

Seek The Old Paths

"Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths...and walk therein."

(Jeremiah 6:16)

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TROJAN HORSE IN THE CHURCH

Alan Highers

False teachers do not come into a congregation with a sign around their necks, stating, "I am a false teacher, and I am here to divide the church." Instead, they creep in "privily" (ASV) or "unawares" (KJV), doing their work like termites, undermining the foundations, and remaining largely undetected until the damage is done (Jude 4). The expression "crept in unawares" is from *pareisduno* which suggests, literally, to come in by the side door. The false teacher is all the more dangerous because he slips in unobtrusively, does not reveal his actual intentions, and therefore is able to make headway before his true purposes become known.

Jesus himself warned of false prophets "which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves" (Matt. 7:15). The apostle Paul spoke of those who "by their smooth and fair speech...beguile the hearts of the innocent" (Rom. 16:18, ASV). He likewise spoke of false apostles as "deceitful workers" (II Cor. 11:13). Peter clearly labeled the fabricated arguments of false teachers as "feigned words," by which they sought to make merchandise of the disciples and to exploit them for their own purposes (II Peter 2:1-3).

The word of God is almost as

forceful in warning of the *insidious nature* of false teaching as it is in condemning the erroneous doctrines!

LIBERAL STRATEGY: WEAVE FROM SIDE TO SIDE

One of the most shocking examples of this devious methodology in modern times is found in the May 1993 issue of *Wineskins*. In an article entitled "Change Without Chaos," the author states that he will "unabashedly push for positive changes." He tells his readers, "Many churches need to change their worship style." He further states that "many churches in our fellowship must change or die!" Finally, he sets forth the strategy by which to accomplish this change. Consider the following blueprint for takeover by those who want to change the church:

Strategy one: Weave!... Teach new ideas for a while, stretching your church out beyond comfort zones and into fresh thinking... But when you feel your church approaching the limits of tolerance, back off! Talk about familiar and safe things for a while. Then,

move back out to the cutting edge again. Weave in and out: first with new ideas, then as you actually implement new practices.

Do what? Push the church to the limits of tolerance with "new ideas." Go as far as you can, but then back off! *Weave* from side to side. Wait a while. Talk about "safe things." Then, when the time is right, begin to push for change once again.

As an example of this strategy at work, a Christian couple reported some time ago that a professor visited the congregation where they were members. He met with the elders and other interested members to advise them how to introduce choirs and special music into the worship assembly. He said: "Many churches are uncomfortable with anything new or different in worship. Thus, you have to do it very slowly and introducing the idea that change is attractive as long as it's not wrenching. If it's wrenching, you back off and slowly - try it again later."²

Another writer offers this plea, regarding the role of women in the assembly:

Please, elders ... please, board of trustee mem-

bers... please, editors... please, preachers – let us discuss this question openly. Please don't make it a test of fellowship. Please don't mark and destroy. Please don't assume devilish motives. Please don't try to keep your members/professors/ministers from contributing to this biblical quest.³

Note carefully what this writer is saying. He argues for a wider role for women in the public assembly, and in the process he says that professors in the schools, writers in papers and journals, and ministers in the pulpits should be given free rein to speak and write as they please on this subject. Elders, boards, editors, and preachers should not interfere with their advocacy of these ideas. There are at least two things wrong with this plea: (1) Would the writer apply his reasoning to other subjects? Suppose someone wishes to advocate that sprinkling is acceptable baptism, as the Lutherans say; or that Jesus was a created being, as the Jehovah's Witnesses say; or that all are lost unless baptized with an oral pronouncement in the name of Jesus only, as the Oneness Pentecostals say. Would he say that they all should be allowed to promote their views, while others stand aside? I think not. (2) We must never lose sight of the fact that liberals claim a right for themselves which they never wish to grant to others. Once liberals have taken over a school or a congregation, have you ever heard of them inviting someone to teach or to speak from a conservative view *against an expanded role for women*? How many pleas would you expect to hear then, saying, please, please, elders, boards, and editors, let the *conservative* voices be heard? Please do not hold your breath while waiting for

this to happen. *After* the liberals are in control, the conservatives are then regarded as troublemakers and fanatics. They have no right to be heard. These pleas for tolerance are made only in behalf of those who want to *change* the church, and who would like to do so without facing opposition and exposure of their errors.

