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# HALLOWEEN UNMASKED

## SHOULD CHRISTIANS PARTICIPATE IN AN OCCULT HOLIDAY?

by KEITH MORSE

At the mention of Halloween, many people conjure up memories of mom helping them put on their costumes; going out into the chill evening under a full moon for trick-or-treating; soaping a few windows; kicking over a few jack o' lanterns; and wearily returning home with bags, mouths and stomachs stuffed with sweet prizes.

Not everybody gets that warm, nostalgic feeling, however.

"I think it is the most abhorrent thing in the world," says Texan Tom Sanguinet.

Sanguinet is not Ebenezer Scrooge come two months early. His contempt for Halloween rites rises out of his familiarity with its origins. Until about two years ago, Sanguinet was a leader of the Newbern, N.C.-based Church of Wicca. He left that organization shortly after his conversion to Christianity. (See profile on page 4.)

"Christmas, we've kind of overtone the pagan thing (the Roman Saturnalia, for

instance)," Sanguinet said. "Easter, we still greatly honor (the Middle Eastern pagan goddess) Astarte with her silly little eggs."

"But Halloween is purely and absolutely nothing but Satanic. It in no way glorifies God. It in no way defies God. It in no way recognizes God. It's so absolutely evil that there's nothing we've ever been able to do that would bring it into acceptability," Sanguinet added.

The modern holiday we call Halloween — the name is a contracted form of "All Hallows' Evening," the night before the Roman Catholic holiday of All Saints' Day — has its origins in the pagan holiday of "Samhain," which, according to Sanguinet, is the night of the full moon closest to November 1, the witches' New Year.

In the Dark Ages, Christian missionaries evangelizing pagans in northern Europe and Britain tried to ease the religious

transition by blending church holidays with pagan observances. In the case of Halloween — or Samhain — the pagan observances were particularly frightening.

"Samhain is the time that the Druids (pagans who lived in northern France) used to demand their yearly sacrifice from the countryside. This sacrifice was actually to be a communicating link between the spirit realm and the earthbound realm," Sanguinet said.

"The Druids would go to a castle or a house and would demand a female for sacrifice," Sanguinet said, "and upon receiving their demand, would leave a jack o' lantern there as a sign of good luck for the year."

The price of refusing to give in to the Druids' demands was high, Sanguinet said.

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# EDITORIALS

## CHARLES ANTHON — SOME RELUCTANT WITNESS

A recent article in the July 17, 1983, Salt Lake City Deseret News presented Professor Charles Anthon as a "reluctant witness" to the authenticity of the Book of Mormon.

Anthon was a renowned professor at Columbia College of New York in the early 19th century. He and Samuel Mitchell, another professor, were asked by one Martin Harris to inspect a sample of characters that Joseph Smith had reproduced from the gold plates from which Smith claimed he had written *The Book of Mormon*. Harris' purpose was to receive their opinion before mortgaging his farm to finance the publication of Joseph's "translation."

Anthon later stated in two separate letters that he told Harris the whole thing was a "hoax" and "part of a scheme to cheat the farmer of his money" (1834 letter to E.D. Howe), prepared by "some cunning fellows ... for the purpose of imposing upon Harris" (1841 letter to T.W. Coit).

Martin Harris apparently was so unsettled by Anthon's comments that he came to doubt that Joseph had any gold plates containing "records of the Nephites." Smith had to take drastic action.

One course was to write a revelation addressing Harris' question of "whether Joseph had, in his possession, the record of the Nephites." In it, "the Lord" declared "that my servant Joseph has gotten the things of which he had testified." Smith then gave a "revelation to Harris that he would be a witness, by way of a vision, of the gold plates."

The second course of action to encourage Harris to part with his money was Smith's insertion into *The Book of Mormon* an "account" of visits from Harris to Anthon and Mitchell. Smith had run across a passage in Isaiah 29 which he was able to modify so that it seemed to present a prophecy of Harris' inquiry. The Isaiah passage is really a simile to depict how spiritually blind the whole city of Jerusalem had become. Their "vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, 'read this, I pray thee:' and he saith, 'I cannot; for it is sealed.'"

Smith inserted hundreds of words into the passage in an effort to turn it into a prophecy of Harris' visit with the learned. In spite

of all of Smith's twisting, he still fails miserably in forcing the Isaiah text to fit the account of Harris' visit.

In the first place, in the Isaiah passage, it is the book itself — not the words copied from it — that was taken to the learned. This is exceptionally clear in the Hebrew text, which says "they took 'it'" (referring back to the "book"). Had Harris been fulfilling the text, it would have been necessary for him to have taken the gold plates themselves.

Secondly, the verb "deliver" is plural. They "deliver" the book to the learned. The Isaiah passage pictures several people taking the book to the learned. Smith's story has Harris going by himself. Finally, the word "learned" is singular in Hebrew, picturing only one learned person.

