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*We fix our eyes
not on what is seen,
but on what is unseen.*

The JESUS Film in Cambodia and Mexico

By Randy Alcorn

“For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer” (1 Peter 3:12). I thought about this as I traveled this fall in East Asia, in a “closed” country which 26 years ago, when I was in college, I led a weekly prayer group concerning. What God has done in those years is miraculous.

and, no, this is not a typo—more than 650 daughter churches!

In October I also traveled to Cambodia with a team from the JESUS Film Project, including director Paul Eshleman, CEO of the ministry and Senior Vice-President of Campus Crusade for Christ International. It was thrilling to go to four places



Cambodian children watching the JESUS film

When logic would tell you the church would not be able to grow under government restrictions, it has grown at a phenomenal rate. I saw thriving churches, despite the fact that in some areas there is strong persecution. I worshipped at one church of 2500 people listening to biblical and Christ-centered teaching. This church has planted—

in Phnom Penh where the film was being shown. (Twelve Cambodian film crews show the film every night in different locations—some 60% of the country has now seen it.) We went down some muddy back alleys, where eighty people gathered in one location, two hundred in another, all of them

watching the film attentively.

Every word in the film is from the gospel of Luke, and includes at the end an invitation to receive Christ. In countries with low literacy, people can't read the Bible even if it's been translated into their language; but all of them can understand the JESUS Film, which is Scripture on a screen,

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God made visible. It was thrilling to see the wondrous looks on people's faces—especially those of the children—as they watched, and heard Jesus speak their own language.

While in Cambodia, I was asked to speak at an outreach dinner for VIPs. Guests included business executives, high-ranking government officials, ten medical doctors, university professors, a university president, television personalities and journalists, and four military generals.

God provided just the right interpreter, a Cambodian national who works with Campus Crusade. I sat down with him in a corner of the restaurant beforehand and went through what I was going to say, so he could think about the best words for the translation. We were right on the same wavelength. He knew by heart in Cambodian many of the Bible verses I'd be sharing.

Paul Eshleman introduced me as a writer. Knowing the importance of family to Cambodians, I told a story about my proud, independent father resisting Christ his whole life, then at age 84 putting a gun to his head and about to pull the trigger as I begged him not to, then by God's grace, finally coming to Christ as I prayed with him before he was wheeled into surgery.

I said I knew that as Cambodians they'd gone through immeasurable suffering. Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge killed nearly three million people, reducing the population from eight million to five. Nearly everyone there could name anywhere from two to six or more murdered relatives. What we saw when we visited the Killing Fields—and one of the torture facilities—was as bad and worse than anything I've seen at the Holocaust memorials in Jerusalem and DC.

I said I knew they longed for peace and joy and hope. I told them about Jesus Christ, who understood suffering, who voluntarily suffered on our behalf, so we could be with him in heaven forever, the place for which we were made. Many Cambodians no longer have the illusion that this earth offers hope. I emphasized that the evil in the world—the evil they'd seen in the Killing Fields—came out of the evil in our hearts, and that's why Jesus died for us.

I stressed that He is not a God who is far away, but a God who is close, a God



Vek Huong and Samoan Taing

who loves them and cares about them. This is in stark contrast to the remote cold gods of Buddhism that permeate the country. Jesus offers the peace and joy and hope that has seemed so impossible

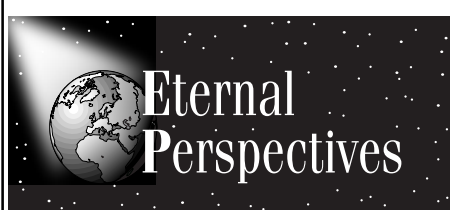
Why Film Evangelism?

- Reaches ever-expanding population masses.
- Overcomes illiteracy through film and video technology.
- Is adaptable to both large and small audiences in rural and urban settings as it is produced in the form of video or audiocassette and in formats for television and radio broadcast.
- Tells the gospel story consistently, truthfully and completely.
- Identifies more quickly those who are ready to make a commitment and become disciples.
- Accelerates church planting.

in Cambodia. Governments and religions don't keep their promises, Jesus does. I ended by saying my hope was that they would give their lives to Christ that night and one day in heaven I would see them again. We would understand each other without a translator, and I would introduce them to my dad.

After I presented the gospel, a Cambodian pastor, Vek Huong Taing, came up front. He and his wife Samoan and their child miraculously survived years in the Killing Fields, but that's another story. (EPM is now supporting this dear couple.) Vek gave the invitation to repent and receive Christ. One man was visibly crying at his table. We knew God was doing something special. But we didn't know the half of it.

As people filled out their response cards, some were indicating they'd prayed and accepted Christ as their Savior. After everyone was gone the organizers counted the totals. I might have guessed ten converts, and I would have been thrilled at that. But out of 99 unbelievers, a total of 52 indicated they had put their faith in Christ!



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What About Follow-up?

- New believers, like children, need nurturing in their faith. The JESUS Film Project has developed follow-up strategies to help assure lasting results following film showings.
- Local churches in film showing areas are recruited in advance to help promote film showings and provide follow-up counselors.
- Follow-up counselors meet with those who come forward after the film to pray with them and write down their addresses for future visits.
- NewLife groups are formed to enfold and disciple new believers. Teaching elders from local churches lead the groups.
- NewLife groups are combined to plant new churches.
- NewLife training teams help prepare leadership for these new churches.
- Media Response Centers coordinate follow-up for television and radio presentations of the JESUS film—as well as answer responses from audio and videotape distribution.

I was amazed. (You know the old pattern—we pray, God answers, we're shocked.) Each person is being followed up, channeled into churches, and numbers of them are being disciplined together. This was all God's work—I and the others were just privileged to be there as his errand boys, serving Him and the dear Cambodian Christians who put this event together and bathed it in prayer. Those of you on our prayer support team added your prayers to theirs.

One powerful consequence of God's work at that outreach dinner emerged the next day. As we visited the Killing Fields Paul told us that, though 60% of Cambodians have seen the JESUS film, they have never been able to get permission to show the film in the region surrounding the Killing Fields. It turns out the deputy governor of that region had the letter of request sitting on his desk for a long time and had refused to sign it. Well, guess who was at that VIP outreach—that same deputy governor. And...he prayed to accept Christ! The next morning he went to his office and signed that paper, giving permission to show the JESUS film in his region.

This was a dramatic example of the importance of reaching the upper classes of society—not because they are more valuable or more important to God (they

aren't), but because of the trickle-down benefits of the gospel it brings to the poor



Nanci Alcorn with a Mexican family

and disadvantaged. As a result of that single man coming to Christ, tens of thousands of people will now see the JESUS film in their own language, and thousands of those will come to faith in Christ.

Psalm 66 kept coming to mind: "Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious! Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds...Come and see what God has done, how awesome his works in man's behalf.'"

Those who pray for or financially support EPM will one day meet in heaven some of these dear Cambodian brothers and sisters, and hear them say "thank you."

In November, just a month after returning from Cambodia, I spoke at a JESUS film donor conference in Mexico. Nanci and I went with a group to the outlying areas of Puerta Vallerto, away from the touristy stuff, and walked through the barrios passing out invitations to view the película (film) under Los Mangos (the mango trees) at siete, repeating the word "gratis" (free) and our approximately seven other Spanish words, as if we knew what we were doing.

There's something amusing and endearing to people about Americans bumbling around trying to speak their language and doing a terrible job. On that basis, Nanci and I endeared ourselves to a lot of people. Of course, the local believers and JESUS film staff had no language barrier and the film was in Spanish.

