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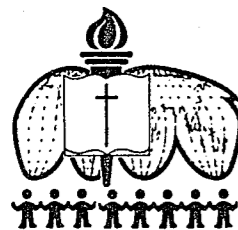
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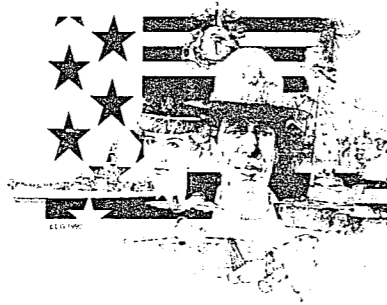
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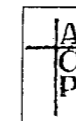
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# The Not-so-New Age Movement

by Gary Leazer

Someone has said, "People who don't remember the past are condemned to repeat it." Perhaps so. Something old in our land is calling itself "new." It has its own vocabulary and uses "buzz words" like holistic, visualization, personal growth, transformation, and self-consciousness. Trance channeling is one of its better known practices. The rainbow is said to be one of its

symbols. A few years ago, one of its leaders announced, "The Christ is here now." Other leaders insist their teachings are secular, even scientific, and not religious. This old philosophy with a new dress is the New Age Movement.

The New Age Movement is not new. Its spiritual roots are found in Satan's lie to the first human couple in the garden of Eden, "Ye

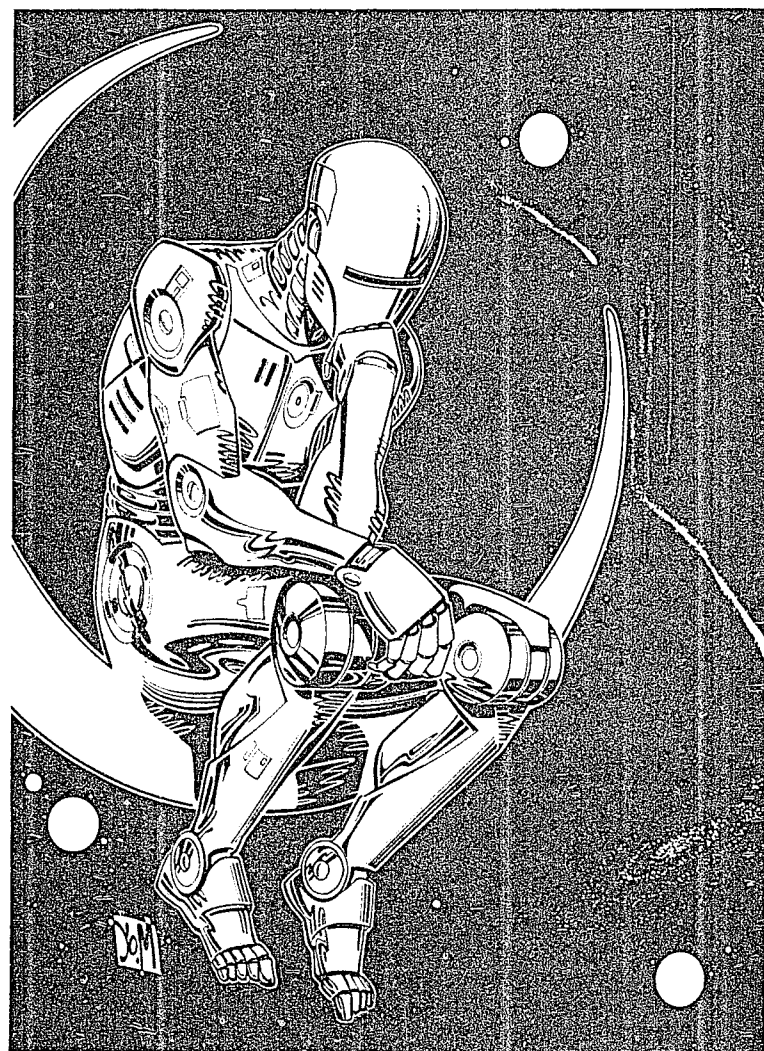
shall be as gods" (Gen. 3:5).

Its historical roots in the United States are found in the transcendentalism of the 19th century. Henry David Thoreau and Ralph Waldo Emerson promoted Hindu ideas, now popular in the New Age Movement, in their poetry, articles, and lectures. The Spiritualist Movement, begun by the Fox sisters in 1848, is a forerunner of trance channeling. The New Thought Movement, out of which came Unity School of Christianity, Christian Science, and Religious Science, is another forerunner.

Helena Blavatsky and Henry Olcott formed a Hindu-occult organization, called Theosophy, in 1875. Two successors, Annie Besant and Alice Bailey, continued their prophecy of a coming religious teacher, inspired by alleged communication with "ascended masters" from the mythical island of Atlantis. Besant and Bailey are often mentioned in New Age literature as forerunners.

The current interest in the New Age philosophy began with the counter-culture movement in the 1960s. Hindu and Buddhist gurus, whose teachings are the foundation of the New Age Movement, found an eager young audience in America. "Truth" was sought with mind-altering drugs. Experience, not the mind, was believed to lead to this "truth." Situational ethics announced that morality was determined by the individual. The occult, with its teachings of divination, astrology, and magic, was popular.

The theme song of the 1960s, "The Age of Aquarius," told about the passing of the Piscean astrological age and the dawning of a new age of peace, love, and happi-



ness in the Aquarian age. The New Age Movement teaches that we are on the verge of a new age of enlightenment, peace, and happiness. This emphasis is directed not only to humanity, but also to governments and the whole earth. Some New Agers openly talk about a utopia with a one-world government and a one-world religion.

From the Eastern mysticism and drug culture of the 1960s, the New Age Movement sprang forth in the early 1970s and is literally sweeping the country today. It is fueled by dozens of magazines like the *New Age Journal* and books like Marilyn Ferguson's best-selling *Aquarian Conspiracy*. New Age high priestess Shirley MacLaine has written four books about her pilgrimage into the New Age Movement. A five-hour ABC-TV movie, "Out on a Limb," brought MacLaine's New Age philosophy into our living rooms in 1987.

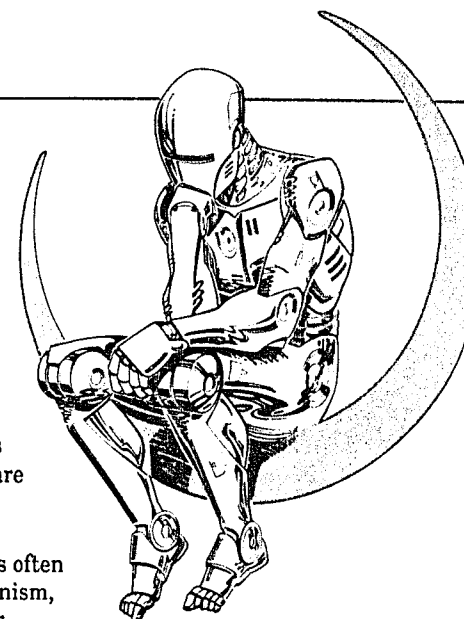
The New Age Movement is an umbrella term. A variety of people,

groups, and organizations to "create their own reality."

The New Age Movement has touched nearly every part of our lives. Music, television programs, movies, books, motivational workshops, health-food stores, alternative medical practices, and hundreds of products such as crystals and computer software introduce us to the New Age Movement.

The New Age Movement is often identified with secular humanism, but it is as opposed to secular humanism as it is to the biblical doctrine of one personal God who created all things. In reality, the New Age Movement stands directly between secular humanism with its denial of God and Christianity with its affirmation of one personal God. The New Age Movement proclaims that everyone is God.

While the New Age Movement consists of hundreds of loosely



Creator of all that exists (Gen. 1). Unlike New Agers, Christians distinguish between God and His creation; creation is real and separate from God.

2. **Everything is God.** The one reality of the New Age Movement is divine, a belief called pantheism. From its Hindu background, the New Age Movement's God is more an "it" than a personal God.

The Bible distinguishes between God and creation (Eccl. 5:2) and rejects the impersonal God of the New Age Movement. We are warned about worshiping creation rather than the Creator (Rom. 1:25).

3. **Human beings are divine.** Since we are gods, we are perfect and sinless.

The Bible says this self-deification is idolatry (Deut. 5:7). The ultimate Satanic sin assumes human beings are divine or equal with God. A person is adopted as a child of God when he accepts Christ as personal Savior (John 1:12), but humans will never be divine or equal with God.

4. **You will never die;** you have lived before and you will live again. Reincarnation, the belief we live again and again, is a basic teaching of the New Age Movement.

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organizations, practices, and ideas find shelter under its umbrella. It is not a centrally organized group with a single leader, although certain leaders, like Ferguson and MacLaine, are recognized as important spokespersons.

The New Age Movement includes specific groups such as Planetary Citizens and the Church Universal and Triumphant, but most New Agers do not belong to a single group or organization. They select ideas from many leaders,

organized groups, several unifying characteristics are common to all groups.

1. **All is one.** The New Age Movement denies any difference between God and creation. Only one reality exists; generally it is called Mind, Power, or Energy. This position is called *monism*. The world we see is an illusion because matter does not really exist; our minds have deceived us, according to New Agers.

The Bible states that God is

reincarnation. Its roots lie in Hinduism and the occult, not in the Bible. The Bible tells us a person will live only one life on earth, die, and be judged by God (Heb. 9:27).

5. **There are no absolutes;** there is no ultimate truth, no God who has spoken with finality. Each person determines what is right or wrong for himself.

The Bible tells us that God has spoken with power and authority and that it is sin to break His commandments (Deut. 5:29; 1 John 2:3-4). God has determined what is right and wrong.

6. **Humanity's problem is ignorance, not sin.** We have forgotten we are gods and divine. The solution is to discover our true nature: divinity. We erase our ignorance and discover our divinity through a multitude of experiences: meditation, chanting, mood-altering music, drugs, fasting, natural foods, guided imagery, attending seminars or dozens of other popular activities.

