reminds us that the serpent first approached Eve as one who was more subtle than any other creature God had made (Gen. 3:1). The Apostle Paul also warns us that we are not to be surprised at this: "... for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light" (II Cor. 11:14) in a context in which he writes of false apostles and deceit-

ful workers who transform themselves into the apostles of Christ.

A second veteran police officer who spoke at the meeting was from St. Paul, Minnesota. He, too, acknowledged the existence of such activities, but is also quoted as saying the problem has been "over-stated."

Both police officers stated the necessity to protect freedom of religion, and most Christians agree with that, but we need discernment to know the difference between what is beneficial and what is detrimental to society individually and collectively.

One of the officers was quoted as saying they don't "investigate cults," only monitor criminal activity. He is quoted as adding: "If you want to believe in Satan, that's your right." We Christians believe in Satan, but from Scripture we recognize him to be what he is, the incorrigible enemy of God and God's people. Satanism, demonism, the occult, etc., should be approached from that perspective.

A third speaker at the meeting was a Lutheran pastor. He took a more Biblical and historical approach to the subject. He pointed out that the two extremes of hysteria and denying the subject exists are both wrong. The middle ground, the truth of the matter, is to acknowledge satanism and its related aspects exist, but keep a proper perspective about it. We might add, Satan is not going to take over the world and he always acts under the sovereign control of God (see Job 1:7, 12; 2:2, 6; Mt. 4:10; Lk. 22:31-32; Jas. 5:7; I Jn. 4:4; Rev. 20:1-3, 7-10).

The pastor pointed out that satanism is not a new phenomenon. The Roman Catholic Church condemned organized satanism and the ritualistic mass of the dead as early as A.D. 681. He said we need to recognize the problem, then we can do something about it. He warned that some people are more involved in the occult and satanism than others and we need to view each person individually. Some, especially adolescents, may be only flirting with the occult as a new experience in life. Others, generally adults, have sold out to Satan and are seriously involved in the occult life and its practices.

Perhaps the occult is not clearly evident in your community but it is becoming increasingly seen in many areas. In December 1987, a 19-year-old man was killed in Carl Junction, Missouri, by three 17-year-old high school students as a sacrifice to Satan. This incident shocked many people when the media reported it, including on the TV specials.

A month later, January 1988, the media reported the death of a 15-year-old girl near Douglasville, Georgia, strangled by three other teenagers in what was described as a sacrifice of her soul to Satan.

The apparent sacrifice of animals to Satan has been reported a number of times in recent years in various parts of our country. A generation ago either this sort of thing did not happen or it certainly wasn't reported publicly. Many of us grew up a generation or so ago in this country with and around animals, and I, for one, never heard of anyone sacrificing domestic animals to Satan, not until just a few years ago.

Perhaps the media itself is contributing to the growth and spread of occult and satanic activities. News agencies report such incidents, authors write on the subject, publishers distribute books, many people are attracted to the idea, and the practice spreads. We might even make a direct connection between the removal of prayer and Bible reading from our public schools with the growth of the occult in our nation. This might be a topic for serious research by some competent person.

Within the past year I have received two telephone calls from different law enforcement agencies inquiring about satanism. They had encountered the results of it and wanted information about the subject. After talking to both of them and sharing some basic facts, I referred them to our R.A.S. office for literature about it. Our catalog lists three pages of publications we stock on the general subject of "Demonism and Spiritism," ranging from inexpensive tracts and leaflets, to full size books.

If you believe someone you know is involved or being involved in satanism or the occult, I suggest you immediately begin to become informed about the subject. R.A.S. stands ready to help you. Some of the ways you can realize a person is involved with the occult is their use of recognizable satanic symbols, tattoos or other marks made on their bodies, conversations with references to witches and communication with the dead, etc., an aversion to traditional Christianity and criticism of it, and in many cases an obvious change in personality. Sometimes the use of drugs may produce some of the same symptoms and on occasion a person is in-

involved in both the occult and use of drugs.