CUNNING CRAFTINESS AND SLEIGHT OF MEN

The apostle Paul wrote to the Ephesians: "That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ" (Eph. 4:14-15). What do you suppose Paul would say about the suggestion to "weave" in order to effectuate change? We know what he *did* say about the disingenuous teachers of his day. "Sleight of men" is from *kubia*, a cube, as dice used in gaming; thus, trickery or deceit. "Cunning craftiness" signifies treachery and unscrupulous conduct. It is obvious that the apostle believed the gospel should be communicated by "speaking the truth in love." It was the false teachers who promoted their hidden agenda by stealth and deception.

Elders and church leaders should consider themselves warned. Although the words were not meant for their ears, the agents of change have revealed their intentions, their methods, and their determination.

Most are familiar with the legendary story of Troy. The Greeks waged a ten-year battle against the city, but they could not overcome the fortifications. Finally, they constructed a huge wooden horse and left it outside the walls. The curious Trojans

dragged the horse inside the gates. During the night, Greek soldiers, who were hidden inside the horse, crept out and opened the gates. The Greek army entered, defeated the Trojans, and destroyed the city. What the Greeks could not accomplish by frontal attack, they eventually won by cunning craftiness and skill.

Apostasy does not occur in a day. Change takes place slowly over a period of time. Frontal attacks on biblical positions are usually met head to head, and the assaults are repelled. Outright denial of the Bible as a pattern would meet little success among most churches of Christ. But there is a master plan for change. It does not announce its purposes nor openly pursue its goals until the time is right. *Weave!* Move from side to side. Press for change until resistance develops, then back away. Wait a while. Talk about sound doctrine. When the opportunity is right, move again ... relentlessly, discreetly, inexorably. *Change. Restructure.* It is the Trojan horse in the church.

ENDNOTES

¹Lynn Anderson, "Change Without Chaos," *Wineskins*, Vol. II, No. 1, May 1993.

²This quotation was transcribed by a couple who attended the meeting.

³Warren Barrett, "Three Smokescreens That Cloud Our Vision," *Wineskins*, Vol. II, No. 1, May 1993.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: I wish to heartily commend this article by brother Highers. It points out a very subtle tactic among those who seek to "change" and

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BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY RELIGION

Noel Whitlock

Have you ever heard some in the church reason their beliefs this way, "I'd rather be safe than sorry." This sort of thinking is used to convince a denominational worshipper to give up the instrument. The response may sound like, "We can't know for sure whether God truly rejects singing accompanied with an instrument, but I'd rather be safe than sorry."

This same argument may be used to support baptism for the remission of one's sins. Such as, "No one knows the mind of God except God Himself and He just might save a person based upon their faith alone without immersion, but I wouldn't take any chances. However, it certainly would not be displeasing to God to be baptized."

What about using this reasoning to convert someone to Christ. "I believe the Christian life is the best kind of life one can live. There are so many advantages to being a Christian. Your marriage can be happier, your family stronger, and your outlook on life is more positive. Besides, have you ever seen atheists build hospitals or children's homes. Even if God didn't exist, it would still be better to believe in God than to disbelieve."

This thinking is in no way grounded in Biblical truth. "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God" (I Peter 4:11). This simply means if you cannot support your beliefs by the Scriptures, then keep quiet.

Paul wrote, "for whatsoever is not of faith is sin" (Rom. 14:23). Do you believe "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17), and "without faith it is impossible to please God" (Heb. 11:6)? The churches of Christ have said we are a people who walk by faith (II Cor. 5:7). Is this "better safe than sorry" phi-

losophy true faith, or a cop-out so as not to offend anyone?