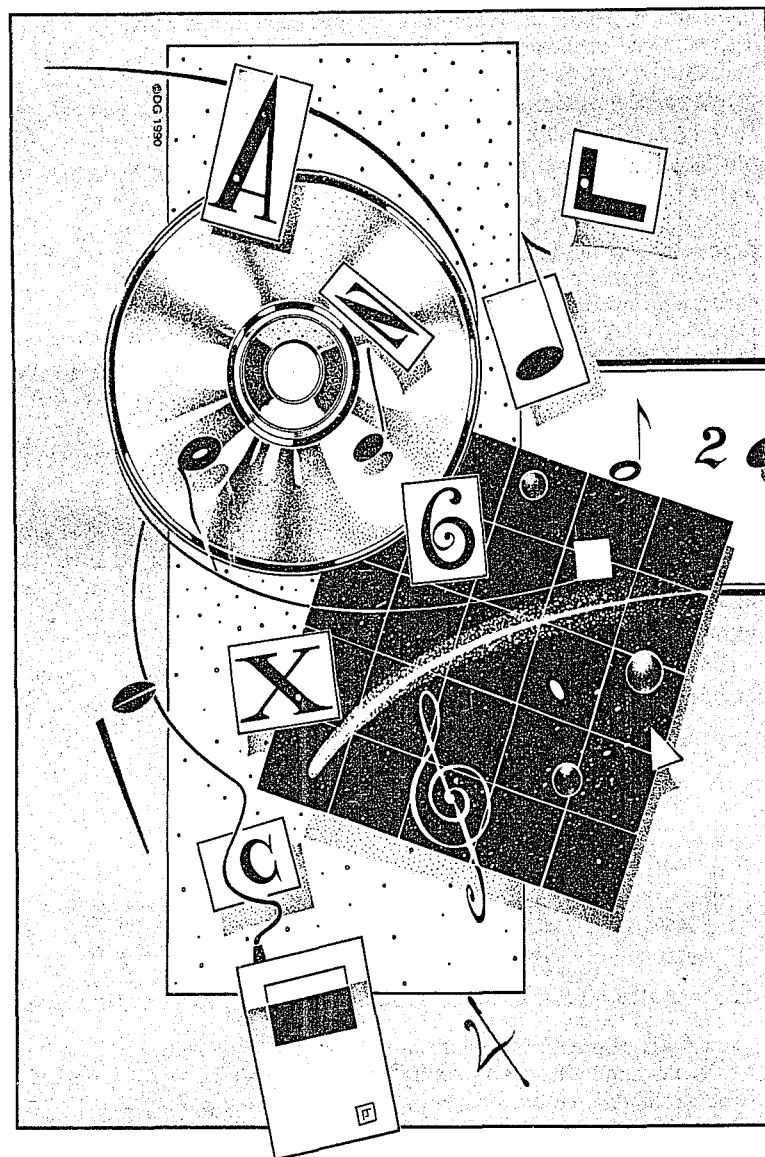
According to the Bible, the only solution to humankind's problem is the grace of God made available through faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior (John 3:16).

Trance channeling, a form of spiritualism, is one of the most popular activities in the New Age Movement. The channeler, or medium, puts himself or herself into a trance and allows "someone else" to take control and speak through the channeler. Information is said to be delivered during the trance which will help individuals realize self-consciousness or enlightenment. The channeler's voice usually changes dramatically during the trance while the "entity" speaks.

Among the most popular channelers is J.Z. Knight (born Judy Hampton) who claims to channel a 35,000-year-old ascended master from the lost island of Atlantis. Jack Pursel is another popular channeler. He channels an entity called Lazaris. Elizabeth Clare Prophet, leader of the Church

Universal and Triumphant, claims to have channeled Buddha, Jesus and his mother Mary, Saint Germaine, Pope John XXIII, Merlin the magician, and Christopher Columbus. The popular *Course in Mir-*

"Great Teacher" who would usher in world peace, end world hunger, and unite all religions. Creme's christ was not the Messiah of the Bible, but a man who received enlightenment as Creme claims



acles was channeled to Helen Schucman.

Another New Age promoter, Benjamin Creme, placed full-page advertisements in major newspapers in April 1982 to announce that "The Christ Is Here Now." According to Creme, christ would appear in the summer of 1982 as the

Jesus did. But, alas, Creme's christ still hasn't made his promised appearance.

More recently, an event known as a Harmonic Convergence was promoted by New Agers. Massive UFO sightings were promised at the first Harmonic Convergence in 1987. No UFO sightings were

reported by the estimated 20,000 persons who attended, an attendance considerably lower than the goal of 144,000 persons.

The New Age Movement is big business for many New Agers. Shirley MacLaine charges at least \$300 per person for weekend retreats. Sybervision, a New Age company, advertises its "personal achievement" tapes in airline magazines. Subliminal audio tapes with messages undetectable by the mind, yet allegedly picked up by the "inner mind," sell for \$11.98. One New Ager claims Americans spend \$100 million a year on crystals which they wear around their necks, carry in their pockets,

What do we make of the New Age Movement? Some Christians have looked at the New Age Movement and see a sinister conspiracy to usher in worship of the Antichrist. Constance Cumbe and Texe Marrs are two of the leading advocates of a conspiracy theory. Other Christians acknowledge that Satan is ultimately behind the New Age Movement and all other antibiblical religious teachings. Still, they have concluded that although New Agers would like to usher in a world religion based on New Age philosophy, no evidence exists of an organized conspiracy. But while they see no evidence of an organized conspiracy, they warn

equip ourselves to be able to discern the error in the New Age Movement. Three books are recommended at the end of this article.

3. We must become involved in changing society. Informed Christian involvement in the world outside the church building is essential. Begin or become involved in ongoing ministries to youth, persons in multifamily housing, and others who do not normally attend church. In other words, take the Gospel to them. Be involved in parent-teacher organizations and politics to present a Christian perspective and to watch for New Age teachings or practices. Help your children and friends know how to evaluate music and movies from a Christian perspective. Be an active Christian every day.

Take the Gospel to persons caught in the New Age web so that they will understand the good news and have an opportunity to respond in faith to Christ's invitation. Jesus said, "As you go, make disciples" (see Matt. 28:20). How else will they know the joy of being adopted as children of God?

The Interfaith Witness Department of the Home Mission Board of Southern Baptists recommends the following books on the New Age Movement:

Russell Changler. *Understanding the New Age*. Dallas: Word Publishing, 1988.

Douglas R. Groothuis. *Unmasking the New Age*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 1986.

Douglas R. Groothuis. *Confronting the New Age*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 1988. SR

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## The New Age Movement has touched nearly every part of our lives.

or display in their homes. Flotation tanks, "magnetic cocoons," and brain-sync machines cost thousands of dollars. Major corporations pay New Age consultants to motivate their employees to achieve peak human potential.

Alternative, and unproven, forms of healing are advanced by the New Age Movement. Iridology and rolfing are two of the most popular. Iridology, or iris diagnosis, is based on the belief that a person's physical condition and diseases can be diagnosed by looking into the iris of the eye. Rolfing is a deep massage which is supposed to tune the physical body with the earth's gravity field.

The New Age Movement is making inroads into education. A number of public school systems are using "guided imagery to enhance children's imagination, learning, and creativity."

The U.S. military has used New Age techniques to motivate soldiers.

against the equally dangerous position of denying the serious threat that the New Age Movement presents to the Christian faith. They call for Christians to be active in the world to combat this threat with the power and authority of the God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ.

What can we do about the growth of the New Age Movement today?

1. We must know what we believe and why, as well as teach others (2 Tim. 2:15). Keeping a person from becoming involved in the New Age Movement is much easier than getting him out once he has been involved. In-depth Bible study is the most effective defense against the heresy of the New Age Movement. A systematic but practical study of Christian doctrine should be undertaken immediately.

2. We must become knowledgeable about what the New Age Movement is and is not. We should



# Conflicting spirits and world views

by Rodney L. Henry

It is a strange and wonderful fact that different cultures can observe the same world in different ways. Cultures tend to pattern ways of perceiving things. This cultural pattern of filters and maps through which the world is perceived is called our "world view."

The world view of the Bible was an unscientific world view compared to the world view of modern Western culture. The biblical world view understood a world inhabited by an omnipresent, omnipotent, and omniscient God and a "heavenly host" of other spirit beings. Man was in constant interaction with God, angels, and demons, while the awesome and wonderful spirits called cherubim and seraphim surrounded God's throne.

Modern Western culture bristles nervously at the thought of the supernatural because by definition it cannot be explained by "known natural forces or laws." This has put the world view of the Bible in conflict with the world view of the Western world. My theory is that Western Christians have dealt with this conflict through compromise.

Western Christians must deal with a supernatural God who is spirit. But they must also deal with a natural world with its empirical, scientific explanations. To deal with this, Western Christians have made the supernatural world of God "other worldly." This other worldly view allows for a God in heaven, with nature and humans on earth.

This has made Western Christianity a religion of the ultimate concerns of heaven, hell, forgiveness, salvation, etc. These are supernatural issues that are dealt with by a supernatural God. This leaves the rest of the natural world

to be explained by the laws of science. So, for most Western Christians the world is neatly divided into the natural (dealing with earthly concerns) and the supernatural (dealing with heavenly, ultimate concerns).

Though the division of things into natural and supernatural is quite neat and tidy, it comes into conflict with the biblical world view of "this worldly" supernatural beings called angels and demons. To deal with the "this worldly"



spirits of angels and demons, most Western Christians have relegated them to the world of the symbolic. They would say that Satan and demons are not real beings but *symbols* of the evil in all of us. Or they would say that the biblical interactions between humans and spirit creatures are really natural phenomena which have been given supernatural explanations in the Bible. In the Western world view there is simply no room for "this worldly" spirits because it creates

does not put itself in conflict with the beliefs of the supernatural, "other worldly" religion (salvation,

met a missionary to the Third World who does not believe in the spirit world.

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### Western Christian World View

Supernatural Other Worldly
Natural This Worldly

### First Century Bible World View

Supernatural Other Worldly
Supernatural This Worldly
Natural This Worldly

too much conflict with our "this worldly" natural scientific explanations. (See the charts above which compare the Western and biblical world views.)

The Western Church has ignored the "excluded middle" world of spirits that interact with man on earth (Supernatural This Worldly). This is a rather new phenomenon in the history of the church.

The "excluded middle" or "this worldly" spirit world ignored by the Western Church has become the fertile soil in which the New Age movement has grown. New Age

heaven, hell) of Western Christianity. New Age addresses the beliefs of a "this worldly" spirit world on earth. The focus of New Age is to develop a relationship with the spirit world that will help you in the here and now, and not wait for the religion of Western Christianity with its "pie in the sky, by and by."

The New Age focus on the "this worldly" spirit world has come to a Western Christianity that is, for the most part, defenseless. What the Western Church sees as symbolic and simplistic, New Age sees as real and available.

I believe in a real being of the spirit world named Satan. In Job 1, we do not have the *symbol* of evil (Satan) speaking with the *symbol* of good (God). We have two spirit world beings communicating with each other. After Jesus' baptism he was confronted with the spirit person of Satan who tempted him in the wilderness. I believe in real, spirit creatures called demons. In his ministry, Jesus knew the difference between physical sickness and spirit-caused problems, and dealt with both differently (Matthew 10:8).

