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# Editorials

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## REBECCA BROWN'S AXIS OF EVIL

President George W. Bush has his axis of evil: Iran, Iraq, and North Korea. Apparently, so does Dr. Rebecca Brown, the self-proclaimed occult expert. Brown, along with her husband, Daniel Yoder, state that Christianity is under attack and Satan is moving from many different directions.

Brown gained popularity in the late 1980s when Christian tract and comic book entrepreneur Jack Chick published her first two books. Yoder claims to be "powerfully anointed as a prophet, healer, and evangelist." Together they operate Harvest Warriors, a ministry based in Clinton, Ark.

For the most part, Christians should not be surprised at the makeup of Brown and Yoder's axis of evil. However, within their list of bad guys, which includes Islam, Freemasonry, and witchcraft, is Personal Freedom Outreach.

Brown and Yoder, in their April 2002 newsletter, wrote: "In talking with our own publisher, we were told that Christian publishers no longer want to print anything with personal testimonies, because these cannot be 'proved.' This is mostly because of an organization that is rapidly gaining power within the Christian community. It claims to be a Christian group; but by its actions, it clearly is not serving Jesus Christ. This group, which

calls itself the PFO, or Personal Freedom Outreach, publishes vicious lies and attacks against nearly every Christian out there who has a ministry of any sort. They declare that ALL testimonies are false. They maintain various web sites on the internet; and, unfortunately, just because they are on the internet, people are stupid enough to believe that anything they write is true."

They went on to write: "Christian publishers are terrified by this group! They are afraid to take a stand against them, and they no longer want to print books by anyone the PFO attacks. Many churches and groups will no longer allow anyone to speak in their churches this group attacks either." The pair asks, "How long are Christians going to tolerate such groups in their midst?" and then requests "Christians everywhere to pray mightily, asking our God to deal with these people and put them out of business."

Brown and Yoder provide their readers with a Who's Who of those being "attacked" by PFO: Benny Hinn; Bill Gothard; Tommy Tenney; T.D. Jakes; Mike Bickle and Kansas City Fellowship; Finis Dake (producer of the Dake Study Bible); Joyce Meyer; and *Charisma* magazine. Two conspicuous particulars of the list demonstrate just how far outside the realm of honesty and orthodoxy Brown and Yoder operate.

First, the pair failed to provide their readers with a fair and balanced register of groups critiqued by PFO. Brown and Yoder failed to include in their listing religious  
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organizations and/or popular phenomena such as Jehovah's Witnesses, Latter-day Saints (Mormons), Freemasons, Unitarian Universalists, Wiccans, Roman Catholicism, Harry Potter, astrology, and many other issues and concerns examined by PFO, which Brown and Yoder also "attack."

Second, if Brown and Yoder are aligning themselves with those named on their "PFO Attack List," then they are coming to the defense of the likes of Oneness Pentecostals, documented false prophets, legalists, and men and women who promulgate all sorts of aberrant and heretical theologies under the guise of "revelation knowledge." It is a dangerous undertaking by which Brown and Yoder only further establish how much they dishonor the Word of God.

Moreover, PFO does not "declare that ALL testimonies are false," as Brown and Yoder say. PFO has never stated anything that even remotely suggests such a position.

However, Brown and Yoder's April 2002 newsletter does prove why Christian publishers should guard against publishing dramatic testimonials: The couple persist in retelling stories that are wholly fabricated. An example is a purported testimony of a survivor of the World Trade Center attack of Sept. 11, 2001.

The newsletter says, "One sister worked on the 105th floor of one of the World Trade Center buildings. This was the floor the jet crashed into. When the jet hit, she was thrown out of her seat across the room behind a door. This saved her from being set on fire. When she collected her wits from the shock of being thrown, she realized that she was in the doorway to a stairwell. Jesus appeared to her and instructed her to follow Him out of the building. He led her all the way down 105 stories to safety. She got out of the building unhurt." If one considers the details from that day, a concise sampling alone renders the testimony published in the *Harvest Warriors Newsletter* as fiction.

The first of two hijacked Boeing 767 jets struck the North Tower between the 93rd and 98th floors, instantly killing scores of people on those floors and in the airplane. The impact of the aircraft — most notably its steel engines — damaged the inner support columns and three stairwells located in the building's core. The jet's fuel instantly ignited a fire which quickly consumed the stricken area. When the core of the North Tower was struck, its three emergency exits (or stairwells) were destroyed. The 950 people above the impact zone were trapped with no way out of the building. They were unable to get past the crash area because the sheetrock (or drywall) used to protect the stairwells had been demolished, leaving the stairwell exits in flames, and impassable.

Several minutes later, the second Boeing 767 jet hit the South Tower, crashing between the 78th and 84th floors. This time the aircraft pierced the building at an angle to the right and did not squarely hit the core as did the plane that struck the North Tower. Only two of the three stairwells were destroyed. Five hundred people were trapped above the impact zone, and only 18 were able to escape through the remaining stairwell exit.

Like their own personal testimonies, Brown and Yoder continue to feign preposterous tales that are far removed from reality or fact. Once again, even basic and fundamental details (such as what floor the aircraft crashed into) contradict the historical documented information.

The couple contends that PFO "practices just about every one" of the seven abominations to God listed in Proverbs 6:16-19. Perhaps Brown and Yoder should take a serious review of these abominations and see how many apply to their own lives and ministry.

Despite Brown and Yoder's deceitful campaign, the members of PFO stand by the organization's long and fruitful ministry of testing everything, holding on to the good. PFO will firmly hold to the Word of God over experience and persist in meticulously documenting what it writes and publishes. It also will continue to attend to those who are emotionally and spiritually damaged by the likes of self-assuming false teachers and false prophets such as Brown and Yoder.

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changed. Last spring, Falwell and Hagee headlined a religious meeting for the Horizon Foundation in Cape Girardeau, Mo. A few months later, Hagee was the evening keynote speaker for Falwell's "Old Fashioned Fourth of July" held at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va.

The 1994 *Flame* article described Hagee's immorality with a young woman in his congregation and subsequent divorce of his first wife, Martha. The newspaper also disclosed that Hagee resigned from his San Antonio church, immediately accepted another pastorate in the same city, and, just eight months after his divorce, married the woman with whom he had engaged in adultery. Hagee also was criticized in the article for holding a "dual-covenant" theology — the teaching that Jews do not have to accept Christ to be saved. Hagee, however, says he does not publicly teach such a doctrine.

Because Falwell's newspaper once had labeled Hagee a heretic, *The Washington Times* considered this recent alliance strange. The newspaper tried to contact both