Thus, while Isaiah depicts several people taking the sealed book itself to one learned man, the Mormon story has one person (Harris) taking only a few characters to several learned people. For all of Joseph's efforts to twist the text of Isaiah, it fails to correspond in every major detail.

Harris' visit can hardly be called a fulfillment of a prophecy found in Isaiah 29. There is certainly no "reluctant witness" Anthon to *The Book of Mormon* to be found in either Isaiah or in Anthon's own words.

His actual witness to *The Book of Mormon* was that the whole thing was a hoax.

—WPW



## 'THE FORCE' AND ALBERTO RIVERA

With each new release by Chick Publications of the continuing saga of Alberto Rivera, reputed former Roman Catholic priest, one wonders what the Roman Catholic church will be blamed for next.

In Chick's latest comic book, *The Force*, Rivera has outdone himself. Rivera claims on page 25 that "the Jesuits helped develop the cults behind the scenes through finances and infiltration." Further, the publication states, "Some of these groups are ... Freemasonry, Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormonism, Unity, Christian Science."

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## Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I don't know whether you publish "letters to the editor," but I hope you'll give me the courtesy of publishing this one. Your newsletter is generally excellent. That's why I was so surprised by the review you just published of my new book, **Peace, Prosperity and the Coming Holocaust**. It hardly seemed in keeping with your usual high standards and goal of factually informing your readers.

As an author of numerous books, I both expect and welcome critical reviews, it would be a strange world if everyone agreed with everyone else on every point. We all have blind spots and need criticism of others to point out weaknesses that we ourselves can't see.

G.R. Fisher's review of my book, however, was not in the category of helpful or even honest critiques. Instead of reviewing my book, he

created a caricature of it and then proceeded to ridicule that. I was shocked by his constant use of sarcasm, innuendo, oversimplification and blatant misrepresentation.

He wrote, "Hunt has one rule in judging theories: they are valid if they fit into his scenario and invalid if they don't." This unseemly and unwarranted personal attack upon my integrity is typical of the spirit and style throughout the entire review. Obviously my scenario doesn't fit his.

My first reaction was that Fisher, rather than reading the book, had only skimmed it hurriedly and therefore was simply confused about what I had written. This might explain why he criticizes me for "heavy use of Marilyn Ferguson's **The Aquarian Conspiracy**, when in fact out of the 515 footnotes in my book, only 4 involve Marilyn Ferguson. It that constitutes "heavy use," then I'll confess to all the other accusations Fisher levels against me.

Moreover, he declares that my "heavy use" of **The Aquarian Conspiracy** was in order "to 'prove' the 'plan' ..." In actual fact, nowhere in the entire book do I try to "prove" the "Plan," nor do I even mention it at all in connection with Ferguson's book. More astonishing yet, Fisher cites my alleged "heavy use" of Ferguson's book to "prove" the "Plan" as proof that I have "missed the meaning of her (Ferguson's)

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# NEWS UPDATE

## THIS COULD BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER!

Personal Freedom Outreach is about to revise its mailing list. If you want to continue receiving this newsletter, take note.

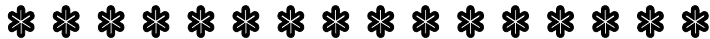
If you have returned the survey from the July-September Newsletter, relax. Your name has been placed on our new mailing list. If your name is on the new list, there will be a \*\* right after your name on the mailing label of this newsletter.

If you did not return the survey, but wish to continue receiving this newsletter, listen up! Send us a post card or letter, asking us to remain on our mailing list. Better yet, scrounge around the house and find the survey, fill it out and send it to us.

In order to receive uninterrupted service, please notify us no later than Nov. 30. Future issues will be printed only in the quantities needed. Back issues will be impossible to come by shortly after publication.

Remember also that your financial support of the PFO Newsletter is tax deductible.

—MKG



## A NEGATIVE THOUGHT ON NORMAN VINCENT PEALE

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, author of the book *The Power of Positive Thinking* and editor of *Guideposts* magazine, says he has proof that there is life after death.

In an article published in the July 5, 1983, *National Enquirer*, Peale describes visions he had of his father and brother and an audible message from his mother — all of whom were dead.

PFO wrote to Peale in order to verify the statements made in the story. A reply from Peale's secretary at the Foundation for Christian Living read as follows:

"The experiences related by Dr. Peale have all been included in one or more of his publications and books and have also been told in sermons at Marble Collegiate Church and put into printed form when these sermons were published."

"Perhaps the wording in this article is not as Dr. Peale would express it. In each case he felt the presence of his mother, father and his brother."

The Bible expressly states that there is a gulf between those living on the Earth and those who have died. The story of the beggar Lazarus and the rich man (Luke 16:20) best illustrates this fact.

With these facts in mind, Christians perhaps should scrutinize Peale's other teachings in light of Scripture.

—KAM



## SIBERIAN PENTECOSTALISTS AFFILIATED WITH 'JESUS ONLY' CHURCH

Seven Siberian Pentecostals who made their much-publicized exit from the Soviet Union this past summer have settled down in the St. Louis area and have been taken under the wing of the United Pentecostal Church, according to accounts in St. Louis newspapers. The United Pentecostal Church has its headquarters in the St. Louis area.

