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STATE OF THE STATE--ONCE!

Hosea 4:1-3

- I. Polls have been prominent in gov. recently.
 - A. Someone said gov. is like a stomach, if it's doing its work right you will hardly realize you have one.
 - B. We've had polls on:
 1. Political performance.
 2. Political preference.
 3. Political problems--
 - (a) Clip on 7/71.
 - (b) Artificial world inflation.
- Clip
- II. I want to do Hosea's poll - (Hosea 4:1-3) and ask how we compare today.
 - A. From the text, we see
 1. No truth.
 - a.) Pilate ask the qt.
 - b.) Is there truth - absolute - in religious circles.
 - c.) Is our word as good as gold?
 - d.) Mental reservations, Credibility gap, necessary lie.
 2. No mercy.
 - a.) Does anyone care.
 - b.) Does God care.
 - Lam. 3:22-23 "Mercies not consumed--renewed each A.M."
 3. No knowledge of God.
 - a.) Beginning of K. is the fear of the Lord.
 - b.) I Tim. 6:3-4 "If any man teach otherwise, and c
 - c.) People perish for lack of it.

4. Swearing.

- a.) Language disgraceful.
- b.) Why not swear in name of Hitler.
- c.) On plane - man dropped cart - used filthy language, "O, pardon me."
- d.) Slang to express self.

5. Lying. If a man tells a woman she's beautiful, she'll overlook almost all his other lies - Earl Wilson.

- a.) Do we wink at it.
- b.) Paul Harvey says, "You are justified in lying if make a profit" - says business.
- c.) God hates lying.
- d.) Just about the time you teach kids you can't put more in a container than it will hold, along comes a woman in slacks.
- e.) M. Twain - One of the striking differences between a cat & a lie is that a cat has only 9 lives.

6. Killing.

- a.) Murder every few minutes.
- b.) Abortion.
- c.) Do we kill ourselves c food, drink, habits, work?

7. Stealing.

- a.) 1 out of 4 clerks in a discount chain steal.
- b.) R. Gibson closed Vicksburg store.

8. Adultery.

- a.) 80% male college, 60% girls have had affairs.
- b.) Divorce & remarriage.

c.) One in every 4 Am. is unbalanced - think of your 3 closest friends - if they are O.K., you are the one.

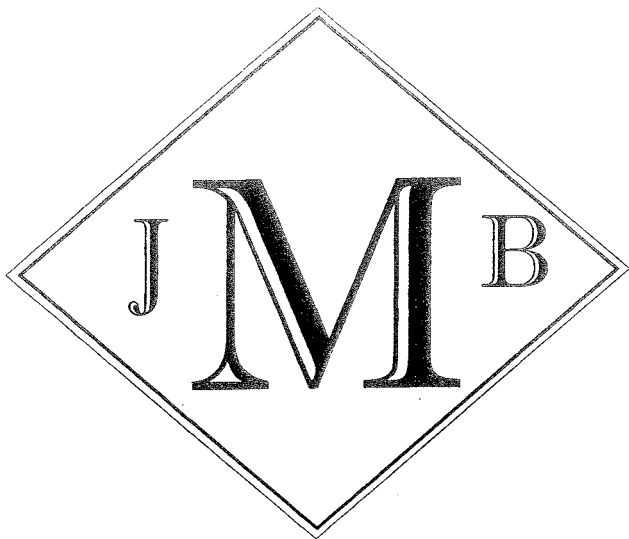
B. What shall we do?

Prov. 14:34 "Rt. exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach

II Chron. 7;14 "If my people, which are called by my

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WHEN PARENTS TEACH CHILDREN TO COMMIT ADULTERY

Hosea 2:12-14

I. Why would one review the failures of another age?

- A. Surely not to duplicate.
- B. Surely not to compromise - "we are as good as they were so why try."
- C. Certainly not to puff up present achievements and claim a superiority.
- D. Rather to learn:
 1. To learn to avoid.
 2. To learn why they went wrong.
 3. To learn the reaction of God.