As the film showed, we watched and prayed. 270 people saw the film by the mangos, and when a JESUS film staffer gave a live invitation, 40 children and 25 adults raised their hands to say they had prayed to ask Jesus to forgive their sins and be their Savior and Lord. It was wonderful to see them come forward and be followed up by believers from local churches.

And it was exciting to be there praying. Not "just praying"—there's no such thing. One of the prayer issues related to problems with the film projector. You could sense the desperate efforts of evil spirits to derail this presentation of the gospel. What a privilege to participate in spiritual warfare and the harvest of God's Spirit.

There were three other showings the same night. Over 200 people came to Christ. All are followed up by Campus Crusade/JESUS film staff and local church members and pastors. This is not only evangelism—discipleship and training and the local church are all taken very seriously. There were also daily full-page ads sharing the gospel in the major newspaper, and the JESUS audio drama was

played over the radio. This was the beginning of an intensive two-week saturation with the gospel.

The Mexico JESUS film director said something interesting—many American missions and southern churches make forays into northern Mexico to work on housing projects and bring the gospel, and this is great. (Our family and church have done the same.) But the deeper down you go into Mexico, the less evangelized the country is. People in large parts of Mexico have never heard the true gospel. They have a nominal Catholic affiliation, but no true faith in Christ. Parts of Mexico are less evangelized than many parts of South America or Africa.

Seeing eyes glued and ears tuned to the JESUS film gives you a fresh appreciation of the gospel's magnificence. There is nothing like hearing people gasp and watching them cover their mouths and wipe their tears as they stand wide-eyed, gazing at this Christ—this wonderful messenger sent from God—being nailed to the cross. It is a stunning sight, which I've now witnessed in three different cultures. I've also seen the people's joy and wonder and smiles when Christ appears after the resurrection, and watched as they absorb attentively the presentation of the gospel added to the end of the film, and the live presentation that often follows.

In restricted countries I've visited, the film can't be shown outdoors, but videos are watched on TVs. I'll never forget crowding into two homes in East Asia where the JESUS video was being shown by Christians to their neighbors. I counted 33 in one home and 37 in the other, eyes glued to the screen, listening in their own language to every word spoken by Jesus, straight from the Word of God.

The entire JESUS film can be watched over the internet (www.jesusfilm.org), and the second most popular language it's watched in is Arabic! Countless Muslims have watched it in the privacy of their own homes.



Pakistanis watching the JESUS film

The JESUS film is arguably the single greatest evangelistic tool in history apart from the Word of God itself. It's now being used by more than 800 mission agencies worldwide, and has been shown in 223 countries.

Nearly three billion (that's not a typo either) people have seen the film, and over a hundred million of these

have specifically indicated they have put their faith in Christ.

The film is in 560 languages, with new language translations being completed weekly. It's in Mandarin Chinese, spoken by 70% of China's 1.2 billion people. It's also in the language of the Nambikuara of northern Brazil, who number less than 500—the translation and recording were conducted by Wycliffe Bible Translators missionaries. Tens of thousands of churches have been planted around the world through the film.

I have seen the work and the workers first-hand in several countries, and I can vouch for the integrity, vision and biblical foundation of this ministry. I encourage you to read the accompanying information on the JESUS Film Project and consider if God would have you invest in eternity by getting involved in financial or prayer support for this wonderful work of the Lord.

Why I Give to the JESUS Film Project

The JESUS film possesses at least five qualities which may change your priorities for giving:

1. Fifty percent of the world's population is illiterate. The only way they can be reached with the gospel is for them to see it and hear it.
2. Fifty percent of the world's population is under the age of 18. Youth are very receptive to film as a medium for expressing ideas. This makes them especially receptive to the JESUS film.
3. Two to three billion people will never go to church unless they first see who Jesus is. The JESUS film will give them that one chance to see Jesus.
4. One-third of the world's population easily identifies with the times in which Jesus lived and taught.
5. The film assists in "picking the ripe fruit" through quickly identifying those who are ready.

Mission agencies and indigenous churches across the world are asking for the JESUS film. They will supply the workers to show the film over 100 times a year. They will train the church members to follow up the new converts to establish new churches—all they need is the film and equipment. We need to raise the money to equip them.

The harvest will not last forever. We must move where the Holy Spirit is moving before the doors of opportunity close.

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President, Maclellan Foundation*

JESUS Film Stories

Colombia, South America

In Colombia, South America, a missionary couple was driving along a rugged mountain road known for occasional attacks by bandits, when suddenly their car was blocked by thieves brandishing assault rifles, who ordered the couple to sit on the roadside while they ransacked the car.

The missionaries fearfully complied, wondering if they would be shot and killed, as often happens. The thieves took nearly everything, including the projector they were using to show the JESUS film in nearby villages. As the thieves began to leave, the husband boldly called, "Wait, you forgot to take the film." Amazingly, the bandits came back and snatched that, too.

A year later this same missionary was visiting inmates in prison. He was stunned to come across one of the roadway bandits, who immediately recognized him. The thief began to cry, then reached out and embraced him. With deep fervor he said, "I want you to know that after we robbed you, I watched the film and prayed to receive Christ. My life was radically changed, and I want to thank you. I am here in this place because now I am a Christian."

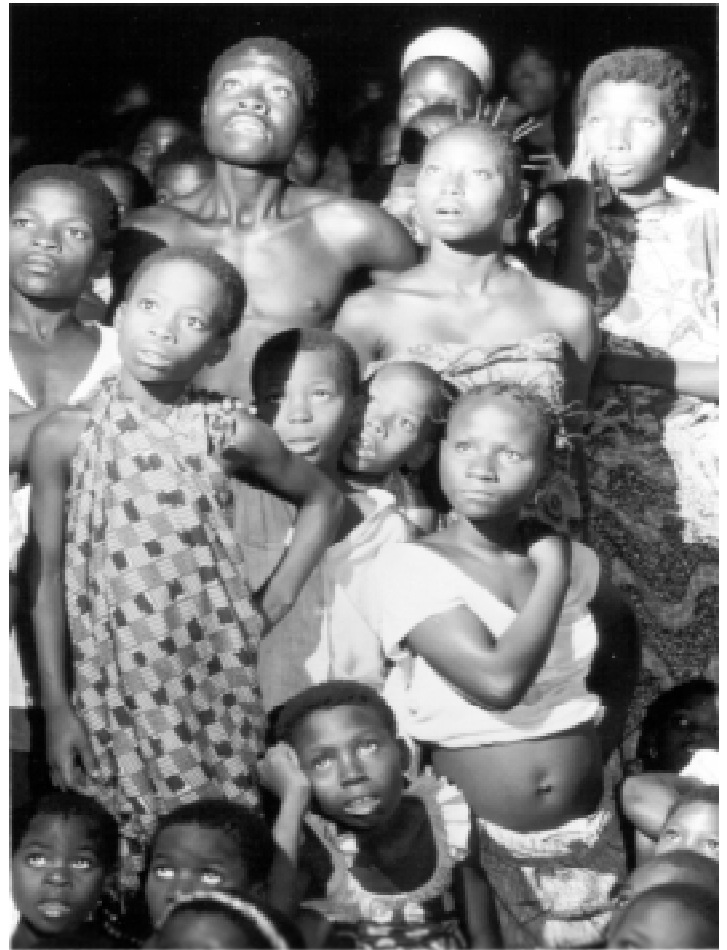
Breakthrough in Egypt

One of the amazing breakthroughs we continue to hear about is how the Lord is working supernaturally in the Muslim world to bring people to Himself. For example, Cairo, Egypt, the "Hollywood" of the Middle East, was the site of the second largest international book fair in the world in February of '97. Only three years ago, 1,000 Arabic videos of the JESUS film were sold at the fair. But in 1998, more than 35,000 videos were sold with a free New Testament included!