The United Pentecostal Church adheres to the doctrine of modalism, or Sabellianism, a heresy which teaches that God is a unity and there are no distinctions in the Divine Being.

Modalism teaches that God is one person with three roles corresponding to His three different modes of revelation. The uni-personal God revealed Himself as a Father in creation, as a Son in the Redemption and as the Holy Spirit in works of sanctification.

The United Pentecostal Church believes that Jesus is the Godhead.

Some have nicknamed their doctrine "Jesus Only."

The United Pentecostal Church also teaches that speaking in tongues is required evidence of a person's salvation, a doctrine which they share with the Way International.

These two doctrines definitely put the United Pentecostal Church out of the realm of orthodox Christianity.

—KAM



## \$32 MILLION AWARD IN SUIT AGAINST HARE KRISHNAS

A Cypress, Calif., woman and her daughter were awarded \$32.3 million in damages this past June by an Orange County jury that found the Hare Krishna cult had falsely imprisoned the girl and hid her from her parents.

Robin George, who was 15 when she disappeared in 1974, was awarded \$15 million in punitive damages. Robin and her mother, Marcia, were awarded \$12.25 million for intentional infliction of emotional distress. They also were awarded \$5 million in assorted damages.

During the five-month trial, Robin and her mother claimed that the strain of trying to locate Robin led to the death of James George, Robin's father. The jury upheld that claim, awarding \$75,000.

A Hare Krishna spokesman said the organization will appeal the judgment.

—KAM



## TWO UPCOMING COUNTERCULT CONVENTIONS

The 5th Annual International Witnesses Now For Jesus Convention will take place Oct. 21-23 in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania. Bill Cetnar, who was a Jehovah's Witness for 22 years, is the convention's chairman.

This year's speakers will include: Dr. Robert Countess, author of *The Jehovah's Witnesses' New Testament*, Dana Roberts, Greek scholar and author of *Understanding Watchman Nee*, and Duane Magnani director of Witness, Inc., and author of *From Kingdom Hall to Kingdom Come*.

There also is a general countercult conference scheduled for Nov. 17-19 in Orange County, Calif. Speaking at the convention will be James Bjornstad, author of *Counterfeits At Your Door*, Ron Enroth, author of *Youth, Brainwashing, and the Extremist Cults*, Dr. Walter Martin, author of *The Kingdom of The Cults and The New Cults*, and Robin George, who recently was awarded \$32 million in her lawsuit against the Hare Krishnas.

In addition, both gatherings will feature testimonies by people who were involved in cults and who subsequently were converted to Christianity.

For more information about either conference, write to Personal Freedom Outreach.

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# PROFILE: ***TOM SANGUINET***

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## **A Witch's Conversion to Christianity**

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Tom Sanguinet, 34, got into witchcraft by being born," he said.

"My mother was a Wiccan. She was a practitioner of Wicca. ... My grandmother taught me most of what I knew. ... Then later on, a prearranged minister or priest came to me and tutored me in the priesthood."

Sanguinet's mother was Celtic. The Celts came from northern Europe and are the people to whom the tradition of Wicca can be traced.

"My great-grandfather on her side was from Scotland, and his mother was from Wales."

Sanguinet's father was Roman Catholic, although Sanguinet never was formally raised in the church.

Wicca had an appeal, Sanguinet said, although it took a while for it to really take hold of him.

"During the Vietnam era, I lost touch with just about everything except the Eastern traditions through the martial arts. ... I got to power-seeking and through seeking power I got back into the spiritual side of 'the craft.'"

Wicca was not forced on him, Sanguinet said.

"Here's an old way and here's an old way and this is what the ancients used to do' ... that's the way it was presented."

After returning to the United States after a stint in the Navy, Sanguinet eventually teamed up with Gavin Frost, a leader in the Church of Wicca. He and Frost worked in a boatyard owned by the Wiccan Church.

Sanguinet was one of a new breed of Wiccans, who were going with the Wiccan "gospel."

"I was very active and very public. I recruited at colleges by going out and speaking on things like ESP, advanced classes on parapsychology and paranormal activities and metaphysics."

He also stuffed library books on witchcraft and the occult with little tracts which included a post office box where people could write for information on witchcraft.

Any method was fair, Sanguinet said. "Go out and promise them the world — that's all you were giving them."

Sanguinet felt no guilt about any deceit he used. "I was of the attitude that people who were not in it [Wicca] were less-developed and were younger spirits, even to the point that if they died and came back and they were so hung up on something that you couldn't get them out of it — like praising the Lord — if they died, you could have a chance to start over with them. Witches don't feel like death or murder or any of that is any less than progression."

As evidenced by that quote, Sanguinet thought little of Christians.

"My opinion was, 'put them to the sword, burn a church a day.'"

However, he eventually found himself in direct contact with this "lower form of spiritual life."

