

the sect was within "fair use" protection of the copyright law, the WCG appealed to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

On Sept. 18, a three-judge panel of appeals court reversed the lower court's decision and ruled 2-1 in favor of the mother church. Two members of the judicial panel stated that wholesale reproduction of the book by the PCG did not fall within the perimeters of fair use of a copyrighted work.

The dissenting judge, Melvin Burnett, contended the PCG acted within the fair-use clause. "In this lawsuit, WCG appears less interested in protecting its rights to exploit MOA (*Mystery of the Ages*) than in suppressing Armstrong's ideas which now run counter to church doctrine," Burnett said.

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## POPE ATTEMPTS VATICAN EXORCISM

Vatican officials recently acknowledged the involvement of Pope John Paul II in an attempted exorcism at St. Peter's Basilica. On Sept. 6, during the pope's weekly appearance, a 19-year-old girl began "screaming insults" toward the pontiff as he moved to bless her. Vatican guards struggled to restrain the girl but, according to witnesses, she possessed "superhuman strength" and violently pushed them away.

As the Secretary-General of Vatican City, Bishop Gianni Danzi, stepped in to subdue the girl with a crucifix, she began "insulting him, uttering disconnected phrases, and speaking in unknown tongues."

Reluctant to discuss specific details of the episode, the Vatican stated that the pope spent time in prayer with the teenager. Other reports divulged that, "the Pope talked to the girl, exorcised her, and stayed with her for half an hour," but further revealed "that the Pope's intervention had only a temporary effect on the girl."

The girl is said to have been possessed since she was 12 years old. It is said that her demonic affliction was the result of a curse placed on her by someone in vengeance against her parents. She was brought to the pope's weekly audience by her parents in the hope that a blessing by the pontiff would cast out her demons.

The attempted exorcism is said to have been John Paul's third in his 22-year papacy.

In the United States added emphasis among Roman Catholics is being employed against purported demon possession. "For the first time in its 160-year history, the Archdiocese of Chicago appointed a full-time exorcist," the *Chicago Sun-Times* reported. In New York, the archdiocese claimed a total of 300 cases in the past decade. The Rev. Robert Barron, a Catholic theologian, stated, "I've heard that about 95 percent of those who present themselves for exorcisms are not really subjects," the Chicago daily reported.

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### PERSONAL FREEDOM OUTREACH — STATEMENT OF BELIEF

- I. THE BIBLE AS THE DIVINELY INSPIRED, INERRANT WORD OF GOD: IT IS IN ITS ENTIRETY THE SOLE AUTHORITY FOR ALL MATTERS OF CHRISTIAN BELIEF AND PRACTICE.
- II. THE ONE TRUE GOD. IN THE ONE TRUE GOD THERE EXIST THREE PERSONS, BEING: THE FATHER, THE SON JESUS CHRIST, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.
- III. JESUS CHRIST: HIS DEITY, HUMANITY, VIRGIN BIRTH, SINLESSNESS, DEATH AND BODILY RESURRECTION; WHO WILL PERSONALLY AND VISIBLY RETURN AGAIN TO EARTH.
- IV. THE PERSONALITY AND DEITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.
- V. THE EXISTENCE AND PERSONALITY OF SATAN, HIS TOTAL OPPOSITION TO GOD, AND HIS POWER OVER THE UNREGENERATE.
- VI. THE COMPLETE AND TOTAL DEPRAVITY OF ALL MEN WHICH MAKES THEM HOPELESSLY LOST WITHOUT THE NEW BIRTH OBTAINABLE THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST.
- VII. THE FINAL ESTATE OF MAN: FOR THE SAVED, EVERLASTING LIFE IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND FOR THE UNSAVED, EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT BECAUSE OF THEIR UNBELIEF.
- VIII. THE GOSPEL BY WHICH WE ARE SAVED BEING SUMMED IN THE DEATH, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.
- IX. THE CHURCH BEING THE BODY OF CHRIST, UNITED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, CONSISTING OF THOSE WHO HAVE RECEIVED JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIOR. A LOCAL CHURCH IS AN ORGANIZED ASSEMBLY OF BELIEVERS UNITED FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT THE GREAT COMMISSION OF CHRIST.
- X. THE GREAT COMMISSION OF CHRIST BEING TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO ALL MEN, BAPTIZING AND DISCIPLINING THOSE WHO HAVE BELIEVED.