Anis Mansour, one of the most famous columnists in Egypt, wrote about the JESUS film on the back page of the *Ahram*, the most popular daily newspaper in the Arab world. He watched JESUS through two times, then wrote, "The story of humility, simplicity and mercy which conquered violence and suffering...and betrayal by his followers...it is a moving film."

On the last day of the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan, a Christian worker and his wife were driving along the deserted streets of Cairo just after the fast when everyone was home eating. They saw an old crippled man with a crutch waiting at a bus stop. Knowing that it would be an hour before the bus would come, the couple offered to give the man a ride. His clothes were tattered, and he was carrying a bag full of what seemed to be leftover pieces of meat and bones.

The couple drove the man as far as they could. As he got out of the car, they gave the man a New Testament. He thanked them and then asked, "Do you have the film?" Puzzled, the couple asked, "What film?" "The JESUS film," replied the man. When asked how he knew about the film, he responded, "My son bought it at the book fair. We've all watched it, and I'd like a copy."



Enthralled viewers in Togo, West Africa

(Photo by Greg Schneider, Worldwide Challenge)

This breakthrough in Egypt not only demonstrates the tremendous demand for the scriptures in non-traditional formats in Muslim countries, but it's evidence of the spiritual hunger in the souls of people like the crippled man mentioned above. This story is just one of the many examples of how God is moving today in the Middle East.

Headhunter Trusts Christ

In the mountains of Southeast Asia, Hsam Yone, a local witch doctor, claimed to have 50 decapitated heads stashed in and around his bamboo hut. As a village leader, he had prestige among his people (because the more heads you have, the more status). When a JESUS film team bravely came to his area, the witch doctor resisted and refused to go to the showing. But, his 73-year-old mother went.

She heard the story of Christ, yet, did not respond. A few weeks later, she fell from a bamboo ladder and was paralyzed. On her bed, she remembered the film and called for the pastor from a nearby village who had been with the film team. Sitting by her bedside he told her, "Jesus can not only save you from your sin, but He can also heal your sickness." She believed, prayed to receive Christ, and was healed!

Still her son, the witch doctor, remained hard-of-heart, believing in "his spirits" and opposed to Christ. Able to walk



again, his mother attended a New Life Training Center where she learned that if she prayed for her son, the Holy Spirit would draw him to the Lord.

Meanwhile, Hasm—with his 50 heads nearby—was suddenly struck with the thought: “If someone were to cut off MY head, where will I spend eternity? I don’t know!”

Immediately, he called for the same pastor who had led his mother to Christ. After talking for two hours, the witch doctor also trusted Christ and was baptized. With his “prestige” still intact, he gathered the entire village together—all 1,008 members. He told them what God had done for him. Each one prayed to receive Christ.

After two weeks of meetings with the pastor, the entire

group marched in line over narrow mountain trails to a stream where, one at a time, they were baptized!

In the last six months more than 100,000 Wa have seen the film in scores of villages. And now, the growing Wa church has set a goal of seeing 300,000 of their people come to Christ. To accomplish this, they want to send out a number of new JESUS film teams. Plus, they have a vision to cross over into China and share Christ with 500,000 more Wa!

Burma Buddhist Monks Accept Christ

The expense of gasoline for the generators is often a problem in Burma. (Named Myanmar by the military government in 1989, Burma is the name preferred by most of the people.) In one area, the team had only one gallon of gasoline—enough for one film showing. Only a few people gathered at first. Rumors had circulated that Christianity was for Westerners and not for Burmese people. Then, word spread that Jesus speaks Burmese. Local Buddhist monks provided gasoline for the generator. After insisting that the film team show the JESUS film three times in a row, 37 Buddhist monks prayed to receive Christ.

In another district in Myanmar, 42 villages turned to Christ after seeing the JESUS film. After the first showing, when an entire village stood to receive Christ, surprised team members asked why. Villagers explained that when witch doctors threw fire at the team members’ backs, the fire turned to flowers. All of the villagers wanted to follow Christ since He is more powerful than the evil spirits they served. Forty-two pastors were subsequently trained—a pastor for each village.

JESUS Film Investment Opportunities

Your Contribution:	What it will pay for:	Your Contribution:	What it will pay for:
\$30	20 Audiotape Cassettes	\$1,000	Ten New Believer Bible Study Groups
\$45	6 Videotape Cassettes	\$1,250	16mm Film Print
\$75	Follow-up Literature	\$1,965	16mm Projector
\$100	Film Promotional Materials	\$4,075	Film Team Equipment Package
\$150	Film Showing	\$15,000	Film Team for One Year
\$200	100 Video Compact Disk Sets	\$15,000	Mobilize a Training Team
\$380	Screen and Frame Set	\$25,000	New Audio/Radio Translation
\$435	Video Cassette Recorder/Player	\$30,000	New Film Translation
\$525	Microphone & Speakers Set	\$35,000	Four-Wheel-Drive Truck
\$950	Portable Generator	\$70,000	TV broadcast—expose 2 million people!

Any Amount Where Most Needed

Remember—Every dollar you give will allow seven people to view this incredible film and historically, an average of one out of ten will indicate a willingness to invite Christ into their life.

Mail all checks payable to: **The JESUS Film Project** or **Campus Crusade for Christ**. Mail it to **The JESUS Film Project, 910 Calle Negocio, Suite 300, San Clemente, CA 92673**. Or, if you prefer, you may designate all or a portion of your contribution gift to EPM, to go to the JESUS film. As always, we will send 100% of your contribution to the designated recipient.

Is Offering Abortion an Act of Heroism?

This letter came from "Mary" (not her real name). Randy's response follows.

I will not begin a long discussion on why abortions of any kind are perfectly normal and should be available as options to any woman who chooses the destiny of herself and her unborn fetus. The reason I will not give you thousands of pages of convincing and scientifically proven evidence is

"I will support abortions for as long as I live, and my children and future family will do the same."

because I am sure you have heard it all before and have closed your eyes on the truth as many other "religious" people have.

All I want to say is that I will support abortions for as long as I live, and my children and future family will do the same. Also, with hard work, I will be in medical school in a few years and I myself will be able to help women in society and to fight closed-minded anti-abortionists who see no farther than the small bubble in which they live. The abortions will continue and people like me, the realists and providers of these services, will prosper as we have for many years now.

By no means am I suggesting that anyone should be forced to have an abortion against their beliefs or their free will. All I say is that the choice should not be taken away from those who choose to have other options in life and not limit themselves. With my arguments and evidence, most of which you've probably heard (but some of it I'm sure you haven't), I have been able to convince two teenager friends of mine who were unsure to make the right decisions in life and not ruin the rest of their lives due to some idiotic beliefs put into their heads by the most unrealistic and closed-minded of Catholic school teachers. I only wish that my studies at the university would allow me more free time so that I may put my evidence and proofs into writing so that others may be enlightened and poor teenagers lives could be saved.

Dear Mary,

If you could look back and see yourself as the unborn child whose life was to be taken in an abortion, I'm convinced you would think differently about it. Those in the power position often think

little of the needs or rights of those who are small, young, weak and vulnerable. I believe that we who are bigger and

stronger should "speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy" (Proverbs 31:8-9).