Sanguinet was visiting the family of his girlfriend in July 1981. His girlfriend had five brothers and four sisters, all of whom were Christians.

One of her brothers "sat down and talked to me for hours," Sanguinet said. "He wasn't witnessing Jesus. That's the problem. He didn't show me salvation. He didn't show me Jesus. He just compared theologies. I think he realized his mistake later.

"We went to this little church while we were down there on kind of a dare from their family because I just wanted to show them that I wasn't afraid to go to their church."

It was a little church with a lay minister and about 35 people, Sanguinet said.

"I went up after the meeting there to this little pastor and I told him 'Hi. I'm Tom Sanguinet and I'm with the Milners over there and I'm a witch.' He dropped his mike cord."

"I made a swift kill on theology and left without giving him a chance to say anything. I stepped down off the pulpit there and this lady walked up and said, 'We're gonna pray for you,' and I said, 'Oh, fine. Big deal.'"

One day in September 1981, Sanguinet and his girlfriend got "somewhat cross-ways" and she announced that she was leaving. Sanguinet was not worried, thinking he could bring her back whenever he wanted to.



Sanguinet "put her on the bus" the next day, a Friday.

"That night I just flat tried to kill myself. I had a business worth \$42 million, I had a house, I had property, I had automobiles, I had an entourage. I had all the people and all the things and everything the world could give. But I realized I didn't have any peace."

He failed in two attempts to shoot himself. "After that, I just went to bed," Sanguinet said.

"Gavin was blaming me and blaming the negative energies' flowing from me for everything going wrong in the boatyard that day. ... That made me a little more despondent so I went home at noon for lunch and that's when I really realized that this girl wasn't there because we always ate lunch together."

"I was just sitting there real despondent," Sanguinet said.

He then got the urge to pray.

"I did believe in God. I believed in the Godhead. I didn't want to go through the Lord of Darkness and the Goddess this time. I wanted to reach God. And I said, 'God help me,' and I really meant it."

"This little voice said, 'Try Jesus.'"

Hearing a voice was nothing new to Sanguinet, who said he was used to conjuring spirits.

"I told that spirit, 'Get out of here.' But this voice said, 'No, really. Try Jesus. For peace.'"

"And I said, 'Okay. Jesus help me. See there, it didn't work. Now beat it.'"

"But the voice didn't go away. Instead, it said, 'You're a sorcerer. You're a magician. You're a witch. You know that anything you do, you've got to mean it.'"

"So I said, 'Okay. I'll try it. I really will because I'm not afraid to try anything.'"

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# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ON WICCA

## A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE OF WITCHCRAFT



While many modern-day Wiccans try to present their religion in a way acceptable to 20th century man, their traditions remain age-old. Tom Sanguinet explained the background and basic beliefs of Wicca to us.

Sanguinet breaks down all religions into four basic ones: Christianity, contemporary Judaism, Satanism and witchcraft. All occultism and Eastern religions would be classified with witchcraft by him.

### WHAT IS WICCA?

Wicca is the Celtic word for 'wise.' Wicca-craft means 'craft of the wise.'

### WHAT IS THE WICCAN CONCEPT OF GOD?

They believe first of all in a triunal god. In other words, there's the god, or the godhead, the omnipotent power of the universe.

They believe in the godhead as being all the good and all the bad — whole circle. That's what the circle represents. It's unapproachable, neither male nor female, it's incomprehensible. It's there.

Directly beneath that you have what is termed "the lord and the lady." The lord is not our Lord, but the lord of darkness. The lord of darkness rules such things as war, planting, plowing, the male aspect.

The winter months, the cold months belong to this lord of darkness. The summer months, the growing months, the productive months belong to what they call the lady, or the goddess.

These are depicted by such figures as (the Egyptian deities) Isis and Osiris, (the Greek deities) Diana and Appollo and (the Canaanite deities) Astarte and Baal.

Virtually every pagan religion that was goddess-oriented is the same. Satan just renaming the same lie. There's no new religion.

### HOW DO WICCANS RELATE TO THE GODHEAD?

They say the godhead has no power on the earth, that it is up to the witches to raise the power to produce what is done.

### WHAT OTHER BASIC BELIEFS DO WICCANS ADHERE TO?

The most common basis for witchcraft is reincarnation. This you have in all the Eastern religions, that tenet of "no responsibility in life because karmatically we'll get it right some other time." So there's no moral responsibility.

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The other tenet is: "If it harm none, so do as you will." You don't really set out to harm anyone, you set out to evolve them — evolve their spirit.

### WHAT DO WICCANS BELIEVE IS MAN'S ULTIMATE SPIRITUAL DESTINY?

It depends on which tradition you are. Some say you'll meld in with the godhead. Some say that through a series of melding, many consciousnesses will meld together and create another godhead, so you see an analogy with Mormonism.

After you achieve a certain level of consciousness, you meld with others who have achieved that level of consciousness and you go from being to super-being.