Can you imagine Noah building an ark for one hundred years and following every detail God had given him because it might rain as God had said. Noah "became an heir of the righteousness" because of his faith (Heb. 11:7). Could Abraham be called the father of the faithful had he chosen to live as an alien in the land of promise because he wanted to be safe rather than sorry? It was because of Abraham's faith that "it was accounted to him for righteousness" (Gal. 3:6). And, what about Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Rahab, the Judges, David, Samuel and the prophets. Nineteen times in Hebrews chapter eleven Scripture uses the term "by faith" to express why they obeyed God. They were each justified by faith, just as we are today (Rom. 5:1; Gal. 2:16), not because they chose to be safe.

My friend, my obedience in

worshipping without the mechanical use of an instrument is not because it is safer, but by faith I believe the Scripture when it says to sing (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). I am not immersed in Christ because of a fear of what the alternative might be if I refuse. By faith I am moved to the waters of baptism because it is God's plan for salvation (Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:4-6; I Peter 3:21). My salvation is sure because I am "saved by grace through faith" (Eph. 2:8), not because I choose to live a happier life in Christianity. "The just shall live by faith" (Rom. 1:17; Hab. 2:4).

Any act of obedience or offer of service which is done for any reason other than "by faith" is in God's eyes "sin" (Rom. 14:23). If there is anything you should understand about a "better safe than sorry" religion is that the end will always result in you being sorry.

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New Journal! Prospectus "The PLUMBLINE"

This brief message is to acquaint you with the intent, plans and purposes to begin publishing a new paper which will be called *The PLUMBLINE*. The paper will be printed on a monthly basis and will be governed by, based upon and completely regulated by God's inspired "plumblines."

The paper will not be as "a cake not turned," but will be a balanced and an informative source for the reader. It is our plan to have a composite cross-section of sound, faithful brethren who will submit scriptural articles for our readers. This is assuming that a great brotherhood desires to have the Word of God rather than the chaff of compromises.

When Moses E. Lard planned for the publication of *Lard's Quarterly*, he had material prepared for an entire year in advance before he printed the first issue. We want to do the same, except some space will be reserved in each issue for pertinent comments on current matters.

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PREACHING AND DRAMA

John T. Lewis

There is a growing segment within the church advocating the use of drama as a teaching method to reach the Christian and non-Christian alike. Two men at the now **Rolling Hills Church of Christ** in DeSoto, Texas, jump back and forth across the stage. One is contemplating baptism, the other encourages him to do so. Known as the "Good Muse Troup," they bring people to laughter from time to time as they perform "Opening Night at the Baptistry." The same church presented "a special musical drama on the Resurrection of Jesus Christ" (DeSoto paper, Mar. 24, 1994). Many say this type of assembly excites Christians who participate and makes the gospel relevant to their lives.

With these new innovations sweeping across churches of Christ, one must ask if the Bible supports this new method of proclaiming the Word of God. Is the use of drama a God approved method of spreading the soul saving Word of God?

The Roman Empire was a society which revolved around entertainment.

The Romans were keen theatre-goers. Successful actors, like charioteers, became sought-after stars... This collective merrymaking strengthened the bonds that linked citizen to citizen... (Florence Depont, *Daily Life in Ancient Rome*, p. 210-213).

The readers of the Pauline Epistles, Jews as well as Gentiles, would be generally more or less familiar with the theater and the drama (I.S.B.E. Vol. II, p. 1173).

From these quotes it is clear that the Romans identified with music, drama, and any type of stage performance. But drama was never used to present the gospel of Christ in New Testament times. Paul didn't stand on Mars Hill dressed in a baptismal gown acting like a person contemplating baptism. If drama were an accepted form of "preaching" then it *would have been used!* But drama was not used, and therefore was unacceptable.

The Bible is very clear on how God desires the gospel to be presented to man. God's desire is that mankind be saved through *preaching* (I Cor. 1:21). God, through the apostle Paul, manifested His Word through preaching (Titus 1:3). Christians are commanded to preach the gospel (Rom. 10:15) and that Christ's name should be preached among all nations (Luke 24:47). God wants us to present His Word simply by preaching the Bible. Nothing more and nothing less.