I'm saddened to hear you would choose to take the lives of the innocent, violating the sacred ancient oath of Hippocrates. I would encourage you to reconsider your position, and not to play God with young human lives that need your love and care rather than your neglect and disdain. Whether in the days of American slavery or in Nazi Germany, the powerful have always had "fine arguments" for killing the weak and needy. But none of those arguments changes the bottom line—killing weak human beings for the convenience of strong ones.

As for your counsel to others to have abortions, have you done what I have—met with women who decades later grieve over their decision to take the lives of their unborn children? I share with them the love of Christ, and point to Christ's offer of forgiveness found in the Bible. But I notice that those who talked

them into abortions many years ago are nowhere to be found—they have left these women to pick up the emotional pieces on their own, until finally they come into contact with people who love them and will weep with them and help them find God's grace to move on with their lives. Interestingly, those people who are there to help them are almost always prolife, not proabortion.

Where are the people now who have taken these women's money and killed their children and set themselves up as noble servants of humanity? Don't kid yourself, Mary—it isn't heroism to tear apart little children for a living, then drive away in your BMW at the end of the day. I feel no animosity toward you, and I don't hate abortionists I know. I pity them and pray for them. But that doesn't change the ugliness of what they do.

God warns us, "Do this so that innocent blood will not be shed in your land, which the LORD your God is giving you as your inheritance, and so that you will not be guilty of bloodshed" (Deut 19:10). The Bible says God hates "hands that shed innocent blood" (Prov 6:17). "But your eyes and your heart are set only on dishonest gain, on shedding innocent blood and on oppression and extortion" (Jer 22:17). God promises he will eventually bring judgment on all who shed the blood of the innocent and refuse to repent and seek his forgiveness.

I cringe to think of those who will stand before the Almighty having prided themselves in the killing of children. "It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the Living God" (Hebrews 10:31).

I don't know you, Mary, but I sincerely pray you will come to repentance and embrace the grace of God that is in Jesus Christ our Lord, who died on the cross for

you. I pray this not simply for the sake of children and women who may otherwise suffer at your hands. I pray it for **your** sake too. God loves not only them, but you. Jesus died not only for them (and me), but for you. He cares, Mary.

I'm glad you wrote. You're in my prayers.

Randy Alcorn



The Guest

Author Unknown

A few months before I was born, my dad met a stranger who was new to our small Tennessee town. From the beginning, Dad was fascinated with this enchanting newcomer and soon invited him to live with our family. The stranger was quickly accepted and was around to welcome me into the world a few months later.

As I grew up, I never questioned his place in our family. Mom taught me to love the Word of God. Dad taught me to obey it. But the stranger was our storyteller. He could weave the most fascinating tales. Adventures, mysteries and comedies were daily conversations. He could hold our whole family spellbound for hours each evening.

He was like a friend to the whole family. He took Dad, Bill and me to our first major league baseball game. He was always encouraging us to see the movies, and he even made arrangements to introduce us to several movie stars. The

stranger was an incessant talker. Dad didn't seem to mind but sometimes Mom would quietly get up—while the rest of us were enthralled with one of his stories of faraway places—and go to her room and read her Bible and pray. I

burned my ears and made Dad squirm. To my knowledge, the stranger was never confronted. Dad didn't permit alcohol in his home. But the stranger enlightened us to other ways of life. He often offered us beer and other alcoholic beverages. He made cigarettes look tasty, cigars manly, and pipes distinguished.

He talked freely about sex. His comments were sometimes blatant, sometimes suggestive, and generally embarrassing. I know now that my early concepts of the man/woman relationship were influenced by the stranger.

I believe it was only by the grace of God the stranger did not influence us even more. Time after time he opposed my parents' values. Yet he was seldom rebuked and never asked to leave.

More than thirty years have passed since the stranger moved in with the young family on Morningside Drive.

But if I were to walk into my parents' home today, I would still see him sitting over in a corner, waiting for someone to listen to him talk and watch him draw his pictures. His name? We always called him TV.



wonder now if she ever prayed that the stranger would leave. My Dad ruled our household with certain moral convictions. But this stranger never felt an obligation to honor them.

Profanity was not allowed in our house—not from us, our friends, or adults. Our longtime visitor, however, used occasional four-letter words that

Bulletin Bloopers

- Announcement in the church bulletin for a National Prayer & Fasting Conference: "The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals."

- Today the pastor will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing "Break Forth Into Joy."

- "Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands."

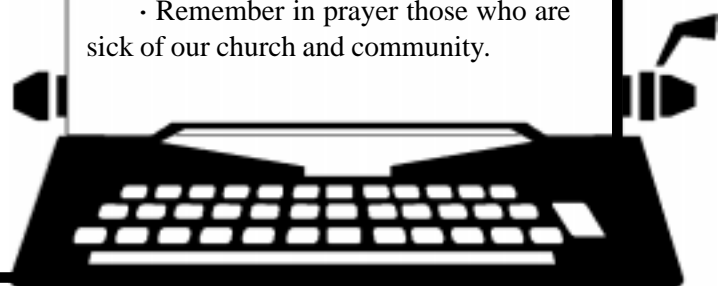
- Next Sunday is the family hayride and bonfire at the Fowlers'. Bring your own hot dogs and guns. Friends are welcome! Everyone come for a fun time.

- Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

- Connie remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.

- The Pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.

- Remember in prayer those who are sick of our church and community.



A Russian Christmas Story "For Always"

Will Fish

In 1994 two Americans answered an invitation from the Russian Department of Education to teach morals and ethics (based on biblical principles) in the public schools. They were invited to teach at prisons, businesses, the fire and police departments and a large orphanage. About 100 boys and girls who had been abandoned, abused, and left in the care of a government-run program were in the orphanage. They relate the following story in their own words:

It was nearing the holiday season, 1994, time for our orphans to hear for the first time the traditional story of Christmas. We told them about Mary and Joseph arriving in Bethlehem. Finding no room in the inn, the couple went to a stable, where the baby Jesus was born and placed in a manger. Throughout the story, the children and orphanage staff sat in amazement as they listened. Some sat on the edges of their stools, trying to grasp every word.

Completing the story, we gave the children three small pieces of cardboard to make a crude manger. Each child was given a small paper square cut from yellow napkins I had brought with me. No colored paper was available in the city. Following instructions, the children tore the paper and carefully laid strips in the manger for straw. Small squares of flannel, cut from a worn-out nightgown an American lady was throwing away as she left Russia, were used for the baby's blanket. A doll-like baby was cut from tan felt we had brought from the United States.

The orphans were busy assembling their manger as I walked among them to see if they needed any help. All went

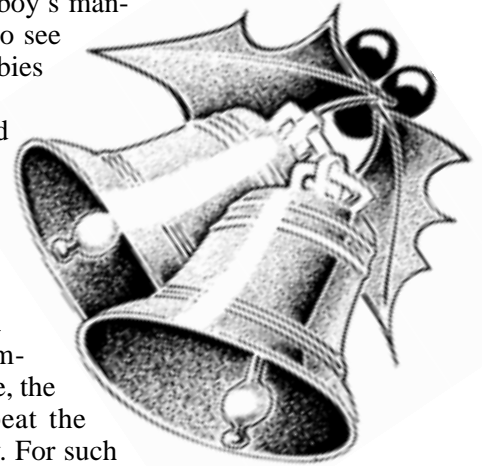
well until I got to one table where little Misha sat—he looked to be about six years old and had finished his project. As I looked at the little boy's manger, I was startled to see not one, but two babies in the manger.