You put three June bugs together and you get a German shepherd, you put three German shepherds together and you get a man.

This is something where witches don't have a set dogma. They just reach up in the air and grab one.

### ARE WICCANS AND SATANISTS THE SAME THING?

There's not a connection really between witchcraft and Satanism. It's only been in

the neo-system of the occult that witchcraft and Satanism have taken this melding.

Satanists have always worshipped the negative entities or deities — the temple of Seth in ancient Egypt, for example.

Witches don't fear God and they don't believe in Satan. They're duped and they're really blinded.

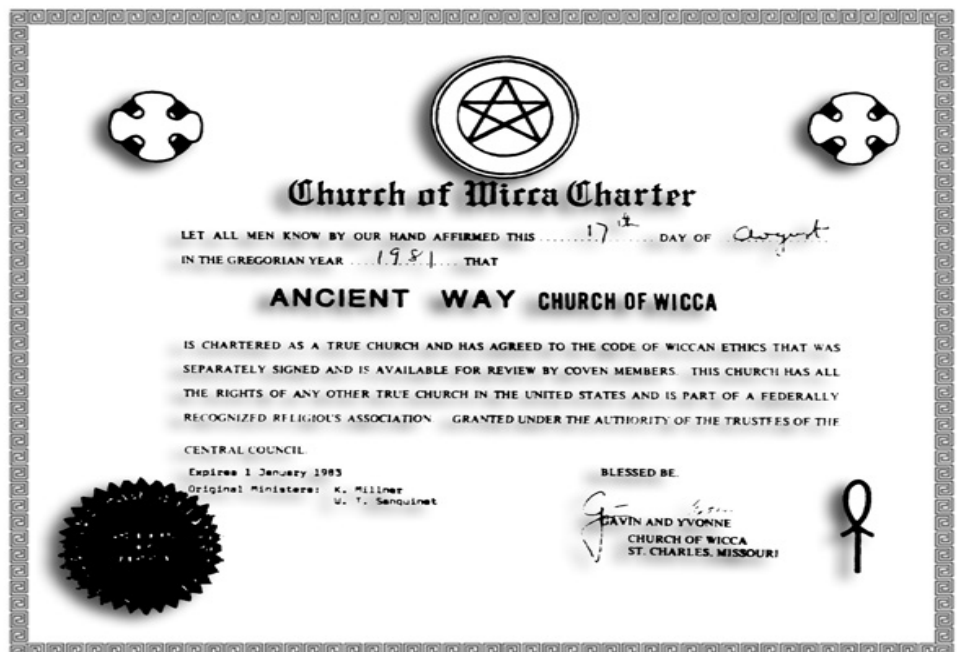
### WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE ARE ATTRACTED TO WICCA?

People who are looking for answers but not looking for a lot of responsibility. It really appeals to big-business men because they can go on slaughtering their opponents and feel like they are helping them to progress. Whereas, as a Christian, you can't go out and just stomp all over your competitor and have your business be blessed. I can't.

### WHAT IS WICCA'S APPEAL?

Power, sex — let's face it, sex is a big draw for the less-intellectual and more world-minded neo-pagan type; rebellion — there's a lot of people that get into it thinking, "This is exactly opposite what I was raised in and I'm gonna get back at my mother and father for raising me that way;" thrill-seeking — the fear fetish; some of them get in seeking righteousness or seeking God but without real direction.

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## Q & A ON WICCA

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### HOW MANY WICCANS ARE THERE IN THE UNITED STATES?

There are 300,000 of them in this country today.

### WHY DON'T WE NOTICE THEM MORE?

They try to present themselves as very humble and very educated — and they are, most of them — and they try to be low-key and low-profile most of the time. ... That's why people say that they don't think there are too many of them.

The only ones they really hear about are the kooks or some of the traditional witches are coming out of the closets and saying, "Hey look, these kooks are not what it's about," and they're trying to make it acceptable now and to move among the world — and with the humanistic movement this is making it easier and easier all the time.

### HOW CAN A CHRISTIAN KNOW IF A PERSON IS A WICCAN?

The Lord gives us the ability to discern the spirits. All you've got to do is talk to somebody and you can usually tell when you ask them how they're going to get to heaven. And if they say by good works or by reincarnation, you've got a pretty good idea that they are not scriptural.

A witch will never openly claim fellowship with Jesus Christ. The spirit cannot do it.

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## PROFILE

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"I said, 'Lord Jesus, I don't know you very well, and you probably don't want to know me, but if you can help me, come into my heart.'"

"And praise the Lord, the light went on and I had peace. And nothing else mattered."

Sanguinet immediately went down to the boatyard and told Frost that he was leaving.

"I hadn't picked up the Bible, but I knew in my heart I couldn't stay there because I

## HOW DO WICCANS VIEW CHRIST

They all consider — everyone that I ever talked to — Him a prophet. Of course, they consider Mohammed a prophet, too. The difference is Jesus was 100% right and Mohammed has never been right yet.