But **Lynn Anderson** would have us to believe that the "Good Muse Troup" and other drama shows are just another form of preaching. "Only with two preachers," he proclaimed at "An Evening of Praise and Worship" at the now **Rolling Hills Church of Christ**, Jan. 30, 1993.

But is brother Anderson correct in his assessment of these immodestly dressed men jumping around on a stage? Are drama shows really a form of preaching the gospel of Christ?

First of all, as we have said, *if* dram. were an acceptable form of preaching then it certainly would have been used. The Romans "identified" and "related" to this type of thing. Drama made the average Roman "feel good."

Second, the word "preach" is a

precisely defined word that *does not* and *cannot* include drama. Notice some definitions of *karugma*, the word translated "preach" most often in the New Testament:

karugma is used a great deal both for the herald's cry and for the declaration of decrees (Kittle, Vol. III, p. 715).

...denotes the man who is commissioned by his ruler or the state to call out with a clear voice some item of news and so make it known...it was heralds also who called the soldiers to battle... (DNTT, Vol III, p. 48f, Emphasis mine).

That which is promulgated by a herald or public crier... (Thayer, p. 346).

From these definitions it should be clear that the *karugma* referred to one who would *call out* the orders of his master. A herald would often call soldiers to battle. Question: when it was time for the herald to call the soldiers to battle, did he dress up in a military suit and "act out" a drama show to inform the soldiers that it was time for battle? When it was time for the herald to cry out for the king's guard to assemble for movement, did he jump up on a stage and perform a drama show to get his point across? Absolutely not!

A *karugma* (herald, preacher) of God's Word is simply one who stands and cries out the commandments and instructions of the living God. He is not one who dresses up and performs a feel good session to deliver his message to the people.

No, Lynn, drama shows are

not just another form of preaching. I wish you, and many others, would stand up and defend yourself in public debate (Acts 18:28) if you're so sure that drama is an authorized form of preaching. Please quit deceiving the unlearned and start giving us book, chapter, and verse.

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"restructure" the church. Far too often, the faithful who sound a warning concerning these subtle changes are ignored or as he points out, labeled as trouble-makers. It is never wrong to warn brethren of error (Acts 20:31; II Tim. 4:2). It is never wrong to exhort brethren to faithfulness in opposing error (Eph. 5:11). It is not a popular position one holds when he is among those who sound a warning, but none the less, we must and we will warn just the same! Brethren, those who would affect "change" are not only far away but very close at hand, being evident from the things going on around us. Don't be taken-in by it! Fellowshiping workers of error and weak preaching was never the way of the prophets and apostles (Isa. 58:1; 56:10; Jer. 1:17-19; Acts 4:29; 7:51-52; 18:9; 20:26-27; Titus 2:15).

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JOY ABOUND, BUT CAUSE FOR CONCERN DOES, ALSO

Roger Campbell

Missionary in Kiev, Ukraine

What joy the apostles must have had when they started new churches throughout the Roman Empire. Yet, what grief came over them when they saw their converts or Christians in other places turn from the way of truth. So it is in our day. We rejoice for the opportunity to preach the gospel in the former USSR, but are grieved by unscriptural teachings and practices which are flourishing in the Ukraine. Let me note just some of the activities that are going on in the Lord's church in the Ukraine that are of grave concern to us.

(1) **Boston Movement:** It is here in Kiev, reportedly with somewhere around two thousand persons attending their services throughout the city. As in other places, their biggest influence is among the young people. We have lost at least two members at the Centre church (where I labor) to this ungodly movement. Some Africans who used to attend our services are now with the Boston group, and some of our Chinese friends go there as well. It is a real nightmare. The Boston group calls itself the "International Church of Christ," though a couple of their members told Kerry Sword (our co-worker) that Kip McKean is their head in America.