Jesus, himself, calls Satan a "liar and the father of lies" (John 8:44). Satan's lie in much of the non-Western world is that he is too powerful for anyone to do anything about it. Satan openly displays his power and thumbs his nose at the world. That is why I have never

In the Western world, Satan is still a liar but his lie is different. Satan's lie to the Western world is that he is not real; he doesn't really exist. It is not surprising that the Western world would believe this lie, but it is disappointing that the Western Church does.

The focus of the New Age is on a "this worldly" spirit world. They seek to draw people into relationships with spirits. Many Christians are subtly drawn into this because they see no conflict with their Christian religion of ultimate concerns. But God is a jealous God. The first two of the Ten Commandments deal with the issue of having other gods and ascribing worth to them (worship). This is sin.

If the Western Christian Church is going to deal with the issues of the New Age movement it is going to have to deal with its world view and the Bible on issues related to a "this worldly" spirit world. Fortunately, God has given us much insight and understanding of this spirit world in the Bible. Unfortunately, it does not do any good unless we believe it and apply it.

Study God's Word and ask His Spirit for a clear discernment and a proper answer to the world's questions. The conflict presses on. But so will God's people as we understand and live out His truth. **SR**

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## New Age: Same old lie

by Kevin Butler

Hmm... Nice soothing music. A sweet aroma of incense sticks and simmering potpourri. Attractive displays of store specials. Vibrant paintings, posters, and eye-catching gifts. Bestseller lists, magazines, videos to rent and buy—

Your usual local gift shop?

You might think so until you read the book titles more carefully or listened to the conversation between two employees: Visualization? Emotional harmonics? Spirit guides?

This was a New Age store, through and through.

Did I find this place in a major metropolitan mall? Try about four blocks from the SDB Center in quiet Janesville, Wisconsin.

Our friendly neighborhood New Age store has recently re-opened with an expanded sales area, while adding a meeting room and more "classes"—a sad-but-true commentary on the growth of the movement, and on the unsettling notion that it is so close to home, no matter where you live.

I wanted to investigate this place to see first-hand what they were peddling. Their original store sign had the words "New Age"

proudly displayed, but now I notice they're missing. Were too many "spies" checking them out? (Half way through my espionage assignment, I all of a sudden got real uncomfortable about wearing my new SDB logo watch.)

The clerk was very friendly; almost evangelistic. Our conversation didn't really warm up until we struck a connection on a store item. I mentioned a visit that my family and I made to a "diamond mine" this past summer in Herkimer, New York. "Why, we buy some of our crystals from there!" she exclaimed.

From there came the store tour, free literature, and a plea to sign up for their introductory meditation class. "Nothing 'weird,' you know..." she assured me. I assured her that I would think about it. I assure you that I did not sign up.

The books and material fascinated me, making me wonder, "Is this for real? Do people really believe this?"

Dr. Erwin Lutzer, speaking at the Moody Church in Chicago, outlined the subtle strategy that Satan and New Agers are using to hook this country into their way of thinking.

Lutzer lays down seven New

Age principles: 1) Promise people success. 2) Mix truth with error. 3) Sell the product under the guise of science. 4) Make the most of word games. 5) Communicate with entertainment. 6) Appeal to self. 7) Provide assurance that there are multiple ways to reach the divine.

Proponents of the New Age are using these subtle techniques—in every segment of our society, touching all age groups—to catch us unaware and slowly break down our belief system. Too many of these techniques are succeeding.

Biofeedback, automatic writing, transcendental meditation, astral flash, horoscopes, yoga, acupuncture, crystals, hypnosis, and ouija boards are among the over 150 jumping off points to being involved with occult phenomena, according to Lutzer.

I didn't see 150 occult items at the store, but I saw enough.

One of the New Age tenets says that the problem with humanity is ignorance, that somehow we have forgotten that we are divine; that Jesus was truly divine simply because he was in a "higher state of enlightenment." Check out the following extremist New Age book titles, magazine ads and author descriptions, and you decide how

"enlightened" (or ignorant) these followers are.

Some "choice" books: *The Mythic Imagination: Your Quest for Meaning Through Personal Mythology*; *Return to the Garden*; *What Survives? Contemporary Explorations of Life After Death*; *Future Lives*, *A Fearless Guide to our Transition Times*; *Soul Return: Integrating Body, Psyche and Spirit*; *Adventures in Kinship with All Life*.

Magazine ads for: "The Transformation Game™...The Game that Can Change Your Life!"—a board

stress." No price listed. Aw...

But wait! I called the special toll-free number to get more information. The man on the phone did not disappoint me. This silver dollar-sized marvel comes in your choice of 11 different gems, can heal various bodily functions, works on your "chakra" (or adrenaline for us laymen), can regenerate your chromosomes and alter your RNA and DNA structure, and give you more energy! All this for only \$100.

People, millions of them, are buying into all this!

**We must go beyond the flashy show that says, "Hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil." It is evil!**

game resembling Trivial Pursuit™ which has "Life Setback" cards along with mental, emotional, and spiritual level scorecards. You are urged to purchase the game because "self discovery and growth become exciting and fun with this extraordinary tool of clarification and communication." Sells for \$34.99.

Or how about a "Nuclear Receptor"? This has got to be the item for the person who has everything—

except a piece of Pleiadian technology! The Pleiadians, for the uninformed non-New Ager, are supposedly a group of highly evolved beings from the Pleiades Star System. They "contacted" Dr. Fred Bell in 1981 and divulged information about a technological medalion, that, when worn, "absorbs negative energy and transforms it into a harmonious frequency before it enters the body." This amazing little piece of jewelry, about one and a half inches in diameter, looks like a miniature satellite dish, and promises to protect the wearer from "the harmful effects of environmental pollution, toxic foods and

How about the latest on the channeling front? Channeling is where a medium goes into a hypnotic state and allows a voice from the past or "another world" to speak through their body. Check out some of these voices:

"Bashar" is perceived by (the channeler) as an extraterrestrial consciousness from a planet called Essasani. He has his own body, his own world, in an altered dimension. He is from a telepathic society."

"Sebastian and Lenore," merman and mermaid, are descendants of the ancient race of human-like beings whose stories we still see reflected in the tales of Atlantis and Noah's flood....They are very grateful to be heard."

"Yokar," the Atlantean spirit guide, was an Earthling himself some 50,000 years ago. Yokar was an Ahkaden, an elder and overseer, a priest of the law of the One Most High...."

And, of course, our "friends" the Pleiadians, channeled by a lovely blonde from North Carolina. Describing these extraterrestrials, they are here "to participate in the

new experiment of Earth. The Pleiadians are here as ambassadors from another universe to help Earth through her transition from the third dimension to the fourth dimension..."


But no matter how ridiculous all this sounds, the truth is that there may be some actual voices behind the channeling—voices of demonic spirits totally deceiving the channeler. Scary stuff.

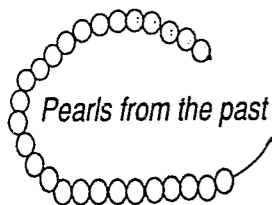
These are obvious extremes that we can recognize from New Age fanatics. It is much easier to say "No way" to these beliefs and practices. But beware of the underlying, insidious footholds hiding in your television programs, your motivational tapes, your children's textbooks and music, your own job.

Perhaps we as believers in the True Spirit have turned too far inward and are pretending that there is no battle for our attention, our minds, our children. We must perceive the real intentions behind this movement and go beyond the flashy show that says, "Hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil." It is evil!

Be aware of the following publishers and suppliers, and their New Age connections: New World Library, Tree of Life Publications, Newattitude, Self Realization Fellowship, Inner Light Publications, and the list is growing with more subtle titles.

Please review Gary Leazer's article and his conclusions. We must know and teach what we believe. We must learn about the New Agers and truly discern the movement's errors. And let's get more of Christianity involved in society, as Christ was so involved with his society.

Our local New Age store clerk seemed so sincere and involved. But I regret that she is sincerely wrong and involved with some deadly games. 



## Confronting the New Age— in 1900

by Don A. Sanford, historian

A.H. Lewis was a man before his time with his prophetic look into the 20th century. In his book, *Letters to Young Preachers*, published in 1900, he gave the future pastors of the denomination insight into some of the thoughts and action which would affect their ministry for 50 years and more. He identified the character of the new century as being a commercial age,

a political age, a scientific age, and a Sabbathless age. If I did not know that he had written this chapter at the beginning of the century, I could argue that it must have been written at the end of the 20th century, for he describes some of the current New Age philosophy with sound advice as to how it should be met. In part he wrote:


### A scientific age

The next fifty years will be intensely scientific. Periods of great intellectual activity are likely to be unfavorable to the growth of spiritual religion. Men become absorbed in seeking after hidden things, and each new development adds to the commercial spirit of which we have already spoken, and to the desire to learn and attain more which approximates insanity. All this will assail the formative period in the lives of those men with whom you will have to deal.