Quickly I called for the translator to ask the lad why there were two babies in the manger. Crossing his arms in front of him and looking at his completed manger scene, the child began to repeat the story very seriously. For such a young boy who had only heard the Christmas story once, he related the happenings accurately—until he came to the part where Mary put the baby Jesus in the manger.

Then Misha started to ad lib. He made up his own ending to the story as he said, "And when Mary laid the baby in the

manger, Jesus looked at me and asked me if I had a place to stay. I told him I have no mamma and I have no papa, so I don't have any place to stay. Then Jesus told me I could stay with him. But I told him I couldn't, because I didn't have a gift to give him like everybody else did. But I wanted to stay with Jesus so much so I thought maybe if I kept him warm that would be a good gift. So I asked Jesus, "If I keep you warm, will that be a good enough gift?" And Jesus told me, "If you keep me warm, that will be the best gift anybody ever gave me." So I got into the manger and then Jesus looked at me and told me I could stay with him—for always."

As little Misha finished his story, his eyes brimmed full of tears that splashed down his little cheeks. Putting his hand over his face, his head dropped to the table and his shoulders shook as he sobbed and sobbed. The little orphan had found someone who would never abandon nor abuse him, someone who would stay with him—for always.



Religious Bigotry Rising in America

(The following is a floor speech delivered by House Majority Leader Dick Armey, September 29, 1999)

Mr. Speaker, America today is at a crossroads. Our people head into the 21st Century having witnessed remarkable events all across the globe. We have seen the rise and fall of tyranny—Nazism and communism—with Americans being instrumental in the destruction of both. We have seen technological and scientific developments unparalleled in history. America itself is more prosperous than it has been at any time in its existence. The United States is now recognized as the unchallenged superpower in the world.



But at the same time that our nation has seen so many achievements, we have to admit that there are some areas where we are not making the progress that we should. Tonight I regret to say that one area where we're losing ground is our treatment of religious believers. We are witnessing a rising level of bigotry against people of faith, especially Christians.

Mr. Speaker, let me tell you about some of the most recent examples that I've seen. The first three followed after the tragic shootings in Littleton, Colorado, and Fort Worth, Texas.

After the memorial service for the families and victims of Littleton, Colorado, the May 1st issue of the Denver Post editorialized against what it called the "disenfranchising" nature of this memorial service. According to the

editorial page writers, "While the service deftly satisfied the needs of fundamentalist Christians, it estranged too many others who came in search of healing" and due to the fact that the primary entertainment was by "Christian singers Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith, and the key speech was by the Rev. Franklin Graham, son of Billy Graham, it drove away a sizeable number of people who had come to mourn the deaths.

We urge state officials to learn from the error and plan future events to be inclusive, not divisive." In other words, the editors of the Denver Post objected to the families and victims turning to their faith in this terrible time of grief.

According to the May 18th edition of the *Washington Times*, plans to create a memorial for the family and victims of the Columbine shootings at the Foothill Parks and Recreational District near the high school were scrapped after the "Freedom From Religion Foundation" threatened legal action.

The spokesman for the group said that the memorial would "make non-Christians feel unwelcome at that park." The day after the tragic shooting in Fort

Worth this month, the *Washington Times* reported that Attorney General Janet Reno was asked the next day whether she thought that the shootings had anything to do with hatred or religious bigotry. Janet Reno warned reporters that it was too early to characterize the Fort Worth shooting as a "hate crime." This reticence was in stark contrast to other cases of bigotry. For instance, last year the Justice Department offered its resources to help prosecutors prove racial bias in another Texas case involving the dragging death of James Byrd within days of the tragic killing. It's been two weeks since the shooting in Fort Worth, and we're still waiting.

Mr. Speaker, there are still other examples. Whether we wish to admit it

or not, Christians are now subject to ridicule, mistreatment, and bigotry—pure and simple.

The television show "Nothing Sacred" lived up to its billing by trying to develop storylines with ministers of the cloth engaging in immoral activity or finding ways to belittle people of faith altogether. According to the *New York Post* which ran in March of 1998, "Nothing Sacred" set an all-time low for viewership last year on a major network with 94% of the available market bypassing this program.

And Hollywood isn't any better. Movies such as this summer's release of "Stigmata" attack the Catholic Church, accusing it of being on a millennium-long crusade to stamp out the true teachings of Christ.

But, Mr. Speaker, there's more evidence that our society, rather than protecting freedom of religion, is discouraging religious expression.

According to the Associated Press, the ACLU sued the city of Republic, Missouri, on behalf of Jean Webb, a Wiccan witch, to have its city seal altered to remove the fish symbol. The May 6th article stated that the ACLU planned to also argue that since the "symbol is often found in Christian establishments, not non-Christian ones, and that most of the people who wrote letters supporting the fish identified it as a Christian symbol," the ACLU had plenty of evidence that the city's support of keeping the fish symbol constituted an establishment of religion.

The *Chicago Tribune* reported that the ACLU this year sued the Chicago Public Schools because of its activities with the Boy Scouts of America. Why? The April 26th news story indicated that it was because the Boy Scout oath pledges that a good scout will obey God. By the ACLU's reasoning, such an oath, because it mentions God, makes the Boy Scouts a religious organization which shouldn't be allowed on school property.

USA Today ran a story last week announcing that the Augusta, Kansas, school board has revoked a policy that allowed students to lead classmates in prayer over the school intercom after the American Civil Liberties Union challenged the policy as unconstitutional.

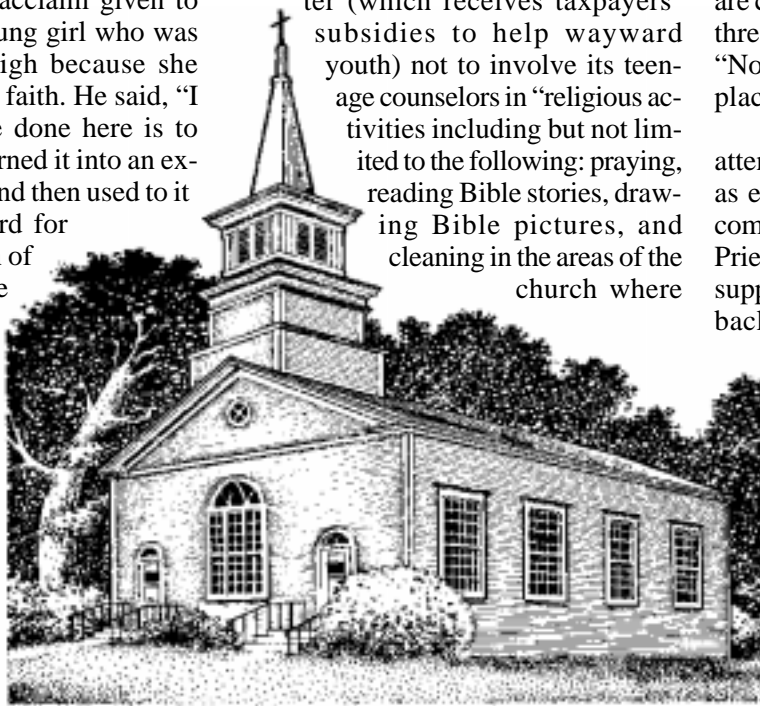
On the May 21 broadcast of CNN's "Crossfire," Barry Lynn, the Executive Director of Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, went so far as to criticize the acclaim given to Cassie Bernall, the young girl who was shot at Columbine High because she wouldn't renounce her faith. He said, "I think that what we've done here is to take this one victim, turned it into an example of martyrdom, and then used to it become the springboard for even more exploitation of this tragedy by people with a religious, political agenda." Such insensitivity would have been denounced if said about John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, or even Rodney King.