(2) **Mechanical Instruments of Music:** Some time ago we mentioned that a "church of Christ instrumental" preacher is being used and fellowshiped by

brethren in Kiev. His influence is now nationwide, as he has preached in other cities to congregations of the Lord's church and organized camps/retreats which have been attended by young Christians all over the Ukraine. Last year he invited a group that used the mechanical instrument during their singing at the camp, thus corrupting the minds of the youth who came. No correction or apology was made. Some of us met with this man, **Mike Robtoy**, and some of the brothers who attend where he works in Kiev. He claims that he does not publicly teach in favor of the instrument. Yet he invited a group who used the instrument in public worship, and vehemently defended their actions. He has tried to use the word "psalms" in Colossians 3:16 to convince at least two of our members that the use of the instrument is acceptable. We asked the group of men who met with us what was going to be done about this man or what happened at the camp/conference. The answer was, "Probably nothing." So far, about ten months later, their prediction is holding true. The Centre congregation has marked Robtoy and one other man involved, sending letters to all the churches in the Ukraine. The response has generally been that Robtoy is such a nice man, didn't ever preach on the instrument when he preached for them, and the Centre church is unloving and trying to cause trouble. Lack of conviction is truly a mighty

leaven in the Ukrainian churches.

(3) Young, Untrained, Inexperienced Workers: Men and women of this category have been coming in a steady stream to the Ukraine. The results in some cases have been disastrous. Lack of maturity, compromise, and "greenness" have abounded among them. Full-time workers are few, but in our joy to find someone to "go," let us not be too hasty to send "just anybody."

(4) Congregations Started and Left on their Own: It is an ongoing practice to go into an area, start a work, leave in a few weeks, and leave things in the hands of no one, or else leave affairs in the hands of a "faithful, sound, new convert." If someone finds 25 people who are willing to work for a month each in a foreign country, why bring all of them to start a work together, then fly home together? Why not have two of them come each month and use their talents and manpower to edify the new saints? If you think it is wise to baptize a group of people and leave them to grow to maturity on their own, then please consider what has happened recently at the Centre church or among the students of our Bible training school: a brother who is a student in the Bible school preached that his friend heard the voice of Jesus while in the hospital and God did a miracle to cure him; a second year student encouraged other brothers just to get up and preach and let the Holy Spirit guide them; a third brother who has been a Christian for over two years, preached that he believed God would save his unbaptized friend who prayed to God (the third man, in tears, confessed his error before the church two weeks later). These facts reveal that we have got a lot of work to do in training our brothers. But they also make me conclude that several folks are deceived if they think a month or two old babe in

Christ is going to "take care of things" after they leave the newly started work. How does the American, who does not speak the language, know what the local man preaches in the first place?

(5) Women Translators: Do we use women translators in our work with the Centre church and Bible training school? Yes and no. We use sisters as translators in classes when a sister teaches and only women and small children are present. We never use women translators in services or Bible classes when any adult males are present as listeners or teachers. Why don't we use women translators in mixed assemblies? We believe such violates the teaching of the Holy Spirit on the role of women (I Tim. 2:11,12; I Cor. 14). I have translated a bunch of lessons and have heard hundreds of others translated. From such experiences I know what a translator does in the process of speaking to a group of people: a translator makes announcements (often in his/her own words), reads the Bible to the assembled group, teaches and explains the message, sometimes changes or corrects the speaker's message (e.g., the preacher says 5,000 were baptized on Pentecost, the translator, hearing the error, properly says it was 3,000), and without a doubt, in part, leads and controls the assembly or Bible class. If you have ever been present and heard a translated lesson when you understood both of the languages being spoken, then you know that what I just said is absolutely true. We are convinced that it is wrong to use a woman translator when men are present and for that reason, despite the consequences, we use only Christian men in teaching mixed groups.

(6) Union of Congregations to form a special body: A group of brethren in the Ukraine wanted to have their school accredited so that the gov-

ernment would recognize the degrees it would give to the graduates. A Ukrainian brother from that congregation came to us, knowing that we are registered, and asked us to form a union of all the congregations in the Ukraine so that we could have a head church authorized to stamp documents. We told them that such was out of the question, that we have one Head, Jesus, that no church has the authority to be a central, controlling church, and that their plan is wrong.

As I said earlier, these are just some of the activities that are going on in the breadbasket of the former USSR.