The occult movement is growing in this country and elsewhere in the world, and as Christians we need to be informed about it if we would be the spiritual force for good that the Lord expects us to be. To answer the question in the title of this editorial, Yes, satanism and demonism are "for real."

Another item I would like to share with you as our readers and supporters is that since the last issue of *The Discerner* God has been pleased to call two members of our Board of Reference home to Himself, Dr. John G. Mitchell and Rev. R. F. Mclinay. Our Board of Reference is made up of individuals recognized as leaders in the church who are willing to identify with Religion Analysis Service and commend R.A.S. to others.

Dr. Mitchell was 97 years of age at his "homegoing." He was a member of the first graduating class of Dallas Theological Seminary (1927) and for many years served as pastor of the Central Bible Church in Portland, Oregon. He also taught at Multnomah School of the Bible, and was a visiting Bible teacher at Dallas Seminary, among other ministries. He was still active until shortly before his death.

Rev. Mclinay, known as "Pastor Mac" to many people, pastored in the Twin Cities area in Minnesota before accepting a call to pastor a church in Watsonville, California, some years ago.

Many people, including R.A.S., will miss these two men for a time, until we see them again. In times like this we are reminded of Psalm 116:15: "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints."

WHERE ARE ALL THE MIRACLES TODAY?

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Where are all the miracles today? That's what Gideon wanted to know. Four thousand years ago he asked: "Where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about?" (Judges 6:13). "Why aren't we seeing the same kind of miracles that we read about in the Bible?" "Why aren't people being raised from the dead and the hungry being supernaturally fed?"

Some Christians have thought that miracles should always continue and the only reason they haven't is because of unbelief. Romanism, for example, claims a perpetuation of the miraculous, primarily through relics and shrines, all of which are cruel hoaxes. The Charismatics preach a restoration of apostolic miracles with an emphasis on certain selected types of healings and other phenomena such as prophesyings and tongues-speaking.

No one, however, is actually duplicating the miracles of Scripture. No funeral processions are being canceled, and none are fulfilling Mark 16:18, which promises: "They will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison, it shall not hurt them . . ."

Interestingly, almost every age has generated those who have tried to reproduce some phase of the supernatural. But the plain truth is: Bible-style miracles have ceased! Let's search the Scriptures and discover why.

At the beginning of Israel's national history, she witnessed the supernatural in phenomenal portions: a walled-up Red Sea, angel's food,

perpetual clothing, and a host of other miracles. Yet the Old Testament reveals that there were some great time gaps in the sequence of these and other miraculous manifestations. Miracles appear clustered around the ministries of certain men namely: Moses, Joshua, Elijah, and Elisha. Here and there something supernatural occurred, then miracles ceased altogether.

When Malachi laid down his prophetic pen, a strange silence enveloped the world as Israel entered the intertestamental period of history. There were no more direct communications from God. Angels no longer appeared, and no miracles were recorded for about four centuries. Why?

There is one very dominant reason why the supernatural ceased, and that is because God had completed His revelation to Israel. He expected His people to believe Him and to wait patiently until He saw fit to reveal Himself again.

Then suddenly, the long silence of heaven was broken. An aged priest, standing before the altar of God in Jerusalem, saw a shining angel materialize before his eyes to announce: "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God; and I have been sent to speak to you, and to bring you this good news" (Luke 1:19). With those words, Gabriel announced the birth of the greatest of all the prophets, John the Baptist. Six months later, Gabriel reappeared with another message, this time to the virgin Mary of Nazareth: "Behold,

you will conceive in your womb, and bear a Son, and you shall name Him Jesus" (Luke 1:31).

Then the miracle occurred: God was made flesh, and with His appearance, thousands of angels simultaneously became visible. These were glorious days of divine revelation and heavenly manifestations.

Thirty years later our Lord began to perform unheard-of-miracles: funeral processions were canceled; rough sea waters became a walkway; a small lunch fed thousands; a grave released a decaying body. One eyewitness exclaimed: "No one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him" (John 3:2).