The District of Columbia public school system was sued this summer for allowing a church to use an abandoned park as a parking lot in exchange for providing after-school services for neighborhood children. The September 17th story, as reported in the *Washington Post*, revealed that members of the Metropolitan Baptist Church have been parking about 300 cars on the field on Sundays for more than 10 years. Rev. Hicks agreed to cancel the contract rather than force the city to defend the suit. Rev. Hicks, pastor of the 5000 member Metropolitan Baptist Church of Washington, D.C., got my attention with his statement when announcing plans to terminate the contract, saying that "there has been a shift in culture." He said, "We've reached the point where God no longer has a place in our communities."

The Hagerstown Suns, a Single-A affiliate of the major-league Toronto Blue Jays, is being sued by the ACLU because they ran a promotion for the past six years that reduced ticket prices on Sundays for anybody coming to the stadium with a church bulletin. According to the *Baltimore Sun* in their June 29th edition, the ACLU believes this discount is a form of discrimination against the non-religious.

Jeff Jacoby complains in his August 19th column in the *Boston Globe* of a

blatant case of anti-religious bias involving an inner city Boston church. On July 15, the city of Boston sent a letter to Mason Cathedral, warning the church center (which receives taxpayers' subsidies to help wayward youth) not to involve its teenage counselors in "religious activities including but not limited to the following: praying, reading Bible stories, drawing Bible pictures, and cleaning in the areas of the church where



there are religious symbols. All religious activities must cease immediately." Jeff Jacoby interviewed the pastor. "For five years they've been saying I do good work," says the Rev. Thomas Cross. "This year, everything changed." Conversely, if anyone stood up and said that groups like the National Organization of Women and the National Abortion Rights Action League shouldn't be allowed to operate shelters for battered or homeless women because they can't separate out their political agenda, they would be laughed right off stage.

Amazingly, our own federal Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention even funds a middle school curriculum "Healing the Hate" that suggests that among the warning signs for school counselors that a child may be dangerous is if he or she grows up in a "very religious" home. This is without one shred of evidence showing any linkage between Christians and any of these terrible acts of violence that our nation has faced. Imagine saying that a warning sign that a child may be dangerous or a threat to other classmates was the skin color or sexual orientation of that child's household.

In case after case, people of faith are told to mind their own business, keep to themselves, and stay out of the affairs of the rest of society. People of faith are called extremists, labeled out and out threats to our nation, and generally find "Not Welcome Here" signs all over the place.

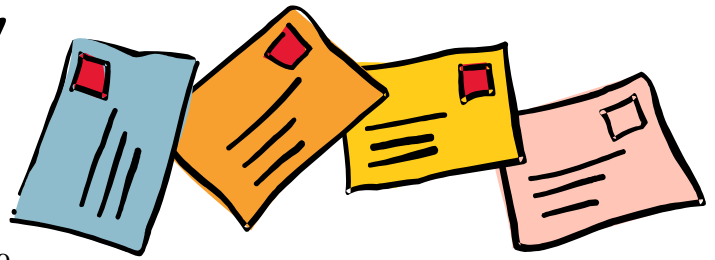
Law-abiding people, who regularly attend church and try to live their lives as examples to their children and their community, are lampooned and mocked. Priests, ministers, and the laymen who support them are expected to sit at the back of the bus when it comes to participating in the public square. As you've seen from my examples, when the rights of people of faith are trampled, newspapers and other leaders in our nation are either silent or complicit. Why is this? What about the rights of people of faith?

Bigotry of any kind should be confronted. It is always irrational and unjustified. Madmen who kill at a synagogue deserve our most stinging disapprobation. The tragic death of James Byrd was worthy of national condemnation. But just as we should be eternally vigilant against racial bigotry, we must also protect the rights of people of faith.

People of faith are decent, loving and patriotic. They work hard to provide for their families and are tireless advocates for improving our communities across the nation. Let's join together and condemn those who would deny freedom and opportunity for every American. Let us have the simple common American decency to respect each and every person who feels within their heart the need to express their faith and respect of other people. We must deal with these circumstances honestly and assertively.

We are a great nation. We are a nation that has been declared in the past to be a good nation, a nation of good people. No matter what our prosperity, no matter what our power, we cannot be that if we cannot be a nation that has the decency to respect the faith of our citizens. We are failing in that regard, and we must turn it around.

Letters to EPM



Dear Mr. Alcorn,

I recently read *Dominion* and *Deadline*, and I'm writing to tell you what a profound impact they have had on my life.

I've been hovering at the edges of total commitment to Christianity. But I've had hesitations about believing words written by humans that claim theirs is the Word of God, and I've had misgivings about completely believing in a man who says he was the Son of God. I've seen so many examples in my life of people who use their persuasive powers to subjugate others to their will while falsely proclaiming it to be God's will.

The only humans I trust (in matters related to God and Christianity) are those who live their beliefs and can express them in intelligent, concrete terms. To me, the "proof" and acceptance has to come through the intellect. Something has held me back from making a complete commitment to Jesus Christ.

But after reading *Dominion* (I read it first—it leapt into my hands at my public library), I turned the corner.

Obadiah Abernathy turned me. He brought me to Jesus with his simple, profound, unwavering, sweet-hearted faith.

I think I love and admire Obadiah more than any fictional character I've ever met. Through Obadiah, I have come to more fully understand how essential forgiveness is. And that's who Jesus is, the embodiment of forgiveness. Without Him, without that forgiveness, we're all lost, aren't we?

So, thank you for Obadiah. And thank you for helping me finally accept that the Bible *is* the word of God. Somehow, you were the one who managed to convince me. I'm in your debt, and Obadiah's.

L.W., Juntura, OR

Dear Randy,

I finished your book *Deadline* today, and I cannot really begin to tell you what a gift this book has been to me. My husband was diagnosed with terminal cancer three days after we were married. We knew each other a total of nine months, and he died exactly six months from the day of our wedding.

This was the most difficult and the most wondrous time of my entire life. Never have I felt so close to God. When Jerry went home, exactly one year ago today, I celebrated because he was with God. Then I mourned and mourned and mourned for the profound loss in and of my life.

As I was reading *Deadline* and you depicted heaven, I cried cathartic tears. Triumph was mine because now I had a real and precious picture of joining my husband in Paradise someday.

God bless you, Randy, and thank you for painting such a beautiful picture of a possible future—one I can fix my eyes on and hold close to my heart. I also have joy in understanding that today is not the anniversary of Jerry's death, but in fact, his new birthday.

J.D., Redmond, WA

Mr. Alcorn,

I just finished reading *Edge of Eternity*, and I felt I had to write to you to tell you how much it ministered to me. Other than my Travel Guide, I think it is the best book I've ever read. It just put things into such a clear perspective. I just hope I can now put what I've learned into practice. The Lord has given you such a great gift to bring His love to your readers, and to demonstrate how approachable He is and wants to be to His children.

A.S., Colorado Springs, CO



I finished *Dominion* five minutes ago. This book gnawed at me as no other has ever done and I've read a lot of books.