(Wiccans believe Jesus) was working toward progression too. He was as much the Son of God as everyone else is.

### HOW SHOULD CHRISTIANS WITNESS TO WICCANS?

Real strong. You have to take authority. You have to use a lot of scripture. All you can do is plant a seed. You cannot expect to walk up to somebody who's involved deeply in the occult, who's really dedicated in the occult, and see results. Not on a one-time, one-on-one contact. You cannot expect it. If you expect it, you're gonna be let down.

This is seed. You plant that seed, and like that mustard seed, you can drill a hole in solid stone, and drop that mustard seed down in there, cover it up with a little fertile soil and you can water it and that little mustard seed will grow and split that rock wide open.

You tell them how they can find the Lord. You can tell them there's peace in the Lord. You give them scripture like Deuteronomy 18, where witchcraft is condemned, you give them Galatians 5:19-20 where the Bible speaks clearly that witchcraft is condemnation, and that there is no condemnation in Christ Jesus, and that they can be a new creature in Christ Jesus,

then you turn it over to the Lord.

You don't argue theology with them... . These people are experts on theology, just like the Mormons are experts on theology. But if you give them Jesus, there is nothing they can say.

Not one person in 32 years witnessed Jesus to me.

### SHOULD CHRISTIANS BE AFRAID THAT WITCHES WILL TRY TO USE THEIR POWERS AGAINST THEM?

I love it when they do try that. ... Gavin Frost led a circle of 65 witches in St. Louis last year at their Samhain seminar — my wife Audrey and I went up there — and we sat right in the middle of that circle — right dead in the center of it — Gavin Frost is doing everything he could to blow me away.

This Samhain, I won't be able to make it (to the seminar) because his spell "worked" so well we got the baby we've been praying for. And I got a house that the Lord gave that I didn't even really want. And I've got a job, a ministry that I can't afford to leave. He blew me away so much that I'm so blessed that I can't go anywhere.

First John 4:4 says: "*You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than is he who is in the world.*"

If a Christian is afraid to witness to a witch, then that Christian needs to go back to the Bible.

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couldn't compromise the peace that I had in my heart."

"I told Gavin right then and there, 'I intend to destroy the school of Wicca. I intend to tear it down.'"

Sanguinet walked away from all his possessions, since they were all owned by the Church of Wicca.

"I had \$5 in my pocket. So the Lord just sent people by. Just out of nowhere people just started coming by saying, 'Hey we heard you broke up with Frost. You gonna be leaving?'"

"Two days later, I had \$1,600 in my pocket."

Sanguinet left for his father's home in Texas with "my Bible, my pickup truck and my motorcycle."

Since then, Sanguinet has married and his wife is expecting a baby in late October. He is now working with "Witness For Christ Center Outreach," 544 Edna Ave., Wills Point, Texas 75169. His phone number is 214-873-4340.

Anyone wishing to know more about the Christian perspective on witchcraft of the occult is welcome to call or write to him, Sanguinet said. We ask that you be praying for him as his ministry grows.

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## HALLOWEEN

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"They [the Druids] would leave a hexagram on the door and usually someone would die. It was either give up a common female or lose your firstborn son" he said.

That tradition is carried on in present Halloween practices, Sanguinet said.

The candy is replacing the sacrifice. You are giving out candy — in essence you are still giving out an appeasement: trick or treat, sacrifice, be blessed or be hexed.

"When they give out Halloween candy, they are in essence giving sacrifice to false gods. They are participators in idolatry," Sanguinet said.

In fact, Sanguinet even sees the fruits of the tradition manifested in the recent trend of Halloween tragedies — poisoned candy,

razor blades in apples, drugs slipped into youngsters' bags.

"It's always been a day of death and revelry. It's always been a day of death for the common people."

The Christian response to Halloween is simple, Sanguinet said. He recommends witnessing to trick-or-treating children and parents who might be supervising them.

"It's a good night to be in church or Bible study, too," Sanguinet added.

Rivera's statement that both the cults and Roman Catholic church "have the same basic underlying pattern in their doctrine religious practices and structure" is offered as evidence that "these (cults) are some of the spiritual abominations spawned by the Jesuits."

With Rivera's "testimony," Chick has disregarded years of research on the cults performed by dedicated Christians. One wonders why Chick so easily accepts Rivera's claims as fact.

Chick has ignored the fact the Watchtower Society founder Charles Taze Russell fiercely hated the Catholic Church. The Watchtower has consistently labeled the Catholic Church as Satan's organization or as demonic (refer to the Watchtower publications *Prophecy*, pg. 259 and *Religion* pg. 55).

Further, research has shown that in the early days of the Watchtower Society, Russell was closely associated with N.H. Barbour who was an Adventist, not a Roman Catholic.

Chick ignores extensive research into Mormon origins by PFO co-director Wesley P. Walters and others.

It is apparent that Chick is either blissfully ignorant of the facts or just does not care.