Finally, Jesus was crucified. But He rose from the dead, and after forty days He ascended into heaven. There was no absence of the miraculous now, however, for God continued to reveal Himself by signs, wonders, and supernatural manifestations!

More startling things are recorded in the Book of Acts. People spoke in languages they had never learned. Cripples were healed on the streets. Two disobedient Christians were killed instantly. When the apostles were imprisoned, angels opened the jail cell and earthquakes freed their shackled bodies. Demons fled on command, and people were healed by the passing shadow of an apostle.

Stephen actually saw heaven opened and beheld Jesus standing at the right hand of God! Saul heard the thundering voice of God en route to Damascus. Peter was released from jail and marveled as the city gates swung open automatically. Philip experienced supernatural space travel, and a king was slain by an angel from heaven.

Gradually, the miracles began to disappear. By the time the New Testament was reaching its final stages of completion, the signs lessened, and the remarkable visible ministry of God's angels ceased.

The Book of Acts closes with the greatest Apostle, a political prisoner of Rome. No angels visited the Mamertine prison nor prevented Paul's execution. John experienced no miraculous deliverance from Patmos, and angels did not close the mouths of lions as in the days of old. Thousands of Christians died on crosses and in Roman arenas without divine intervention.

Why are there so many evidences of the supernatural at the beginning of the apostolic era and a near total absence at its close?

For the first clue we need to recall that apostolic preaching was to the "Jew first." In fact, the first eight years of post-Resurrection ministry were exclusively to that nation. Not until Acts 10 did a Gentile hear the Gospel, and then only one man and his family. It wasn't until Acts 13, some twelve years after Pentecost, that the first organized mission venture was made into Gentile territory. However, the vast majority of miracles occur in the first ten chapters. Why?

The obvious Scriptural answer is that supernatural signs are for the Jews. Jesus said to His own countrymen: "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you simply will not believe" (John 4:48). That generation of Israelites received signs, wonders, and miracles for at least three reasons:

First, *this was one of God's historic ways of dealing with this particular*

race of people. Israel's history is, as we've already recounted, the story of intermittent miracles. It was therefore somewhat normal for Israel to experience signs, wonders, and miracles.

Second, *this was God's means of authenticating His Messiah and His messengers to the nation of Israel.* One of the Biblical words for "miracles" means literally "signs" or "signals." Jesus, we are told, was "a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst..." (Acts 2:22). Paul claimed to perform "the signs of a true apostle" (II Corinthians 12:12). These supernatural works were God's chosen method of approving His workers.

Today, miracles are irrelevant as a sign of divine approval. Witness the fact that Satan's marvel, the Antichrist, will be accepted by the multitudes because of his miracle-working power (see Revelation 13:13-14). In addition, many "miracle workers" will be rejected at the final judgment by the Lord Himself, according to Matthew 7:22. Authentic Christian ministers do not need miracles today to prove they are of God. In fact, Jesus warned believers that false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect" (Matthew 24:24).

Third, *this was the means God chose to reveal Himself to that people until the Bible was completed.* When the Old Testament was finished, heaven was silent for 400 long years. The same thing occurred with the completion of the New Testament. The canon of Scripture was sealed

and there is no need for additional revelation through supernatural means.

The Bible reveals that miracles were designed for the *first* generation of Christian believers, and are not promised to be perpetuated through the age. "After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard, God also *bearing witness with them*, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will" (Hebrews 2:3-4, emphasis mine).

Even though God has withdrawn the supernatural manifestations of the New Testament era, He still hears and answers prayer. Miracles do occur! God's servants have been spared and delivered in response to believers' prayers.

But, God sometimes sovereignly chooses not to reveal Himself through supernatural means. This is true in regard to some unanswered prayers and also true in reference to the withholding of New Testament sign miracles today.

When our Lord was seized and arrested in Gethsemane, He was *not* powerless. He said: "or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels? *How then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen this way?*" (Matthew 26:53-54, emphasis mine).