I am a Caucasian female who grew up in South Carolina in the fifties and sixties. I remember always being puzzled by my parents' reference to a black family being "good niggers" as though there was some oddity in that statement.

I knew black people were treated differently. I just didn't know why. I remember the separate waiting rooms at my doctor's office. The door for the black people said "colored." I always wondered what color they meant. Our school became integrated when I was in the seventh grade. The year was 1966. The first black there was a boy named Jackie. He seemed nice enough, but I had little or no contact with him. By the time I graduated from high school, black students were a normal, significant portion of the student body. I don't think I even had any prejudice until I graduated from college and joined the workforce. There is where the undercurrent ran deep. There is where I bought into the "lazy black" philosophy.

I am grown now with grown children and a teenager at home. I know some wonderful black people, some wonderful Asian people, some wonderful Hispanic people. Some of them are friends, some only acquaintances, but I did not realize how deeply rooted and well-hidden my prejudices were until I began reading this book. I never thought about how being a minority might feel and why it's very difficult to "just get over it and move on."

The whole idea of racial healing has taken on new meaning for me, and I hope to bring this issue before our church board in the near future.

Thank you, Mr. Alcorn, for your time, your research, and most of all, your obvious love for our Lord, Jesus Christ. Pray that this fire burning in me will not be extinguished.

C.F., Chapin, SC

EPM Financial Information

From time to time people ask us "How is EPM doing financially?" We almost always say "fine." God has been faithful to provide all our needs in every way. Only one time in our history, a few years ago, have we sent out a letter making people aware of our financial needs. But the board has encouraged us to communicate more about our finances, so this is an update.

EPM is active in many ministries, and serves as a resource for everything from people with questions about eternity, heaven, missions or famine relief, to students wanting to make a prolife speech. Much of these contacts are spurred on by Randy's eleven books (with more in process) and our newsletter.

One of our reasons for existing is to help fund worthy organizations. We call to people's attention some of God's most strategic kingdom efforts. 100% of all contributions sent to EPM and designated to special ministries go there.

Some people like to centralize their giving and have chosen to do this through EPM. In a sense, they use us as eternal investment counselors and brokers. Then they write one check, with a note designating where they'd like the investment to go. Others will just designate "some worthy missions ministry" or "a strategic prolife project" or "to help the hungry." We then choose what we think is the best, or one of the very best, opportunities.

To do this effectively, we try to keep up with a number of different worthy ministries. If we become aware of problems that raise concerns about this ministry's effectiveness or integrity, we send our support elsewhere until this is resolved. (Occasionally someone sends us a contribution designated to an agency we don't feel we can support. In such cases we will return the contribution with a brief explanation.)

All of Randy Alcorn's book royalties are owned by EPM. As some of the books have been selling very well, this has been a greater source of income. It is Randy's desire (and the EPM board's) to use as much of this royalty income as possible

to fund worthy missions projects. For instance, in September we received a large royalty check and kept 10% for EPM and sent 90% to ten different ministries.

It may seem strange to do this when we could keep the funds and not need to rely as much on donors. *However, we believe the giving and prayers of people are vital to what we're doing.* We also believe God's hand is on the book sales and he is pleased when we dedicate those to Him and give them to his work.

Partly because of our central emphasis on special giving to other ministries, rather than to EPM's general fund, our monthly support sometimes falls considerably short of our needs, even though we labor to keep expenditures at a minimum. God provides in the form of periodic gifts from some of you, but these are not nearly enough to offset our expenses.

While Ron Norquist has moved to part-time (since becoming a part-time schoolteacher), we have just added a part-time bookkeeper and financial secretary, Janet Albers, and a webmaster Rick Rizzo. They join Kathy Norquist (Randy's Ministry Assistant) and Bonnie Hiestand (secretary). Nanci Alcorn is working less at EPM than in the past, but still is a part-time employee. As our financial reports testify, the salaries we pay are not high.

Randy is our only full-time employee, but with every new book and newsletter and speaking opportunity and phone call and email and visit to the website, the ministry continues to expand. We find ourselves in contact with more and more people each month. We're joyfully laboring to keep up. We rejoice that God is at work in this ministry.

If God does lay on your heart to give to our ministry, or to pray for us (the greatest gift you can give), know that we deeply appreciate it. (We do encourage you to give the firstfruits of your income to the Bible-teaching Christ-centered church where you fellowship.) It would be helpful to us to know your intention to regularly or periodically support EPM by filling out the information below and returning it to us.

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I cannot commit to monthly support but I would like to enclose a one-time gift of \$ _____ to be used by EPM as most needed.

Exploiting the Generation

Gap: *CosmoGirl!* vs. Parents

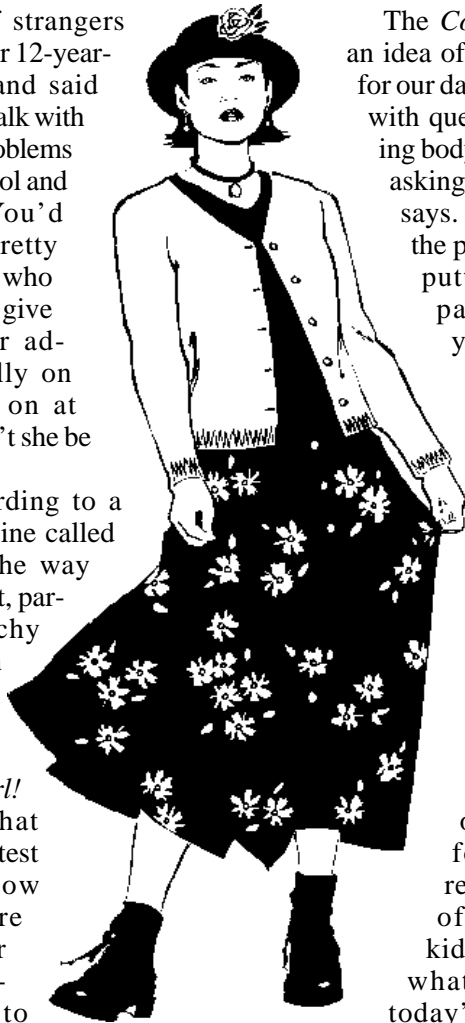
by Charles Colson

Imagine if strangers approached your 12-year-old daughter and said they wanted to talk with her about her problems at home, at school and with boys. You'd probably be pretty upset. After all, who has the right to give your daughter advice—especially on what's going on at home? Shouldn't she be talking to you?

Not according to a hot new magazine called *CosmoGirl!* The way the editors see it, parents are preachy and out of touch with what teenage girls need to hear. And *CosmoGirl!* aims to fill that void. It's the latest example of how advertisers are marketing over the heads of parents directly to kids.

CosmoGirl! is the brainchild of the Hearst publishing empire which publishes *Cosmopolitan* magazine. *Cosmo*, of course, played a big role in launching the sexual revolution back in the sixties. Now they're poised to bring the sexual revolution to your daughter—and they're not asking your permission.

In creating a *Cosmo* for kids, Hearst is capitalizing on a lucrative trend in magazines aimed at teens. It's loaded with horoscopes, celebrity gossip and love guidance. It even has a sex advice column from Dr. Ruth and another column that tells girls how to get their own way when their parents disapprove of their plans.



The *CosmoGirl!* web site gives an idea of what Hearst has in mind for our daughters: "We can help you with questions about your changing body that you feel funny about asking your doctor or mom," it says. "Are you nervous about the pressures that boys may be putting on you? Are your parents totally stressing you out? You can look to *CosmoGirl!* for realistic advice."