PFO recently sent letters to both Chick and Rivera, asking for further documentation as to the Catholic Church's role in the founding of these cults. Chick's prompt reply reasoned that the "Mormon faith follows the same principles of apostolic succession" as that of the Roman Catholic Church. No further evidence was presented concerning either Mormonism nor any other groups presented in his publication. To date, Rivera has not responded, although Chick said in his reply that Rivera "travels a great deal on speaking tours, so please be patient for his reply."

With each new Chick comic book, one finds him drifting further into irrationality. While we are agreeing that a Roman Catholic needs to accept Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord (as does any unsaved Baptist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Methodist, etc.), we cannot condone Chick's and Rivera's methods. We do not regard the lies, distortions and sensationalism as acceptable in the efforts to win souls for Christ.

Christians should pray that Chick and Rivera find a more sensible approach to Christian evangelism.

—MKG

(LETTERS from page 2)

*book altogether!" He appears to have missed the meaning of my book by a remarkable wide margin; and his strange remark makes me very curious indeed to know what Fisher thinks is the real meaning of Ferguson's book.*

*By innuendo, he accuses me of being too stupid "to ask if any of the writers he (Hunt) quotes are infallible and can really determine the future." In fact, the only prophets I quote with confidence are those recognized as such in the Bible. It is irresponsible and inexcusable for Fisher to give the impression that I believe the prophecies of false prophets that I in fact am exposing.*

*Fisher goes on to accuse me specifically of believing Benjamin Creme's and Jeane Dixon's predictions, when in fact I'm quoting them as examples of Satanic deception. Here he cites page numbers (84 and 92), so apparently he's read at least that much of my book. If so, this raises a disturbing questions: if he actually read those pages, how could he possibly be sincere in representing them to mean the exact opposite of what they say?*

*It gets even worse. Fisher next accuses me of identifying the Antichrist as Lord Maitreya. This is so blatant a misrepresentation of what I wrote that I can't see how it could be an innocent mistake.*

*I've given enough examples to establish a clear pattern of dishonest misrepresentation that runs through the entire review. I won't trouble you with a recitation of the rest. That a reviewer could make some mistakes is understandable. That Fisher consistently misinterprets virtually everything I have to say in the book, however, leaves me wondering.*

*Fisher obviously has an intense dislike for my scenario. He is entitled to his opinion, as I am to mine. I think I am also entitled to a fair and honest review, especially from a Christian — which I did not get.*

*Peace, Prosperity and the Coming Holocaust was several years in research and writing, I think it deserves to be taken more seriously and certainly more honestly.*

Sincerely,  
David Hunt  
Northridge, CA

**EDITOR'S REPLY:**

First of all, there were two editor's revisions in Rev. Fisher's review that subtly changed what he was saying.

Originally, the review said, His heavy use of Marilyn Ferguson ... The edited review said, "Hunt's heavy use of Marilyn Ferguson's *The Aquarian Conspiracy*..." Fisher's original statement stands, as she is referred to over and over in the book, although not all references are to *The Aquarian Conspiracy*.

In Chapter 6, Hunt mentions Ferguson again and again (9 or 10 times in a quick count) and again mentions her in Chapters 14 and 17.

Also, before editing, the review said: "Its scant biblical exposition." It was changed to read: "too little Scripture."

We regret any misunderstanding caused by those revisions.

Rev. Fisher says in his defense:

*Hunt says on page 60 that "a world government is coming soon." He says on page 58 that "the transformation ... will probably be completed over the next few years. Nothing will stop the process now." He has dogmatized himself into the proverbial corner. Time will tell.*

*Hunt says, "Nowhere in the entire book do I try to prove The Plan." Quoting from the introduction of his book, Hunt says, "We will carefully consider the future of planet Earth from every angle: Scientific, occult, political, military, biblical. We will come to some startling conclusions about the Antichrist."*

*Hunt seems to be saying that he was just reporting research and facts and that I missed the point about his trying to prove "The Plan," but he himself says in the book on page 72, "Our contrary scenario tentatively identifies the New Age movement with the Apostasy' that the Apostle Paul predicted would immediately precede the Antichrist's takeover of the world."*

*Then, on page 202, these words: "It will all seem remarkably part of the Plan that there were NewAge networks and leaders ready with the insight, explanation and organization just when needed. This will increase everyone's confidence. Surely this must be 'The Plan' and it must be working right on schedule under the guidance of Hierarchy or E.T.'s or whatever one prefers to call them or it.*

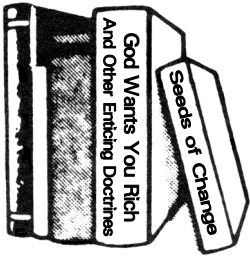
*It seems then that Mr. Hunt has gotten out on his own limb — I haven't put him there. That I dislike his scenario is correct. I dislike it because it is highly speculative and draws inferences and conclusions that are unwarranted.*

*I would suggest that the readers read both the review and the book and decide for themselves. Let them decide what they think of the statement on page 110 that the Antichrist is probably alive on planet Earth today and the statement on page 109 that "It seems evident that this world is in the final stages of preparation for the Antichrist." Let them decide if statements like that are not excessive and dangerous.*

While it is possible that the thrust of Hunt's book has been misunderstood, Personal Freedom Outreach believes that Rev. Fisher arrived at his conclusions honestly after reading and re-reading the book. Certainly Hunt knows what he intended to say in his book, but do his readers?