That's the key question! Jesus could have been miraculously delivered by an angelic host, but the Scriptures needed to be fulfilled. Therefore, the supernatural was withheld in the sovereign purpose of God. The withholding of Bible-style

miracles today, we believe, is for the same purpose: that the Scriptures might be fulfilled and God's will completed.

This is the age of faith. God is waiting, as He did in Old Testament times, to see if we will believe the revelation He has already given. Jesus said to one of the Twelve, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed" (John 20:29).

We do not need the sign miracles of Scripture, nor are they promised to us. But we are promised that He will answer prayer that is "according to His will" (I John 5:14), and He has promised that He will return "in power and great glory." Then the supernatural phenomena will again be in abundance. In the meantime, God is withholding these miraculous manifestations, and He is waiting . . . waiting to see if we will respond to the revelation He has already given in His Word.

FATHER MOON IS STILL SHINING

by Edgar Bundy

Although little has been heard lately of the Korean cultist, "Reverend" (Be careful of that word. It is not in the Bible, and no such title was ever given to man by Jesus Christ, the Head of the Christian Church!) Sun Myung Moon, his latest gimmick is known as American Freedom Coalition, and it is filled with Moon's agents and money for infiltrating the evangelical Christian community with their programs.

One of the means of doing this is through the charismatic TV network headed by one Paul Crouch known as Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN). Hosting Moon's weekly TV show, known as "Washington Report," is one Robert Grant, once a top official in one Stewart McBirnie's California Graduate School of Theology (unaccredited) and McBirnie's Glendale Community Church. This was the same McBirnie who was kicked out of his Southern Baptist pastorate in San Antonio after having had frequent amours with a deacon's wife; took the wife with him after both divorced; lived together for

a while in California, married, then divorced; and so-on and so-on through several more amours and financial scandals exposed by leading Christian publications and secular ones as well. McBirnie, after losing out in San Antonio, went into the guise of radio newscaster on individual stations where he bought time, then anti-Communist patriot across the country, finally settling down to the Glendale Community Church which he bought with money raised from nice old widows, industrialists, etc., and capped it all with his School of Theology which handed out PhD's and D.D.'s like federal giveaway programs. This was Robert (Pardon: "Dr.") Grant's mentor!

Now just what does Sun Moon (both major planets!) teach and advocate through his plethora of front organizations and his mass marriages?

Here are a few tidbits:

Considers himself to be the Son of God.

Has a later and more apropos revelation for the 20th Century than Jesus had.

Expanding his influence in the United States with "the natural subjugation of the American government and population."

"This time will come when even a presidential candidate will need Father Moon's endorsement to succeed," stated Moon, himself.

"We are going to make it so that no one can run for office in the United States without our permission," said Colonel Bo Hi Pak, Moon's chief aide.

Moon calls his aberrations "Dominion Theology." A "theology" it ain't!

Moon has bought up land and buildings galore in the U.S., from fisheries to hotels, with the money the gullible have poured into his enterprises, all under the guise of "anti-communism."

As the late P.T. Barnum well said: "There is one born every minute!" (referring to suckers).

Or, as Will Shakespeare analyzed humanity: "What fools these mortals be!"

MORAL DEGENERATION IN AMERICA

WHAT IS NEXT? THE FIRE AND BRIMSTONE?

By Ewald Eisele

Loss of Christian influence is seen and reflected in most areas of our society. It is not only the bars and brothels that are affected today, but also our political institutions, schools and, which is far more devastating, our churches.

Decent Bible-believing Christians, and also many non-Christians, were dismayed some time back when the sodomites came "out of the closet." The same reaction was displayed with the introduction of "Christian" Rock as "acceptable" for use, not only in youth rallies, but also as part of so-called "Christian worship services." See the article in this issue on the subject of Rock by Hal Webb. Few Christians did much more than talk about it, and those early reactions did little or nothing to stem the flood of devilish activities which are becoming worse day by day.