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- 10:35 The Financial Support Of Those Who Preach The Gospel (1 Cor. 9:9-14)..... *Walter Pigg*
- 7:00 Jesus Christ, The Only Foundation (1 Cor. 3:11-15) *Melvin Sapp*
- 8:00 My Grace Is Sufficient For Thee (2 Cor. 12:9) *Charles Blair*

MONDAY, JULY 24

- 9:00 Walk By Faith, Not By Sight (2 Cor. 5:7)..... *Terry Joe Kee*
- 10:00 The Corinthian Carnality (1 Cor 3:1-3)..... *Dan Bailey*
- 11:00 One Body But Many Members (1 Cor. 12:12-27)..... *Virgil Hale*
- 1:30 1 Cor. 7 - Instructions On Marriage #1 *Ken Burleson*
- 2:30 Come Out From Among Them And Be Ye Separate (2 Cor. 6:14-17)..... *Nat Evans*
- 3:30 Not To Think Above That Which Is Written (1 Cor. 4:6)..... *Melvin Sapp*
- 7:00 Be Ye Obedient In All Things (2 Cor. 2:9)..... *Garland Robinson*
- 8:00 The Preaching Of The Cross (1 Cor. 1:18-21)..... *John Shannon*

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- 11:00 The Open Door Of God's Providence (1 Cor. 16:9)..... *John Ferguson*
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- 2:30 Our Light Affliction (2 Cor. 4:16-17) *Sidney White*

- 3:30 Faithful Stewards (1 Cor. 4:2)..... *Dan Jones*
- 7:00 A More Excellent Way (1Cor. 12:13)..... *Wayne Coats*
- 8:00 We Are Not As Many Which Corrupt The Word Of God (2 Cor. 2:17, 4:2)..... *Gilbert Gough*

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- 10:00 Difficult Passages: 1 Cor. 2:9,14; 3:15; 8:13; 9:22; 11:22; 15:29..... *Sidney White*
- 11:00 The Proper Treatment Of A Brother In Sin (1 Cor. 5)..... *Eddy Craft*
- 1:30 1 Cor. 14 And Women's Role # 1..... *Alan Adams*
- 2:30 Unity & Division: When To Be Desired And When To Be Avoided..... *Wayne Coats*
- 3:30 The Letter Killeth But The Spirit Giveth Life (2 Cor. 3:6-18)..... *Jimmy Bates*
- 7:00 The Resurrection Of The Dead (1 Cor. 15:12-58) *Dan Sikes*
- 8:00 Exhortation To Faithfulness (1 Cor. 15:58) *Ed Casteel*

THURSDAY, JULY 27

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- 10:00 Baptism & The New Creature (2 Cor. 5:17)..... *B. J. Clarke*
- 11:00 The Temple Of God (1 Cor. 3:16-17; 6:19-20)..... *John West*
- 1:30 1 Cor. 14 And Women's Role #2..... *Alan Adams*
- 2:30 The Apostle Paul *Wayne Cox*
- 3:30 Satan And His Ministers (2 Cor. 11:13-15)..... *Jerry Joseph*
- 7:00 Now Is The Day Of Salvation (2 Cor. 6:2)..... *Eddy Craft*
- 8:00 The Judgment Seat Of Christ (2 Cor. 5:10-11) *Charles Leonard*

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Windell Fikes, Wayne Cox, Melvin Sapp, Charles Blair, Terry Joe Kee, Dan Bailey, Virgil Hale, Ken Burleson, Nat Evans, Garland Robinson, John Shannon, Ferrell Hester, Charles Pledge, John Ferguson, Sidney White, Dan Jones, Wayne Coats, Gilbert Gough, Guy Hester, Charles Leonard, Eddy Craft, Alan Adams, Jimmy Bates, Dan Sikes, Ed Casteel, Ben F. Vick, B. J. Clarke, John West, Walter Pigg, Jerry Joseph