Personal Freedom Outreach has asked others in the cults ministry for their views on "Peace, Prosperity and the Coming Holocaust." One of those we asked, James Bjornstad, author of *Stars, Signs and Salvation in the Age of Aquarius, The Moon is not the Son* and several other books on cults, has written down his views of Hunt's book.

Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of Bjornstad's review should send a stamped, self-addressed envelope along with their request to Personal Freedom Outreach.



# BOOKS IN REVIEW

## SEEDS OF CHANGE

By Kenneth Boa and Kerry Livgren  
Crossways Books, 189 pages, \$7.95

*Seeds of Change*, the story of rock musician Kerry Livgren's spiritual search and discovery of Christ, has something for a wide range of readers. Its straightforward, easy-reading style makes it a good witnessing tool, especially with young people and rock music followers.

Livgren, a member of the rock group Kansas, which attained tremendous commercial success in the late 1970s and is still together, and Kenneth Boa, author of several books, including *Cults, World Religions and You*, have delivered a book well-stocked with anecdotes and diary entries, giving a good look at one man's search for God and how God leads such people right into His loving arms.

Livgren traces back to his upbringing in the Lutheran church, his early interest in classical music and literature, and the composers (Gustav Mahler, Richard Wagner and Richard Strauss) and writers (Hermann Hesse and Alan Watts) who sparked his spiritual curiosity.

Those interested in Livgren's musical background will find his influences and experiences covered extensively, with some hair-raising and entertaining stories thrown in about young musicians fighting for success.

Readers wanting more insight into Livgren's lyrics, which almost always have dealt with his search for spiritual truth will find the explanations of his lyrics quite interesting.

Readers interested in learning about the appeal, but ultimate shortcomings, of Eastern religions will want to head straight for Chapter 4, where he outlines how he learned the basics of Eastern religions and jumped from one philosophy and guru to the next, never satisfied.

The book's most interesting chapter, in this reviewer's eyes, was the chapter about the Urantia book, which Livgren says left him convinced that he at last had found spiritual truth. An interesting point of Urantia doctrine (found on page 121) mentioned is the teaching that Jesus was really a "Creator Son" named "Michael." Sound at all familiar, Jehovah's Witnesses?

The book climaxes with the story of Livgren's transformation into a child of God and subsequent experiences — experiences which Livgren says convinced him to remain with Kansas and let God use him there.

*Seeds of Change* concludes with Livgren's views on the Christian and music and what he thinks God can accomplish through the band he belongs to — one not made up entirely of Christians.

This book has the potential to make a big impact for Christ's glory if it falls into the right hands, just as his Christian music has by filtering into the ears of many "secular" rock fans.

—KAM



## GOD WANTS YOU RICH And Other Enticing Doctrines

By Florence Bulle  
Bethany House, 223 pages, \$4.95

"The greatest threat to the born again child of God does not come from the cults or the occult," author Florence Bulle says, "it comes from Satan's more subtle strategy: distorted teaching within the true Church."

Perhaps that statement from the preface of Mrs. Bulle's book best illustrates what she is trying to say. These distorted teachings don't appear out of thin air. Satan gets the believer at his weakest point, whether pride, greed or just the lack of a firm grounding in Scripture, and slowly distorts his thinking, twisting it little by little.

Of course, if Satan's target is a prominent preacher or teacher, the twisted idea becomes a "teaching," such as "Prosperity," or "Name it and claim it," or the "Shepherding movement."

If Satan only attacked prominent preachers and teachers, but no one paid any attention to them, the damage would be minimal and there would be no "movements," as these teachings are often called. The problem is, all Christians have weak points, blind spots and ears just waiting to be tickled by the right "teaching."

Therefore, readers of *God Wants You Rich*, be warned. This book is not just detached doctrinal treatise, nor is it a book that a person can read and mutter under his breath, "How can somebody believe that?"

Mrs. Bulle, whose credentials include long service as a Christian counselor, apparently speaks from long experience, both in dealing with victims of these teachings and her own grappling with them. She makes it clear that we are all vulnerable to twisted teachings and challenges the reader to examine his own beliefs and attitudes about his relationship with God.

This reviewer was especially pleased that Mrs. Bulle included a chapter on "After Death Experiences" and exposed Elisabeth Kubler-Ross as a spiritist. Far too many well-meaning people cite her work as "scientific proof" that there is life after death. If Jesus refused to let the demoniac continue proclaiming, "I know who you are, you are the Holy One of God," we do not need to quote Kubler-Ross and her spiritistic "revelations," whatever shred of truth they might contain.

—KAM



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