In a peculiar manner, also does scientific investigation threaten

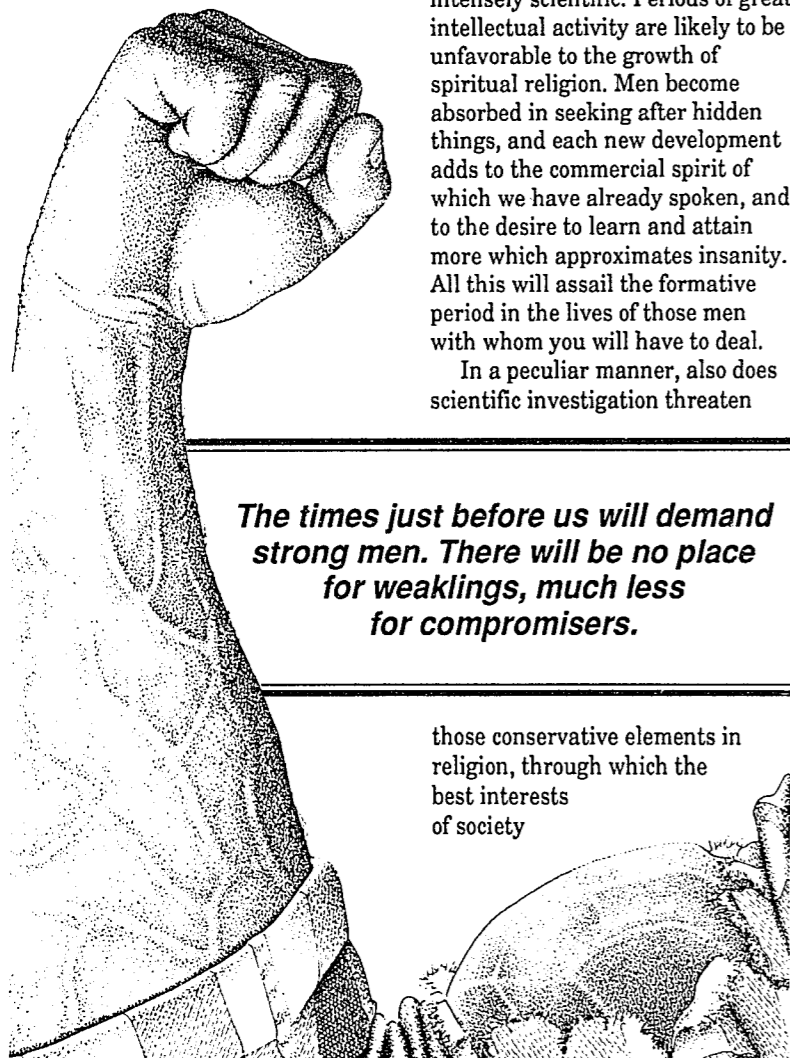
are maintained. In such a period you must be conservative without bigotry, broad-minded without recklessness, and able to save men from that indifference to religion which comes from intellectual greatness and scientific research. You will be condemned by the extreme scientists if you are safely conservative; and yet you must learn that it is a part of God's plan that much which is traditional in religious life, or imperfect in our understanding of the plans and purposes of God, must yield to the unfolding of greater knowledge in the on-going history of the world.

In such a time as is coming, you must be well-informed, not only in matters pertaining to religion, but in matters touching all these practical questions to which I have referred, and to the problems that will arise. You are to be careful students of the Word, much alone with your own hearts and God, and at the same time you must be familiar with the important phases of human history and human experience, as they constantly arise. Religion in the twentieth century cannot live in a cloister, and the minister for that age cannot spend all his time in the quiet of his library, nor in the secret retreat of prayer. As a man of God commissioned to defend and sustain the highest and most important interests that touch human life, he must be, to some extent, a man of the world, carrying his Godliness into the current of the world's life. He cannot be dictatorial, but he must be powerful. The times just before us will demand strong men. There will be no place for weaklings, much less for compromisers.

You will need to make the prayer for strength a part of every petition. 

**The times just before us will demand strong men. There will be no place for weaklings, much less for compromisers.**

those conservative elements in religion, through which the best interests of society



# SR Almanac

Where we  
have been...

### One year ago—December 1989

Pastors Herb Saunders, John Peil, and Don Sanford present articles on the "covenant" theme.

Examples of past and present church covenants show our diversity and underlying unity.

Joe Samuels, Conference president, reveals specific outline of his "Vision of Unity."

Encouraging reports from outreach ministries in Finland, Miami, and Rapid City.

Free Eye-Clinic Camp, in memory of Rev. B. John V. Rao, held in India.

Denver church excited with "NET" program.

### Five years ago—December 1985

Excerpts from the *Lead-Line* highlight news items from 1985.

Executive Secretary Dale Thorngate covers the Conference year with his annual report.

Two California branch churches, in Carson and Santa Barbara, recognized.

Yearly meeting at Plainfield, New Jersey, cancels Friday evening service due to Hurricane Gloria.

Obituary of Rev. Floyd Goodson recorded.

### 10 years ago—December 1980

Conference President Charles Graffius relates his visit to the first Australasian Conference of SDBs.

Allegheny Association (New York) ordains Steven Crouch and welcomes Rev. Joe Samuels.

Seminary graduates listed: Clifford Bond, Perry Cain, Dennis Palmer, William Shobe, and Jeanne Wilhelm (Yurke).

David Clarke begins editing *The Helping Hand*.

Lost Creek, West Virginia, church kicks off a year of celebrating their 175th anniversary.

### 25 years ago—December 1965

Conference President Marion Van Horn explains his theme, "I Have a Stewardship."

Pastor Duane Davis readies for dedicated service to Jamaica, while Pastor Paul Burdick returns from a visit with his son in Malawi.

After the mid-year Commission meeting, duties are outlined for the new Conference General Secretary.

Bumper stickers promoted: "The 7th Day (Sat.) is the Sabbath of the Lord."

The Tract Society promotes resources from the Audio-Visual Aids and Radio and TV Committees.

### 50 years ago—December 1940

SDB women and children missionaries leave China.

Pages share a personal letter from the Mill Yard (London) church pastor, James McGeachy, during time of war.

Lone Sabbathkeeper in Racine, Wisconsin, asks for more *Recorders* from readers. He "has distributed thousands... during the past ten or more years."

Pastor Paul Maxson ordained at the Berlin, New York, church.

Pastor Orville Babcock preaches on our "Supreme Allegiance" (to God) during perilous times.

Pastor Marion Van Horn dedicated as Promoter of Evangelism.

### 75 years ago—December 1915

Long dissertation opposing SDB membership in the Federation of Churches.

Christian Endeavor's "Tenth Legion," a club where members set apart at least a tenth of their income for religious work, promoted.

Powerful testimony shared by Bill Stiles, one of the last members of the James' gang.

Suggestion for a "*Sabbath Recorder Day*": a day set apart "in which each one shall try to secure some new subscriber."

Several articles decry certain questionable "amusements" of the day.

...where are we headed?

### Pray...

- for a clear vision for our church leaders
- that we are moved to evangelize
- for our work overseas
- for effective media outreach
- that our list of students increases
- for a revival in sacrificial giving
- that our love for others grow stronger





Women's Society page by Charlotte Chroniger

## Study the old—not "new"—truth

"See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ" (Colossians 2:8 NASB).

Many of our churches have been studying our SDB Statement of Beliefs during Sabbath School. We see how the foundations of our faith are based on Jesus Christ and on God's Word, the Bible.

It is exciting for me to see our adults and young people searching the Scriptures to find the truth about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Bible, sin and salvation, and the Sabbath. As we apply these truths to our hearts and minds, we can prepare ourselves to be able to discern (with the guidance of the Holy Spirit) what philosophies and world views around us are not of God.

In order to discern what is counterfeit, we must know what is real. In order to discern wrong teaching, we must know what is true and right teaching. We can find all the true teaching we want in the Bible. The Bible is the book we must study with zeal and enthusiasm. We must memorize these truths so they can be sealed in our hearts to guide and strengthen us as we come in contact with the many false teachings being promoted today.

There are many deceptive philosophies and false teachings in the world. We can find them promoted in the news media, in books, in our public schools and colleges, on television, in the toy section of any department store. Satan is doing all he can to lure us from the foundations of our faith in Christ. He wants to present alter-

natives to the world that will promise more peace, more happiness, more meaning to life than what Jesus Christ has to offer. Satan is using New Age thinking, the occult, and many cults to deceive the Christian community as well as unbelievers.

We must be on the alert. We must take the offensive in overcoming Satan's deceptions and lies to the world. How do we do that? By reading and reading and studying and memorizing God's Holy Word, and by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with those around us. There are many people who will be lured into New Age thinking or into the occult or into a cult because they are searching for something—love, acceptance, power, peace of mind, etc. They are falsely led to believe that these groups have all the answers to the problems in the world and to the problems in their individual lives. Jesus Christ is the only answer to the world's dilemma. We must make sure that those who are searching for something find Jesus Christ first, before they discover what appears to be good but in reality is evil.

Before we can share the truth, we must know and experience the truth ourselves. Are you convinced of the absolute truth of God's Word? Are you sure that Jesus is the only way, the only truth, and the only life?

Hold onto your belief and your faith. Paul told Timothy to "continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them; and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus... Guard what has

been entrusted to you, avoiding worldly and empty chatter and the opposing arguments of what is falsely called 'knowledge,' which some have professed and thus gone astray from the faith" (2 Tim. 3:14-15, 1 Tim. 6:20, NASB). **SR**

(In addition to studying the Scriptures, you may find the following books helpful: *The New Age Cult* by Walter Martin, published by Bethany House; *Unholy Devotion—What Cults Lure Christians* by Harold L. Bussell, published by Zondervan; and *Your Child and the New Age* by Berit Kjos, published by Victor Books.)

P.S. By the time you read this, your church women should have received the first issue of the Women's Board newsletter, "Not To Be Served, But To Serve." Make sure you get a copy and read it. Then send us your thoughts about it: Mrs. Charlotte Chroniger, P.O. Box 145, Shiloh, NJ 08353.



## The President's Page

# Houghton readying for SDBs

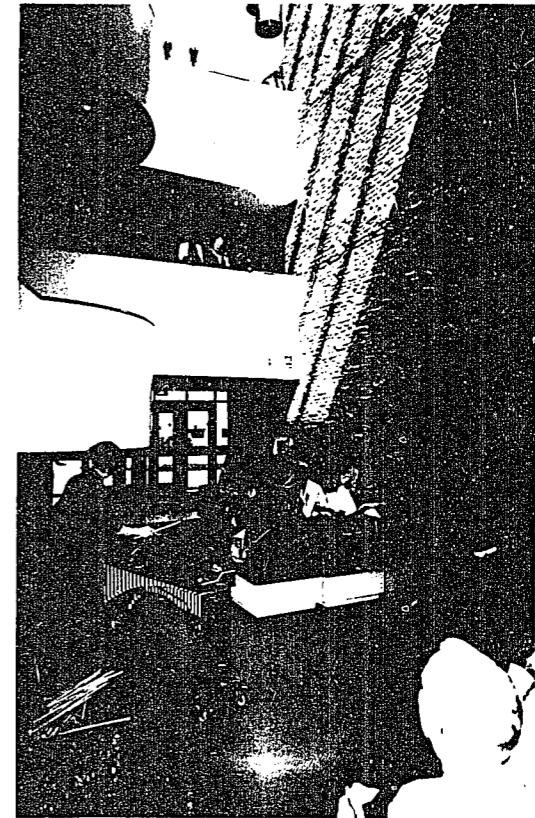
by Althea Rood



Althea Rood

Recently I visited Houghton College in New York state in preparation for our General Conference in August 1991. The fall colors were at their peak and the college was even more beautiful than I had remembered. (For those of you who haven't been to Houghton, it is important that you know it is a very small town and you will not do your shopping or go to any restaurants there.)