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today which you so ably do. It is our prayer that God will richly bless you in your efforts of teaching the Truth. Brother Robinson did a superb work in answering the false teacher from Celina, TN. Keep up the good work" ...*Jean Mayfield, Signal Mountain, TN*. "I do not know where you obtained my name and address but respectfully request that you send no more material to me" ...*June Chapel, Tyler, TX*. "I enjoy and appreciate your publication. I pray God will bless you in this effort" ...*W. F. Benton, Atlanta, GA*. "Remove my name from your mailing list immediately" ...*Doug Cantrell, Murfreesboro, TN*. "Please take me off your mailing list" ...*Mrs. Frank Payne, Lindale, TX*. "Please remove our name from your mailing list" ...*Tollie Smith, Abilene, TX*. "Please delete from mailing" ...*Jim Hollingsworth, Tallahassee, FL*. "Would like for you to take me off of your mailing list" ...*Mrs. Alpha Saunders, Holdenville, OK*. "We recently started receiving the paper. We enjoy it very much and wish you would send it to the other names enclosed" ...*Norma Dicks, Lake City, FL*. "I have read several of the S.T.O.P. papers and am very pleased to know that you are bold enough to stand for the truth. My prayers are with you in your work" ...*Elton Vinson, Cookeville, TN*. "I just read the January '95 issue. Fantastic! You are doing a fine work. Please add me immediately to your mailing list" ...*Jay Stephens, Warren, MI*. "Have just received your monthly publication and am very fond of it. Please put me on your mailing list. Enclosed is a small donation" ...*Leon Jobe, Madison, TN*. "Thanks so much for your sound paper. Enclosed is a check" ...*Lewis Blair, Baxter, TN*. "Thank you for beginning to and continuing to send me your fine publication" ...*Bill Lamb, Tanner, AL*. "Remove my name from your mailing list. It is attitudes and interpretations such as you advocate that sets the growth of the church of Christ back 75-100 years" ...*Mrs. Archa Babb, Tyler, TX*. [NOTE: Preaching and defending the Truth (John 8:32; 2 Tim. 4:2-4; Jude 3) never sets one back. It moves people forward. Do you love it (Prov. 23:23; 2 Thess. 2:10-12)? - gmr]. "We appreciate receiving S.T.O.P. We do want to continue receiving them" ...*Finger Church of Christ, Finger, TN*. "I have read several copies of S.T.O.P. and I really am pleased with its contents. Publications standing for the Truth are not as easy to find as in years past. Keep on upholding the Truth" ...*Myron Morris, Elba, AL*. "We continue to appreciate the fine job that you are doing with S.T.O.P. The elders here encourage the members to read it, and it is a valuable tool. I continue to appreciate the great works done by the congregation there. Keep up all the good works and express to the elders our appreciation of them" ...*Dean Kelly, Lake City, FL*. "I have received S.T.O.P. for some time now. I commend you for your uncompromising stand for the Truth. Continue to "preach the word" (2 Tim. 4:2) through this means" ...*Timothy Roland, Murray, KY*. "Thank you so much for S.T.O.P. We appreciate the fine work you do with this magazine. May the Lord continue to bless all those who prepare the fine sound articles. Even in the mission field we have reason for concern because of some of the teaching given by those who are missionaries. There are so many liberal ideas on subjects such as social drinking, dancing, women's role, instrumental music, etc. It really does harm the work of the Lord when the "preachers" are so indifferent to worldly pursuits, and will not teach against such evils" ...*Jack Strachan, East Kilbride, Scotland*. "Please take my name off your mailing list" ...*Norman Lyons, Buffalo, NY*. "Thank you for your diligent work in speaking the gospel over this land and country. I hope and pray that the Lord continues to watch over you and bless you and your efforts to work in His vineyard" ...*Robert Aanonsen, Wattenton, MO*. "I have enjoyed reading this publication" ...*Asbury Williams, Madison, GA*. "We appreciate your stand for the truth and the publication" ...*Lenard Hogan, Hornbeak, TN*. "May God bless you" ...*Mary Jackson, Shawnee, OK*. "Many thanks! We really enjoy and profit from the paper" ...*Owen Aikin, Rochester, TX*. "A friend recently shared your publication with us which we enjoyed reading very much. I would

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