Quite naturally the media would never report very much concerning the fast-moving trend toward total

depravity, because those involved in reporting and editing of the "news," for the most part, are the very ones used by Satan to further his agenda.

Now we have in hand a recent mailing by Concerned Women in America in which is the news that the soap opera field is to be invaded by the "gay" crowd! Included in the mailing was an article by James T. Jones IV, published in the January 30, 1990 issue of **USA Today**, entitled "Gay Soap Opera to Test the Genre's Boundaries." Since the soaps are often viewed by children in the home, Concerned Women printed the entire article. Let me reprint part of the article. James T. Jones IV writes:

... *And in a bold move, biweekly **Forbidden Passions**—a candid look at gay life—debuts at various times and days this week on community access cable channels. Syndicated soap columnist Lynda Hirsch, who's often complained about the homogenous predictability of network soaps,*

heralds the new shows. "But the hook is not enough. Are they going to be good shows?" David Gadberry of Golden West Productions, writes and acts in Passions, "We're going to tackle issues that daytime series have been afraid to approach." Passions debuts in 16 major cities including Denver, Houston, New York, Cincinnati, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Nashville. Never has a soap caused such a stir. Reports that passions will show men kissing and together in bed have attracted instant media attention. The Rev. Donald Widmon, of the conservative watchdog American Family Association, plans to boycott the show's sponsors. Says the Rev. Lou Sheldon of the Traditional Values Coalition, "You don't want this kind of behavior coming on access TV where children can have access to it."

As if that is not bad enough there has been, as most of our readers know, the well-publicized reports regarding homosexual Congressman Barney Frank. On June 27, 1990, the Beth Din Zedek, the High Rabbinic Ecclesiastical Court, formally excommunicated the Congressman in keeping with the Halacha, the Jewish law. The reason given by the presiding Rabbi, Joseph Friedman, was for his "desecrating the Name of God and the Jewish people, for bringing dishonor and disgrace upon the high office of Congressman, and for promoting and encouraging the moral corruption of society. A prominent Jewish public official, to our deep embarrassment, Frank has been a blatant promoter of moral depravity." How different than the moral standards of the Congress where this pervert is still tolerated! By the rules on the books, he is classified as not fit

to serve in the armed forces. Why, then, should he be allowed to be in the highest governing body of the nation? One could only hope that the voters in his state have higher moral standards than his, and that they will remove him from office at the first opportunity. If they don't, they will show that they are no better than the Congressman.

Some churches and denominations are no better than the Congress on this score. On April 28, 1990, the Spirit of the Lakes Church in Minneapolis, a Sodomite congregation, was granted full membership status by the Minnesota Conference of the United Church of Christ. The decision was reached by a 234 to 83 vote of delegates to the Conference's Eastern Association. Christians can expect things like this to happen with greater frequency as we draw near to the end of the age. The Scripture in II Timothy 3:13 tells us, "That evil men and seducers shall wax (increase in intensity and numbers) worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived."

Speaking of seducers, Christians should be aware of the seduction of Christian values that comes loud and clear, especially loud, through so-called "Christian" Rock. Those last two words constitute a contradiction of terms, in my mind. Let me mention just a few items that Hal Webb does not mention in his article.

One of the best, if not the best, books on rock music is one written by Dr. Hugh Pyle, with the title, **The Truth About Rock Music**. After covering secular rock, the author presents us with a chapter, "What About Religious Rock?" In that chapter he covers much that is offered today as the contemporary

Christian message in "music." Without going into a lot of detail, let me just share one short paragraph. Quote from page 50, "What a perverted religious taste we have allowed our people to develop! What a tragedy that pastors and church leaders have not warned their people about this musical garbage and kept our churches pure! How terrible that many Christian young people today learned to love this "beat" music, not in a bar or at a rock concert, but in a church or a private religious school." We list this book in our catalog for \$1.50 plus 90 cents postage.