Something that impressed me about the college was the close proximity of all the buildings that we will use regularly. Since our last visit to Houghton, there is now a new four-story academic building which we will use for our committee meetings and also for some of our offices. It is elevator-equipped



Inside of the new academic building at Houghton College. (Photo from the Houghton Millieu.)

and has a lovely atrium in the center. The chapel for our main meetings is large, beautiful, com-

fortable, and sports an organ that promises to provide us much inspiration.

While at Houghton, I met and spoke with several of the staff there. They are wonderful Christian people and desire to make our week of Conference a very pleasant experience. I also had the opportunity to have lunch there, and I promise you lots of good food choices! And they must have been warned about Seventh Day Baptists and their ice cream—I counted 14 two-and-one-half gallon tubs. This should be available at meals and for our evening fellowship time.

Make plans to attend our 1991

General Conference, August 11-17 at Houghton College, Houghton, New York! **SR**

### Videos recommended for study before Conference at Houghton College

Conference President Althea Rood has recommended these videos that go along with her theme, "Called to Obedience":

"The Journey to Spiritual Maturity"  
"Ten Bible People Like Me"

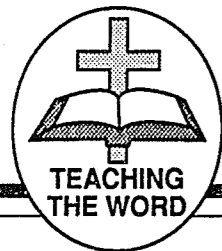
Both of these tapes by Jamie Buckingham are available on a free loan basis from the SDB Audiovisual Library.

Write: SDB Center, PO Box 1678, Janesville, WI 53547

### Boo... Heard the latest Conference joke?

"Knock-knock."  
"Who's there?"  
"Althea."  
"Althea who?"  
"Althea at Conference!!"





## Christian Education

### New baptism resource for Seventh Day Baptist churches

# BAPTISM:



# ORDINATION TO CHRISTIAN VOCATION

Are your prospective church members ready for baptism? Do they understand the biblical foundation for immersion? Are they prepared to assume active roles as covenant members? Does your congregation have a theological basis to prepare these new Christians for church membership?

Today, more persons are coming to our churches and asking more questions about Seventh Day Baptists and our understanding of Holy Scripture. A theology of baptism is therefore necessary for each Christian to appreciate all aspects of the church's covenant life: initiation (joining), membership in a covenant group, the Lord's Supper, worship, fellow-

ship, service, education, and evangelism. *Baptism: Ordination to Christian Vocation*, a 35-page booklet, takes your questioning visitor, prospective member, baptismal group, or church study group through a study of the meaning and importance of Christian baptism. Written by Ernest Bee, executive director of the Board of Christian Education, this new publication is printed in easy-to-read 11 point type.

- Contents—
- Part I—*Baptism: Theology and Practice*
  - Chapter 1—Christ's Baptism and Instruction
  - Chapter 2—The Apostles' Practice of Baptism
  - Chapter 3—Baptism in the Early Church
  - Part II—*Baptism: Christian Ordination*
  - Chapter 4—Vocational Affirmation
  - Chapter 5—Confirmation of Baptismal Ordination: The Lord's Supper

Copies for church and individual use are \$2 each and may be ordered from the Seventh Day Baptist Center, Box 1678, Janesville, WI 53547-1678.

### Because you make a difference!

New churches frequently find funds a little short to purchase needed Sabbath School curriculum materials. Seventy percent or more of their small budgets are designated for pastoral leadership. Our overseas brothers and sisters all too often are in a similar shortage situation.

Would you place them on your or your church's Christmas gift list? A gift to the Board's **Helping Hand Church Fund** will insure that a new church or overseas mission will continue to receive copies of *The Helping Hand* during 1991. Churches can be supplied *Helping Hands* for one quarter for \$25. Your support by designating your gift to this fund will also benefit your church's Denominational Budget commitment.

Please give to the **Helping Hand Church Fund!**



## FOCUS on Missions

by Leon R. Lawton

### Australasian SDB Conference—SDBWF '92 Session

A hosting committee has been established for the January 1992 SDB World Federation Session, to be held following the Conference session in the Auckland, New Zealand, area. Andrew Peters is the chairman of the committee. The SDBWF Executive Committee has established a travel fund to help match needs for delegates from SDB Conferences unable to pay the full expense. Special gifts to this fund are sought.

### SDBs extending for eternity

An emphasis on our outreach ministries led by Director of Extension Russell Johnson was given in the new tri-fold sent to every SDB home. With it was also the 1991 Calendar and an opportunity for individuals to support missions—national and international—through voting membership in the Society or becoming members of the 200 Club.

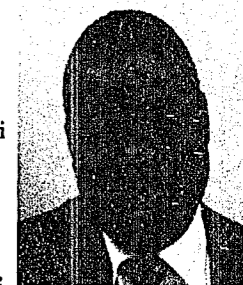
### Cameroon, West Africa

Rev. John Mpako, executive secretary of the Native Baptist Church of Cameroon (NBCC), reports, "We are worshipping on Saturday and our following increases every Sabbath. Two churches have been opened up. We are growing from strength to strength." Under the umbrella of the NBCC, Sabbath-keeping Baptists can now worship and share their faith. The NBCC with 10,000 members was received into membership of the Baptist World Alliance at the Seoul, Korea, Congress last August.

The initial lesson book on law and grace for the new Pastor's Training Class (modeled after our T.I.M.E. training in the USA) has been written by Director of Pastoral Services, Rodney L. Henry, and is being translated and printed in four languages used in the Native Baptist Churches. It is hoped that 200 or more pastors will enroll and finish this study early in the new year. Pastor Henry plans to lead their Pastors' Conference to close this module early in 1991. This ministry is made possible by a special grant from the Memorial Board Trustees.

### Miami, Florida, USA

The Ephesus SDB Fellowship, under the leadership of Dr. Romulus Honore, became a branch extension group of the Miami SDB Church the first of October. The 13 initial members are from Haiti and minister for Christ to the thousands of Haitians in the greater Miami area. They currently meet at 7929 N.E. First Avenue in Miami.



Dr. Romulus Honore



Some of the members of the Ephesus SDB Fellowship.

### Malawi, Africa

In October the vice-director of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees visited the Chipho clinic to assess the growing need. He was encouraged to find the new clinic open and seeking to meet the needs of the thousands of new refugees from nearby Mozambique. They were hopeful that medicine and staff funds would be provided. The first bore hole for water was completed by the end of October, and others are being drilled. Additional staff houses are also being built.

The SDB United Relief Fund provided a substantial grant in October for medical and physical aid to these refugees. They are fighting cholera and other diseases, and prayer support is requested for workers, refugees and all their needs.



# the BEACON

Produced by the Youth Committee of the Board of Christian Education  
For and by members of the SDB Youth Fellowship December 1990

## Is there a Youth Group in the house?

We would love to hear from you!

If your YF is enjoying new activities, venturing into new ministries, or just learning how to cope with everyday problems—PLEASE share what's working locally with other groups around the country! Who knows? Maybe you will help start or revive another YF, then meet some new friends at Pre-Con and Conference!

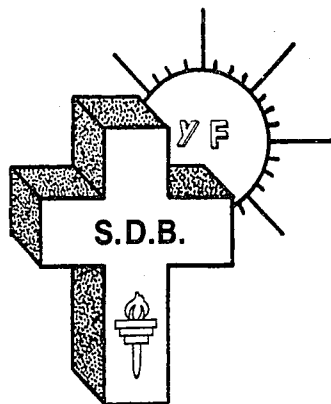
### Share your YF's good news in *The Beacon*.

Write to:  
SDB Board of  
Christian Education  
PO Box 115  
Alfred Station, NY 14803

## New YF logo

At their denominational Youth Fellowship meeting at Conference, members voted to adopt a new YF logo. The logo was designed by Carl Greene and Dan Stall from Berlin, New York. Congratulations, guys!

So, may we present, to the Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship of USA and Canada, your new logo:



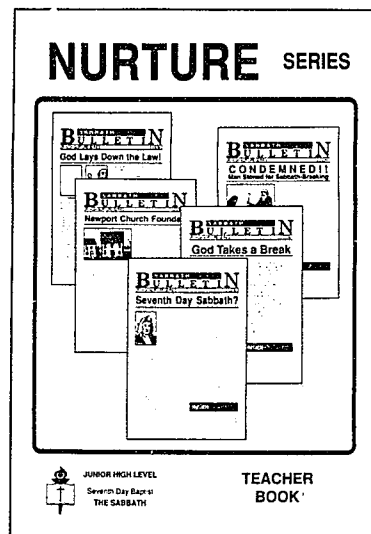
## New Nurture Series

A new Junior High Nurture Series on the Sabbath is almost completed.

The series, edited by Matthew G. Olson, features a teacher's book and student "Sabbath Bulletins." These weekly Bulletins will present the "latest" in what's happening, biblically and historically, in relation to God's Sabbath. Sports, weather, funnies, and even some serious stuff will provide solid insight into the Day, and how God's people have benefited from this precious gift.

Grab a teacher (gently)

and make sure you place your order soon!



# Pastor Profile

**Name:** Everett C. Dickinson

**Birthdate and place:**

January 19, 1948, Bridgeton, New Jersey

**Current pastorate:**

Foothill Community Church, LaCañada, California

**Family:**

Wife--Linda  
Son--Gregory, 15  
Son--Jeremy, 12

**Education:**

Bridgeton High School  
B.A.--Melodyland School of Theology  
M.Div.--Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary

**Former pastorates/employment:**

Melodyland Christian Center (one year internship)  
Marlboro SDB Church (seven years--three years as student pastor, four years full time)

**My first job was:**

Milking cows for my father.

**Personal hero:**

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

**Favorite childhood memory:**

Playing in the snow barefoot.

**Favorite Bible passage:**

Psalm 37:4 "Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart."



**Favorite author:**

William Manchester, C. Peter Wagner

**If given an all-expense paid vacation:**

We would go to Austria or Switzerland in the winter.

**A great answer to prayer was:**

Being able to enter the full-time pastoral ministry (which encompasses a series of answered prayers).

**A church project I'm excited about:**

Starting cell-group ministries.

**My vision for SDBs:**

That we quickly learn how to plant new churches on a massive scale.

## News of First Hopkinton

by Thelma Tarbox

Our pastor, Harold King, and his wife, Kathi, came to us in Ashaway, Rhode Island, in November 1989. Pastor Harold's first sermon emphasized a "New Begin-



The First Hopkinton SDB Church building in Ashaway, Rhode Island.

ning." He reminded us that in Christ, we are created for good works. As "witnesses-salt-light" we are to serve in the name of Christ, and by helping others we are "representatives" of Christ. But pens write only if there is ink in the tube; we must have Jesus in our hearts if we are to serve God.