The web site boasts that *CosmoGirl!* is edited by "someone who's young enough to understand...and can tell you the real deal—without being preachy like a mom."

This trend to reach over parents' heads and appeal directly to kids has become pronounced over the last 30 years. Before then, parents were recognized as the arbiters of what messages their kids were getting—and of what they purchased. But today's teens have plenty of

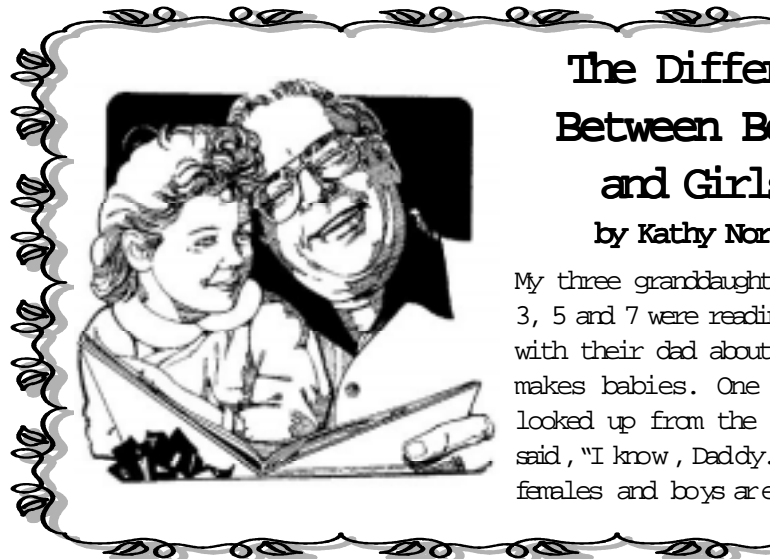
money of their own—and that's why companies market directly to them without much concern about whether or not parents approve of either the messages or the products.

And what is *CosmoGirl!*'s message? That kids can't trust their parents. After all, if they trusted their parents they probably wouldn't be buying magazines like *CosmoGirl!* And that would be bad for business. So companies have a huge stake in keeping children divided from—and at odds with—their parents. It's a cynical ploy and one Christians must stand against.

Our best defense is to take an active interest in our children's lives. If we don't, they'll find it all too easy to turn to magazines like *CosmoGirl!* for advice. Remember, kids turn elsewhere for advice only if they don't get satisfactory answers at home. If you create a world that is loving and honest you can neutralize the lure of magazines like *CosmoGirl!*

All children—yes, even teenage girls—long for an honest, open relationship with their parents. And no matter what the media tells you, that's worth far more than a whole truckload of make-up tips, celebrity gossip—and unbiblical advice.

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The Difference Between Boys and Girls

by Kathy Norquist

My three granddaughters aged 3, 5 and 7 were reading a book with their dad about how God makes babies. One of them looked up from the book and said, "I know, Daddy. Girls are females and boys are emails."

Oregon Patient With Dementia Given Suicide: Decision Falls Upon HMO Administrator

William L. Toffler, MD, Physicians for Compassionate Care (PCC) National Director

The psychiatrist who evaluated her declared Kate Cheney, an 85-year-old woman with growing dementia, ineligible for assisted suicide. This declaration was made because of her cognitive impairments and because her family appeared to be pressuring her, according to an October 17, 1999, Oregonian article by Erin Hoover Barnett (*Is Mom Capable of Choosing to Die?* p. G1-2). She could not remember recent events and people, including the names of her hospice nurses or her new doctor. This doctor had been assigned to Mrs. Cheney when her disgruntled daughter demanded a different physician for her mother, after her original doctor appeared less than enthusiastic about assisted suicide for her.

When the psychiatrist said she was not eligible for assisted suicide, the daughter and the new doctor did not accept the opinion as the safeguard it was supposed to be. Instead, they sought another opinion from a second mental health professional since there is nothing in the Oregon law to stop them from doing so.



The psychologist admitted the patient could not even remember when she was diagnosed with terminal cancer, although it had only been a few months ago. She also wrote that the patient's "choices may be influenced by her family's wishes and her daughter, Erika, may be somewhat coercive" (p. G2). Nevertheless, she approved the suicide.

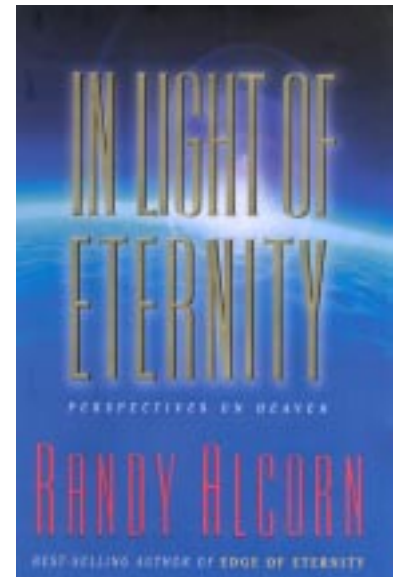
The final call came down to a single Kaiser administrator, Dr. Robert Richardson. He gave the go-ahead for giving a lethal overdose to this elderly woman under pressure from her family. It was his call.

Kaiser Permanente is a fully capitated HMO with a profit sharing plan for its doctors.

As predicted, it can be seen that once assisted suicide is legalized there is no way to protect the vulnerable and mentally ill.

Free Speech:

A function of free speech under our system of government is to invite dispute. It may indeed best serve its high purpose when it induces a condition of unrest, creates dissatisfaction with conditions as they are, or even stirs people to anger. Speech is often provocative and challenging. It may strike at prejudices and preconceptions and have profound unsettling effects as it presses for acceptance of an idea. That is why freedom of speech, though not absolute...is nevertheless protected against censorship or punishment unless shown likely to produce a clear and present danger of a serious substantive evil that arises far above public inconvenience, annoyance, or unrest. *Penal Code 42.01*



If I Were the Devil...

I would gain control of the most powerful nation in the world.

I would delude their minds into thinking that they had come from man's effort, instead of God's blessings.

I would promote an attitude of loving things and using people, instead of the other way around.

I would dupe entire states into relying on gambling for their state revenue.

I would convince people that character is not an issue when it comes to leadership.

I would make it legal to take the life of unborn babies.

I would make it socially acceptable to take one's own life, and invent machines to make it convenient.

I would cheapen human life as much as possible so that the life of animals are valued more than human beings.

I would take God out of the schools, where even the mention of His name was grounds for a lawsuit.

I would come up with drugs that sedate the mind and target



the young, and I would get sports heroes to advertise them.

I would get control of the media, so that every night I could pollute the mind of every family member for my agenda.

I would attack the family, the backbone of any nation.

I would make divorce acceptable and easy, even fashionable. If the family crumbles, so does the nation.

I would compel people to express their most depraved fantasies on canvas and movie screens, and I would call it art.

I would convince the world that people are born homosexuals, and that their lifestyles should be accepted and marveled.

I would convince the people that right and wrong are determined by a few who call themselves authorities and refer to their agenda as politically correct.

I would persuade people that the church is irrelevant and out of date, and the Bible is for the naïve.

I would dull the minds of Christians, and make them believe that prayer is not important, and that faithfulness and obedience are optional.

I guess I would leave things pretty much the way they are.

Paul Harvey
Syndicated Columnist

Website Update



Check out our website, www.epm.org. We now have a webmaster and you'll notice some improvements have been made, including the addition of many more articles and information. And there's more to come, so keep watching!



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