Even "accepted" Christian performers fall into the trap. The August 1990 issue of *Charisma* says of Bill Gaither's new album: "... The band drifts effortlessly from Manhattan Transfer sound-alike productions to funk-ed-out dance tunes to exquisite, traditional gospel arrangements." *Calvary Contender* reports about Amy Grant, that "... Her latest record will be 'more rock sounding' than previous ones." Nor are evangelizing ministries exempt. Youth With A Mission is a

charismatic group which draws its members from many denominations. Without a doubt they must do **some** good! However, they sent a WYAM punk rock/heavy metal group recently to tour the USSR with "an evangelistic message" and reported "200 decisions for Christ" (*Calvary Contender*). The YWAM leader said, "We saw how with music you can go anywhere—rock and roll is the music of the world."

Of course that YWAM leader is right! Rock and Roll is the music of **the world**. It certainly is not the music of the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. So what will it be next? By every Biblical standard it should be the same treatment that Sodom and Gomorrah received for their sin. How much longer the longsuffering of our Lord will allow us to function as a nation is a question that every real Christian should keep in mind. After all, we have been left here this long for just one purpose, to be salt and light, in order that those caught up in the glitter of the world may be drawn to the Christ of Calvary.

DEPRAVITY OF "GOSPEL ROCK" SHAME

ON THOSE WHO PROMOTE IT, AND THOSE WHO TOLERATE IT!

By Hal Webb

Shame on musicians and entertainers who with worldly hair, dress and mannerisms fail to glorify God. They croon words of shallow religious thought, singing anywhere and everywhere, gathering praise to themselves. They become youth's substitute for acid Rock with their so-called "Christian" Rock, Disco, and even Country music. Their compromising squirm up the ladder to popular religious music cannot

glorify God. Modern religious concerts attract the same hand-clapping, foot-stomping, hero-worshipping fans as the world's Rock Scene. Reveling in the praise of men, they blend worldly musical techniques and lead youth away from proven musical values. Seeking men's praise is certainly not **doing all to the glory of God** (I Cor. 10:31). Shame on new-sound singers whose style and accompaniment are the same as today's

depraved secular music. Spotlights flash and drum beats roll, but it's all for the flesh and little for the soul.

SHAME ON CHRISTIAN PARENTS who allow it to ruin their children! They can't seem to sense what such music does to their children. Most true believers know the worldly rock must be banned, or it will lead our kids into drugs, sex and rebellion. Teens can become just as addicted to "Christian" rock and other cheap religious music as the acid stuff. Drums, screaming guitars, and worldly musicians all work to hinder genuine spiritual growth of youth.

The Bible commands, "Train up a child in the way he should go" (Prov. 22:6). Exercising control over youths' listening habits and building a taste for quality Christ-honoring music is a valuable part of that training.

Parents must stand together for good music in church, home and school. Hero-worshiping teens must learn to love good music and be taught to avoid the bad. Good records, tapes, and control of radio and TV listening are essential. Quality parents cannot develop quality children on a music diet of cheap religious words and heathen tempos.

*From The Plains Baptist Challenger
Lubbock, Texas*

NEW BOOKS

WICCA: Satan's Little White Lie, by William Schnoebelen. The author thought Wicca was a harmless nature-worshipping religion. But once he got on the inside, he learned from 16 years of personal experience that Wicca is not what it seems! As he reached higher and higher levels of the High Priesthood, he found that Wicca is nothing more than one of Satan's most clever recruiting tools, designed to lead many into actual Satan worship.

Here is the fascinating personal testimony of a man who stepped into this Satanic trap, and the thrilling account of how he was rescued by Jesus Christ. Many have asked about this, but there has been practically nothing written from a Christian viewpoint. Literature abounds on it from the Satanic viewpoint, but that is certainly not what a child of God would want to read.

Now it is possible to get the inside

story from one who has had the experience of this evil and has, by the grace of God, survived. You may order this book from our office. It is \$7.95 plus 90¢ postage. It has 224 pages.