This has been a busy year. We have celebrated with parties and gifts the 90th birthdays of four of our members—Clarence Crandall, Jim Waite, Bessie Morgan, and Ira Murphy.

The men of the church have repaired and painted the ramp, and planted shrubbery in front of it.

Good fellowship continues with

local churches. Community holiday services, Vacation Bible School, and hymn sings have emphasized our spirit of Christian unity.

Special activities for the women of the church have included "a night of sharing and fellowship" with the group that holds Sunday worship in our meeting house. Our Ladies Aide sponsored a "Neighbor's Nite" at which they served a delicious meal to the women of three area churches. Other projects were making May baskets and distributing them to shut-ins, initiating monthly dish-to-pass meals after the Sabbath service (with the hope that older citizens and others might join us for a "home-cooked" meal), and having two very successful flea market tables at a local Grange.

On Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, and Children's Day, the Sabbath School youngsters provided programs of song and skits during the worship hour.

On September 22, we celebrated a dedication service for the re-finished floor and beautiful new carpet in our sanctuary. "We thank the Lord for this symbol in remembrance of those whose dedicated lives have brought joy—who have worked diligently in making our sanctuary a lovely place to gather together to praise the Lord."

Weekly we are challenged by the words on our bulletin: "An historic church with a renewed vision." We are thankful for our historic past, but even more so we look to the future with hope. *SR*

## New pastor (and former ones) in Nortonville

Sabbath Day, August 4, was a noteworthy Sabbath as the Nortonville, Kansas, SDB Church installed its new pastor, Robert S. Harris, dedicated Carlie Marie Smith, and entertained 36 guests on their way to General Conference at Lindsborg, Kansas.

The installation service was enhanced by having visiting ministers assume parts in the service. The Rev. Edgar Wheeler, Lost Creek, West Virginia, had charge of the call to celebration. Revs. Don and Charlotte Chroniger of Shiloh, New Jersey, provided special music for the service.

Dr. Kenneth Smith gave the charge to the church. The covenant of dedication was led by Winston Wheeler, church moderator. Pastor Katherine Rosdahl of the local Methodist church, welcomed the Harris family to the community. Rev. Paul Osborn, Albion, Wisconsin, presented the morning message.

Rev. Harold King, Ashaway, Rhode Island, had charge of the part of the service in which joys and concerns were received. He then led in the morning prayer.

Pastor Harris spoke briefly to the congregation expressing his delight to be here as their pastor. He then closed the service with a benediction. Following the service, the right hand of fellowship was extended by both the local congregation and the visitors. Eighty-eight individuals were present for the two-hour service. A fellowship dinner followed. It was extra special to have all our former pastors who have served since the mid-'60s here for the installation. *SR*

## September Sabbaths special at Central

September was "Harvest Month" at the Central SDB Church in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Special activities each Sabbath encouraged members to attend services and bring their friends. On September 1, the Rev. Don Chroniger, pastor of the Shiloh, New Jersey, SDB Church brought the morning message. September 8 was Sabbath School promotion and dedication of Sabbath School teachers. Septem-

ber 15 was Covenant Sabbath on which each member was asked to sign the church covenant as a sign of renewal and encouraged to give a testimony as the covenant was brought forward. On September 22, two leaders of local missionary organizations spoke at the morning worship service—Larry Jaffrey of the Chosen People Ministry, and Captain Hopkins of the American Rescue Workers Mission. On Sep-

tember 29, we held our monthly fellowship meal following the morning worship service. Activities did not end in September. A church retreat was held at Jersey Oaks Camp on the weekend of October 12-14 with the theme of "Getting Back on Track." Study topics and panel discussions emphasized prayer and public and private devotions. *SR*

## Looking back thankfully

by Albert N. Rogers

God has given me the opportunity to serve six different congregations, and in each period of time there are things I remember gratefully.

At Waterford, Connecticut, I remember the first thrill of baptizing a new member in the shallows

rine was reported sighted in Long Island Sound.

At Alfred Station, New York, I remember two paralyzed women and how glad they were when I stopped by their homes. And there were service stars in more than 50 front windows marking the absence

ing in Plainfield, New Jersey, not least my wife's aunt Evalois St. John. They taught me a great deal about our denominational life as well as the printing and publishing business.

And then I remember the man in the Union University Church at Alfred who asked me to pray that he might die, for he was in great pain. I asked the Lord to take him home.

Through all the years my dear wife, herself a pastor's daughter, has supported me and believed in my commitment. She and the Lord have given me strength. *SR*

### *In each period of time there are things I remember gratefully.*

of Long Island Sound. It was like my own baptism in the Beaver Creek at Brookfield, New York, where the church members who had nurtured me sang "O Happy Day."

During our pastorate in New York City I remember Deacon Harry Prentice leading the singing at Sabbath School and many other devoted members. I remember also how Mrs. McDonough, a house-mother at the orphanage near our home, would call the little boys to her knees when I came for evening prayers and how very quiet they were. We tilled Victory Gardens in those World War II days outside the city. There were anxious days and nights when a hostile subma-

of "boys" in service for the war. And it was a privilege also to work in the Alfred University School of Theology and share the commitment of others until its doors were closed.

In Denver, Colorado, I remember a widow who asked my advice about marrying a former school friend who had lost his first wife, and I could encourage her for I knew he had been faithful. The weeks spent at Paul Hummel camp in the Rocky Mountain foothills were very rewarding and friendships made there live through the years.

I found many helpful and conscientious individuals while working at the Seventh Day Baptist Build-

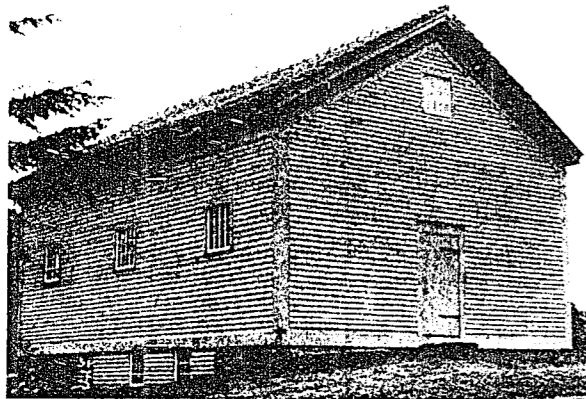


Rev. Albert N. Rogers



## A different kind of revival

A Seventh Day Baptist meeting house used in the mid-1800s is getting ready to hold more meet-



Meeting house of the Baker's Bridge SDB Church in Alfred Station.

ings—for some local historians.

The 159-year-old Baker's Bridge SDB Meeting House in Alfred

## New England yearly meeting

The 1990 New England Yearly Meeting of Seventh Day Baptist Churches was held on September 29 at the First SDB Church of Hopkinton in Ashaway, Rhode Island. This was a late change from the plan to meet in the old Newport, Rhode Island, meeting house due to structural damage to the building there.

Pastor Leon Lawton led the over 100 in attendance in worship. Pastor Harold King brought the morning message, "Remembering Our Past to Find Our Future." Pastor David Taylor led the communion service which followed the message. A fellowship dinner was held at the Ashaway parish house.

Officers elected for 1991 are Leon Lawton, president; Joseph Roberts, vice president; Cindy Nadeau, secretary; and William Grove, treasurer.

We hope to be able to meet in Newport next year. *SR*

Station, New York, had seen many changes and years of deterioration. Then Douglas and Mary Jane

Burdick decided to donate the building to the Baker's Bridge Historical Association for restoration. The association is working hard to restore the building to its original appearance.

Built in 1831, the old

meeting house was originally located in Goose Pasture. Seventh Day Baptists met there to worship for about 28 years until the congregation outgrew that facility and constructed a new building in 1857.

Three years later, John and Freeborn Hamilton bought the old building for \$70 at public auction, and moved it to its present location on Hamilton Hill Road.

The large one-room building with basement and attic has been

used as a horse barn, a wood shingle factory, a blacksmith shop, and a residence.

For the much-needed restoration, the Historical Association held several fund raisers, but donations of time, money, and material have been outstanding. Trees for siding were donated by local friends. Workers took the cut wood and planed it to one-inch thickness. Some made the windows while others fit the frames with rolled glass. A mason volunteered his expertise and engineered the stone wall replacement. Other donations came in the form of lumber, sand, trucking, scaffolding, and a painted sign.

BBHA members who have helped in the restoration include: Russell Allen, Clinton Burdick, Lyle Cornelius, Robert Lewis Sr., Lyle Palmiter, Terry Palmiter, Donald Pierce, Lloyd Pierce, Russell Saeger, Lauren Soule, Roger Thomas, Donald Van Horn, and Burr Woodruff.

The association, founded in 1976, is comprised of 75 members. They plan to use their "new" space for meetings, research offices, and artifact storage. *SR*

## Till death do us part

by Jasmine Lynch

If you think marriage is on the way out, you haven't met William and Roselyn Vis. They were married at the First Baptist Church in Carson, New Jersey, on September 28, 1937.

The Miami Seventh Day Baptist Church celebrated the Vises' 53rd anniversary September 29. Pastor Samuels read the marriage vow and extolled them for their dedication and love to each other. Sis. Lynch sang "I Love You Truly," and Sis. Louise Miller presented them

with a gift from the church.

We then returned to the Fellowship Hall where the children sang "Happy 53rd Anniversary" to them while they cut a beautiful cake given by Sis. Beryl Mamby.

We all shared in an unforgettable fellowship dinner. Needless to say, we were inspired and encouraged to know that if we grow together spiritually, it is possible to have a long, rich, and fulfilling married life until death do us part. *SR*

## Great fellowship twice a year

by Seili Bond

Twenty-four people from the Dodge Center, Minnesota, church spent the weekend of October 13-15 in New Auburn, Wisconsin, for another Semiannual meeting between these two groups. The weather was lovely, the fall leaves were gorgeous, and the New Auburn people were gracious hosts and hostesses. Theme for the weekend was "Called to Obedience," with the theme song, "Trusting Jesus."

The installation of Pastor Dale Smalley took place on Sabbath morning. All the diaconate present participated in the laying on of hands for both Dale and his wife, Lynn, as Pastor Dale Rood offered the prayer of dedication.

Several Dodge Center church members joined with the host choir in singing the anthem. Kristin Rood and Walter Loofboro favored us with their solos. The music was uplifting and blessed us all.

Beth Wallstrom, Loyal Pedersen, and Walter Loofboro shared their testimonies. A time of puppet ministry was presented by Lannette Payne especially for the children.

Later, the teens enjoyed a hayride and wiener roast with hosts

Mike and Pam North.

Some of the denomination's success stories were shared by Calvin Babcock, the new General Services Administrator. He related how SDBs are on the brink. We need to step out in faith because opportunities are there, we know what God wants us to do, and we know that all Power is given to us—so we need to go and do. He used Joshua 3 and the story of the Israelites when they were asked to be obedient. The priests were instructed to pick up the ark and carry it to the Jordan River. When their feet touched the water's edge, the water from upstream stopped flowing and it piled up in a heap. The priests stayed there until the whole nation had completed the crossing to dry land. We, too, need to be obedient and trust God to empower us with His Holy Spirit.

Pastor Rood's message, "Called to Obedience" (using Rom. 1:5 and Acts 5:17-32), challenged us to heed God's call knowing that the Lord will supply the resources we need to live in obedience. Obedience is not a "dull road"; rather, it is an adventure. God's power is displayed with obedience, and the Holy Spirit



is given to those who obey Him.

Saturday night the King's Trio, a bluegrass gospel trio, sang many songs and shared testimonies. They were excellent as evidenced by the encores.

Pastor Smalley's messages on Sabbath Eve and Sunday morning prior to the business meeting were challenging and a blessing to all in attendance.

There is a definite bond of love and caring among the participants of the Semiannual meetings. Our next gathering will be in the spring in Dodge Center. *SR*

## Raritan Valley celebrates 15 years

The Raritan Valley Seventh Day Baptist Church, Bridgewater, New Jersey, celebrated its 15th anniversary on Sabbath, November 10.

The congregation was started in January 1975 as a result of home meetings among area Seventh Day Baptists during the denomination's Week of Prayer. By spring of that year the group was renting facilities at the Somerset Hills Lutheran Church in Basking Ridge for its weekly programs and had adopted the official name of North Jersey

Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship. Ten years ago the congregation moved into its own church building in Bridgewater and became known as the Raritan Valley Seventh Day Baptist Church.

To mark its anniversary, the church invited its former pastor, the Rev. Kenneth Burdick of North Loup, Nebraska, to return to the pulpit and preach at the 10 a.m. worship service. Sabbath School classes for pre-school through adult were held afterwards.

Two church members, Bernard Yurke of Plainfield, and Patricia Cruzan of Ringoes, have prepared a written history of the North Jersey/Raritan Valley Seventh Day Baptists. Not content to live in the past, however, the congregation intends to keep adding chapters to its history as parishioners continue to serve God and minister with their neighbors for many years to come. *SR*

December	\$754,485
November	\$691,611
October	\$628,738
September	\$565,864
August	\$502,990
July	\$440,116
June	\$377,243
May	\$314,364
April	\$251,495
March	\$188,621
February	\$125,748
January	\$62,873

1990 income needed—\$754,485.  
Per month gift income needed—\$33,351.  
Total needed each month—\$62,873.

## Births

**Pickard.**—A daughter, Desiree Gabrielle Pickard, was born to Theodore and Jeanine (Hill) Pickard of Ocean Springs, MS, on December 30, 1989.

**Samuels.**—A daughter, Camisha Cecily-Ann Samuels, was born to David and Carol Samuels of Plainfield, NJ, on May 2, 1990.

**Loew.**—A daughter, Katherine Irene Loew, was born to Junior and Janet (Lupton) Loew of Bridgeton, NJ, on August 14, 1990.

## Accessions

**Centertown, MO**  
Jon Warren, pastor  
Joined after testimony  
Loretta Sarber

**Lost Creek, WV**  
Edgar Wheeler, pastor  
Joined after baptism  
Bridgett Lawrence  
Chad Randolph  
Melissa Holt

**Riverside, CA**  
Gabriel Bejjani, pastor  
Joined after baptism  
Mike Caricato  
Barbara Bejjani  
Steve Box

Joined after testimony  
Charlene Rosa  
Ed Rosa  
Allen Dickinson  
Gay Dickinson  
George Tichy  
Neide Tichy  
Matthew Skaria

Joined by letter  
David Thorngate  
Christina Thorngate

**Parent.**—Twin sons, George Orlando Parent III and Joseph Floyd Parent, were born to George O. and Barbara (Schock) Parent Jr. of Millville, NJ, on June 11, 1990.

**Torkaman.**—A son, Nathan Mohson Torkaman, was born to Masoud and Lucinda Snyder-Faraj Torkaman of Alfred Station, NY, on September 27, 1990.

**DuBois.**—Twins, daughter, Kelsey Louise DuBois, and son, Cory David DuBois, were born to Ron and Cindy (Probasco) DuBois of Bridgeton, NJ, on September 30, 1990.

## Marriages

**North-Patz.**—Wayne North and Kristine Patz were united in marriage on June 16, 1989, at the New Auburn (WI) Seventh Day Baptist Church. Pastor Dale Smalley officiated.

**Lorenzen-Maltby.**—Paul William Lorenzen and Colleen Marie Maltby were united in marriage on September 29, 1990, at the Plainfield (NJ) Seventh Day Baptist Church, with the Rev. Joe A. Samuels officiating.

## Obituaries

**Ling.**—Alvin E. Ling, 74, died on November 30, 1989, in Bloomer, Wisconsin.

He was born on September 1, 1915, in the Town of Bloomer, the son of Charles and Mathilda (Newby) Ling. He married Iola Loofboro on June 22, 1938, in New Auburn, Wisconsin, and was employed as a blacksmith.

Survivors include his wife, Iola; three daughters, Rena Gravunder,

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Wanda Cutsforth, and Corrine Cutsforth; two brothers, Albert, and Edward Stertz; one sister, Selma Sixel; one step-brother, Francis Ling; nine grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Ernest; two sisters, Amelia Naze Nelson and Rose Swartz Audorf; and one step-sister, Esther Jacobson.

Services were held on December 3, 1989, at the New Auburn Seventh Day Baptist Church, with Pastor Dale Smalley officiating.

**Frazier.**—Dorothy M. Frazier, 82, died on April 10, 1990.

She was born on December 13, 1907, in Princeton, Kentucky, the fourth child of Benjamin and Mary Gilliehan. On August 22, 1924, she married Bertrand Frazier.

Dorothy confessed Christ at an early age, and through her faith in God, grew to be a woman of great strength and pride. She served as a Bible class and Sunday School teacher, and supported various Christian organizations. She was a dedicated member of Faith Baptist Church of Los Angeles, California, for many years before joining the Southwest Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church, Lennox, California, where she served faithfully until her death.

Survivors include her husband, Bertrand; two daughters, Mary A. Coleman and Addie M. Durrell, both of Los Angeles; two sons, Ellis of Los Angeles and Howard of Laverne, California; one brother, Ellis Gilliehan; 10 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends.

Services were held on April 13, 1990, at Inglewood (California) Cemetery Mortuary, with the Rev. Vernon O. Burke officiating.

**Frazier.**—Bertrand Frazier, 87, died on October 5, 1990.

He was born on March 9, 1903, in Grahamville, Kentucky, the fifth

child of Charlie and Addie Frazier. On August 22, 1924, he married Dorothy M. Gilliehan, who preceded him in death on April 10, 1990.

Bertrand was a devoted husband and father for over 40 years, always putting his family first. In 1968, after 30 years of faithful employment, he retired from the U.S. Rubber Company of Mishawaka, Indiana, and moved to Los Angeles, California. There he joined the Faith Baptist Church. He later joined the Southwest Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church in Lennox, California, where he attended until his death.

Survivors are listed in his wife's obituary above.

Services were held on October 10, 1990, at Englewood (California) Cemetery Mortuary, with the Rev. Vernon O. Burke officiating.

**Loofboro.**—Eli R. Loofboro, 86, died on May 16, 1990, at home.

He was born on December 4, 1903, in the Town of Sampson, Chippewa County, Wisconsin, the son of Ralph and Mary (Mattison) Loofboro. On June 5, 1938, he married Grace Loofbourrow in the bride's home in New Auburn, Wisconsin.

Eli worked as a dairy farmer and served as a trustee and Sabbath School treasurer at the New Auburn Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Grace; three sons, Richard, Robert, and Terence; one daughter, RuthAnne; one sister, Clara Loofboro; six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Ralph and Leo; four sisters, Alice Ling, Susan Pederson, Esther Churchward, and Irene Loofboro; and by an infant sister.

Services were held on May 9, 1990, at the New Auburn SDB Church. Pastor Dale Smalley officiated.

**Wright.**—Leslie E. Wright, 84, of Ashaway, Rhode Island, husband of Ruth (Robinson) Wright, died on September 19, 1990, at the Westerly (Rhode Island) Hospital.

He was born in Richmond, Rhode Island, on July 4, 1906, the son of the late Henry and Alice (Knowles) Wright. He worked for many years as a machinist at the former Cottrell Company in Pawcatuck, Connecticut, until his retirement in 1970. He was a member of the Cottrell Quarter-Century Club and the Old Time Fiddlers of Rhode Island. He was also a member of the First SDB Church of Hopkinton, Ashaway.

Leslie was well known as an entertainer in area schools, nursing homes, and senior citizen gatherings where he played the fiddle and the musical saw. He was formerly married to the late Ollie V. (Brown) Wright.

In addition to his wife, Ruth, he is survived by four sons, Eugene of Forked River, New Jersey, David of Carolina, Leonard of Westerly, and Brian of Charlestown, Rhode Island; two sisters, Leona Bitgood of Stark, Florida, and Reba Gilchrist of Richmond; 12 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, Westerly. Interment was at First Hopkinton Cemetery, Hopkinton, Rhode Island. HK

**Frenette.**—Leo H. Frenette, 72, of Hope Valley, Rhode Island, died on September 21, 1990, at the Westerly (Rhode Island) Hospital.

He was born in Pawcatuck, Connecticut, on November 24, 1917, the son of the late John B. and Anna (Charron) Frenette. Leo, who was a self-employed painter and paper-hanger, was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church

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in Ashaway, Rhode Island. He had held the office of president and had been an elected deacon of the church.

He is survived by three sons, John of Ashaway, Jim of Hopkinton, and David of Westerly; three daughters, Joyce and Cindy, both of Norwich, Connecticut, and Jamie of Hopkinton; one brother, Armand of Pawcatuck; one sister, Georgette Perkins of Colorado Springs, Colorado; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, Westerly. Interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Ashaway. HK

**Reynolds.**—Lester C. Reynolds, 91, died on September 25, 1990, in the Leonard Noyes Memorial Hospital, Dansville, New York, after a lengthy illness.

He was born on June 12, 1899, in Hebron, Pennsylvania, the son of Charles and Metta (Burdick) Reynolds. He married the former Hazel Hibbard on December 31, 1923.