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TURMOIL IN THE TOYBOX, by Phil Phillips. An evangelist has no business switching to being a minister to children—or so thought the author. But after the Holy Spirit dealt with him regarding this, he allowed himself to be re-directed into the completely different ministry in which he is involved today.

One result of that complete turnaround is this book. Here is probably the most shocking expose' of the toy and cartoon industry you will ever read. It reveals the hidden dangers of popular toys and cartoons, both TV and printed. The author leaves nothing to your imagination but reveals by name the most dangerous

and offensive tools of Satan: He-Man and the Masters of the Universe, Barbie, Rainbow Brite, G.I. Joe, Smurfs, Dungeons & Dragons, Care Bears, Thunder Cats, Power Lords, Crystlar, Skeltor, She-Ra, and many, many others.

Phil Phillips pulls the mask away and reveals the New Age, the occult and Satanic influences exerted on children through the use of these demonically inspired toys and games or by viewing these so-called heroes of the younger generation.

Every parent should read this book and become aware of the potential for spiritual harm by allowing children to use or view these sometime Satanic productions. If you think that Cabbage Patch kids or Barbie Dolls are all innocent fun, you need to read this book! The author includes suggestions for an alternative to these most popular games and toys.

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BATTLING THE OCCULT, by Russ Parker. Children playing with Ouija boards, astrologists are used by entertainers and politicians to help them plan their lives, and teen-agers dance to music glorifying Satan. Is it all innocent fun? Not when the victims of ritual murder are discovered in a Texas pasture. Not when the rise in teen-age suicide is linked to satanic cult activity. Not when police, psychologists and pastors are increasingly faced with things they cannot explain and hardly dare confront.

The author wrote this book to help ordinary people recognize and defeat occult activity. He provides clear, in-

formative discussions on topics like superstition, fortune-telling, magic and demonic presence.

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THE FALLING AWAY

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Usually when Christians hear or see something concerning the title above they think about the prediction in 2 Thess. 2:3, "... for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first ..." Now that may be a very good reaction and certainly is a biblical one. We do see such a falling away today, especially in the area of the commandment, "Come out from among them and be ye separate" (2 Cor. 6:17).

At no other time in the history of the church has there been such a gigantic effort to disobey that commandment. There is a universal effort, not to be separate, but to "get together" so that a greater impact can be made. Unfortunately the desire is not to make a spiritual but rather a social or political impact. In spite of the many accounts of "splits" in local churches and in denominations, there has been a

mighty movement to unify on just about any grounds. The results are certainly beyond the fondest dreams of the founding fathers of the National Council of Churches and those of the World Council of Churches.

Today we see not only Protestant and Orthodox churches uniting in a NCC, but also individual services where Protestants, Catholics, Jews, Hindus, Muslims and Buddhists share the same platform and announce in such a service that they are "brothers" and, after all, worship the same God!

Now some of these efforts by the religious leadership are, admittedly, beyond the control of the laity. But what about the denominational activities that could be challenged by the people in the pews, but are allowed to continue without a murmur? For instance, the reception of a homosexual and lesbian congregation

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into the membership of a denomination, as was the case recently in the United Church of Christ. Or when Reformed Judaism broke with 4,000 years of tradition by welcoming homosexuals into the rabbinate, as reported in the news this past July. Or take the case of the national tribunal of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America which met this past summer to consider ousting two San Francisco congregations for violating church law by installing homosexuals as clergy.

But the falling away is not just in the fact that some churches are departing from the faith in these and other matters. It is also obvious that there is a great falling away in the area of public morals. By and large

the perverts, the filthy TV programs, the pornography, and the toleration of the double standard we have in our government and public schools, all point to the fact that the biblical morality on which our nation was founded has been abandoned. When we allow perverts to be in our government, churches and schools without a murmur of dissent, we can be sure that we have bowed down to an apostate mentality.

Christians today have a grave responsibility laid upon them. They need, not only to be evangelists for the truth of the Gospel, but also voices for a return to the Bible and its authority as the only acceptable guide for every facet of our culture.