Lester was a veteran of World War I, serving with the Army's Cavalry on the Mexican border and in Hawaii. He was a former oil field worker and worked for the Durez Chemical Company in Tonawanda, New York, until retiring in 1964. He was a member of the Little Genesee (New York) Seventh Day Baptist Church at the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel; two sons, Richard and Harold; two daughters, Betty Sanford and Sandra Reynolds; 11 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on September 28, 1990, at the Schaffner Funeral Home Inc., Bolivar, New York. Burial was in the Wells Cemetery, Little Genesee. ES

**Reynolds.**—Vera G. (Millard) Reynolds, 86, died on September

28, 1990, in Kenmore Mercy Hospital, Buffalo, New York. She was born on January 26, 1904, in Little Genesee, New York, the daughter of Fred and Edna (Petitt) Millard. On May 27, 1930, in Shinglehouse, Pennsylvania, she married John M. Reynolds, who predeceased her on August 19, 1986.

Vera was a lifelong resident of Little Genesee, and except for a short time at the Alfred Station, New York, Seventh Day Baptist Church, she was a member of the Little Genesee SDB Church for the rest of her life.

Surviving are three daughters, Marilyn Pucillo, Marceia Gunsolus, and Andrea Van Horn; two sisters, Lila Cross and Vivian Lane; 11 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by one sister, Dorothy Nobles, in 1989.

A memorial service was held on October 3, 1990, at the Little Genesee SDB Church. Interment was in the Wells Cemetery, Little Genesee. ES

**Dresser.**—Ross C. Dresser, 88, of St. Petersburg, Florida, died at his home on October 1, 1990. He was born in West Edmeston, New York, and was married to Robertie Anna Dresser in 1924. She preceded him in death on November 25, 1989.

The Dressers came to Florida in 1968 from Frankfort Center, New York, where Ross was a machinist for Sperry-Rand Corporation and a former trustee for the Frankfort Center School District. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, St. Petersburg Chapter 4572, and the American Association of Retired Persons. He was a former Lone Scout and a former member of the Frankfort Center Volunteer Fire Department. Ross was a Seventh Day Baptist

who attended the St. Petersburg SDB Branch Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Joan E. Dye of Belleview, Florida, and June J. Wendell of Palm Harbor, Florida; four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the Mohn Funeral Home of Seminole, Florida, on October 4, 1990, with Pastor Leland Bond officiating. Burial was in West Edmeston. LWB

**Bond.**—Rosa Ruth Bond, 84, daughter of the late Claude and Rose (Deland) Stephan, died on October 8, 1990, at a Topeka, Kansas, hospital.

She was born on October 3, 1906, in Nortonville, Kansas. She married Leslie Bond on April 10, 1925. They moved to Arkansas in 1936 and returned to Nortonville in 1945.

Rosa was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Nortonville and was a pianist for nursing homes prior to becoming ill.

Survivors include her husband, Leslie, of Winchester, Kansas; four sons, Forest of Williamsburg, Kansas, Leland of Buena Park, California, Robert of Cedar Park, Texas, and Skip of Oak Hills, California; three daughters, Miriam Barnes of Arcadia, Nebraska, Lila Rose Peters of Lawrence, Kansas, and Sharon Cunningham of Copenhagen, Denmark; two brothers, Melvin Stephan of Lafayette, Colorado, and Marvin Stephan of Junction City, Kansas; two sisters, Lila Saunders of Milton, Wisconsin, and Austa Coalwell of Lacombe, Louisiana; 17 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

The Rev. Robert Harris officiated at her funeral services on October 11, 1990, at the Nortonville SDB Church. Burial was in the Nortonville cemetery.

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### Let go of my rainbow

Venturing into a New Age store was not my idea of real fun. Much of it was pretty unsettling.

As I viewed the material, I would shake my head and feel bad that even though this is a free country, and adults can choose for themselves, why would people fall for this garbage? Then I saw something that tore at my heart: the children's section.

Here were these beautiful children on the cover of a book titled, *Meditation for Children*. "No, Lord," I wanted to cry. "Not the children!!"

Then that same feeling hit me as I scanned the whole store. Both the book and the kids were cute on the outside, but what's happening on the inside? There was lovely packaging all around me. It was attractive, alluring, and deadly.

New Agers have absorbed various symbols and causes. Some, like caring for our environment, are great; but I do not go along with their pantheistic basis in fighting for their "Mother Earth." Their fight for peace could be commendable if it were not for their understanding that we must unite because of the progression: we are all *one*/we are all *God's*/we are all *gods*/we are *god*.

They have messed with our society, entertainment, and theology. Then they start messing with one of our symbols: the rainbow. Didn't God give this lovely sign to Noah as a covenant promise? Since seeing a gorgeous double rainbow on our first date, and again on our honeymoon, my wife and I have been quite partial to this colorful display of God's hand. We have a small collection of items decorated with rainbows. I don't want to give that up or feel uncomfortable or be misidentified when we share our enjoyment.

Hey. New Age. Let go of my rainbow.

I agree with New Age observers that the movement is a bit disjointed since it is not centered in one loca-

tion or directed by one leader. That may be changing. Heed these words from a New Age magazine publisher, calling fellow New Agers to unite:

"We, as individual links, must now take on the group consciousness for survival. Just as tribal warriors left for the hunt together for safety and strength, we must connect, join with, our fellow sojourners on this planet and make meaningful changes..."

"We are all evolving. Who knows what we may become?... we, you, have a role to play. Let's take out the stops and move! We are responsible for our world. We are the creators. It is time for us to know that."

Sounds like a battle cry, doesn't it? Exactly. The battle between the spiritual forces is heating up, and most of us are simply not ready.

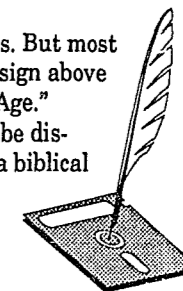
Seventh Day Baptists took a stand last August against K-Mart and Waldenbooks for their selling of Playboy and other pornographic material. Don Sanford, in a recent sermon, commented that he did not pay much attention to what Waldenbooks carries in that line. "If it is there, it is not difficult to recognize it for what it is." Don would rather see us boycott these stores because of their New Age coverage. He checked the New Age section of the bookstore (within the "Religious" stacks) and counted 166 different titles on the New Age movement.

How do we confront the attack? Do we mount a vicious assault on the subtle, peaceful neighbor involved with New Age basics? How does that come across as a Christian witness? Talk about fanaticism...

I appreciated hearing Gary Leazer at the North American Baptist Fellowship gathering last spring. Gary is a laid back Southerner who is concerned that we know about the new movement, but mostly that we know ourselves and our beliefs. I liked his approach, rather than scaring everybody with the wild extremism of those heavily involved New Agers.

It's out there, friends. But most of it doesn't have a big sign above it with the label "New Age."

Let's be aware, let's be discerning, and let's take a biblical stand as Seventh Day Baptist Christians.





## Rev. Paul L. Maxson

The Rev. Paul L. Maxson, 81, died at Southwestern Medical Center in Bennington, Vermont, on September 20, 1990, following a long battle with cancer.

Pastor Paul was born in Gentry, Arkansas, on December 19, 1908, to Darwin Ellsworth Maxson and Eunice Almira (Huffman). He graduated from Gentry High School in 1929 and went on to Salem College (Salem, West Virginia), where he graduated in 1935. He was in the Conservation Corps at Mays Landing, New Jersey, between 1935 and 1937.

He married Ruby Clace (Harbert) of Lumberport, West Virginia, on November 27, 1936.

While attending the Alfred (New York) University School of Theology, Paul was a student pastor at the Hebron (Pennsylvania) SDB Church between 1938 and 1940. He graduated from theological school in 1940. (His first daughter was born on June 7, just prior to his graduation on June 10.)

Upon graduation from seminary, Pastor Paul moved directly to Berlin, New York, where he became the pastor on July 9, 1940, and remained as the full-time pastor until his retirement in July 1971. He was ordained at Berlin in November of 1940.

Due to a scarcity of teachers during World War II, Pastor Paul taught Industrial Arts at the Berlin Central School from 1943-45. He also taught part-time from 1969-1973 and drove a school bus for the district between 1941 and 1945. His interest in youth went outside the school classroom as he served on the Town Board-supported Youth Commission and was one of the lifeguards and swimming instructors in the summer program for many years.

In 1941, Pastor Paul joined the Rev. Wayne Rood—then pastor in Rockville, Rhode Island—in reactivating Lewis Camp, which had been closed for a time. Pastor Paul continued to be a counselor or director at the camp for most of the years between 1941 and 1971. His interest in camping even took him to Battle Creek, Michigan, to assist with their program in 1972.

Paul's concept of ministry extended beyond the local church. During his ministry at Berlin, he served several non-SDB churches for various periods of time. He was a key factor in the formation of the Schenec-



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tady, New York, SDB Church, giving significant pastoral leadership between 1941 and 1955. Following his retirement from the Berlin church, he returned to Schenectady and served between 1978 and 1986.

In other service to his Lord, Pastor Paul took courses from Andover Newton Theological Seminary, doing field work at the Albany, New York, Medical Center, and received a Clinical Training degree in 1959. In July, he was invited to participate in a 21-day "People To People"

mission to Europe. That trip included visits to three countries behind the Iron Curtain. (The Sabbath following the announcement of the collapse of the Berlin Wall, he wept tears of joy in the Berlin, New York, church as he recalled how he had prayed with other European Christians that the wall one day would come down. On that Sabbath, he had lived to see those prayers answered!)

While at Berlin, Pastor Paul represented New York State SDBs as a member of the New York State Council of Churches, traveling untold miles to Syracuse for meetings. Later, he was also on the Legislative Commission at the State Capital in Albany.

He was a member of the American Bible Society, SDB Missionary Society, and the American Sabbath Tract Society.

In 1974, the Berlin SDB Church—which he had served for 31 years—bestowed upon him the honorary title "Pastor Emeritus," which he retained until his death. He was a member of the church at the time of his death.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby; two daughters, Eunice Barber of Schenectady and Maryann Bullinger of Fort Worth, Texas; one sister, Grace Lewis of North Little Rock, Arkansas; two brothers, Fitch of Bridgeton, New Jersey, and Russel of Milton, Wisconsin; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Geneva Holland and Ruth Spinks, and one brother, the Rev. Carl R. Maxson.

A grave site interment was held at the Berlin SDB Cemetery just prior to a memorial service in the Berlin SDB Church. Both were conducted by the Rev. Edward Sutton on September 22, 1990. ES