II. I want us to study Hosea 2:12-14.

V. 12 "My people ask counsel at their stocks

- A. These are the things that went wrong.
 1. It's "my people."
 - (a) It compounds the crime.
 - (b) They had better chance.
 - (c) That a people like Israel would fall was inexcusable!
 2. Ask counsel at their stocks.
 - (a) Literally inquired at the wood.
 - (b) Graven images consulted.
 - (c) Like a blind man asking his staff which way to go. I used to a stick pony!
 - (d) Sometimes carved a staff to use for idolatrous worship.
 - (e) They'd even in Babylon line up sticks & whichever way they fell they were getting an ans.
 - (f) Shades of Ouija boards!

- 3. It was the spirit of whoredom.
 - (a) Idolatry is spiritual adultery.
 - (b) Christ is married to His church.
 - (c) When you renounce the vows you forfeit the protection marriage gives.

- 4. They were filled with error.
 - (a) No limit to their wandering mind.
 - (b) You go wrong religiously it will affect your private life.

- 5. They sacrificed on the tops of the mt.
 - (a) Burned incense there.
 - (b) Also got in the shadow that is good.
 - (c) Shows the prominence of their idolatry.
 - (d) Also the shade & secrecy the trees & groves gave.
 - (e) Superstition caused them to select certain places God frees from such.
 - (f) Some substitute superstition for religion.
- 6. Parent affects child.
 - (a) Parents commit spiritual adultery; kids will carnal!

- (b) Bad example of parents causes vileness in kids.
- (c) Parents will be hurt, honor tarnished.
- (d) God will make them eat the fruit of their way.
- (e) Lust is a common sin.
- (f) Let a heart cast off God & it's ready to receive evil.

B. Because Man Went Wrong, What will God do?
(V. 14)

- 1. Sin would be punished by sin.
- 2. Parents pain about daughters will show how God felt.
- 3. In reality parents taught daughters to commit adultery.
- 4. God's going to give them up - like in Romans 1.
- 5. How can we blame younger generation when they only follow the older one.

Beware of lust

It doth pollute & foul

Whom God in baptism washed with His own blood:

It blots thy lesson written in thy soul;

The holy lines cannot be understood

How dare those eyes upon a Bible look

Much less toward God

Whose lust is all their book.

(Geo. Herbert)

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There was a remarkable letter to the editor of "Time" magazine some time ago from someone who simply signed it "A College Student." It reads in part:

Sir: Thank you for the excellent Essay "On Being an American Parent." Oh, how I wish every parent and future parent would read it and take it to heart!...I love my parents and I know they love me, but they've ruined my life....I could never tell my parents anything, it was always "I'm too busy ...too tired...that's not important...that's stupid...oh, your friends are wrong...they're stupid..." As a result, I stopped telling my parents anything. All communications ceased. We never had that very important thing--fun. Oh, we had love. Prompted on my side by an ever-present fear of my mother and pity for my father, and prompted on their side by the thought that I was their responsibility and if I went wrong, they would be punished by God...What is the result of

this excellent upbringing? I'm eighteen years old, drink whenever I get the chance, have smoked pot, and as of a very eventful Thanksgiving vacation, am no longer a virgin. Why? Was it my parents or just me? I'm so very confused--but who can I talk to? Not my parents. My parents could read this letter and never dream it was their daughter. I have only one important plea to parents ... listen, listen, and listen again. Please, I know the consequences and I'm in hell..."

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"To Kiss the Joy" - By Robert A. Raines - Page 121

Some years ago a 17 year old boy with a record as a juvenile delinquent wrote his parents a letter at Christmas time.

Dear Folks:

Thank you for everything, but I am going to Chicago and try and start some kind of new life. You asked me why I did those things and why I gave you so much trouble, and the answer is easy for me to give you, but I am wondering if you will understand.

Remember when I was about six or seven and I used to want you to **just listen** to me? I remember all the nice things you gave me for Christmas and my birthday and I was really happy with the things--for about a week--at the time I got the things, but the rest of the time during the year I really didn't want presents. I just wanted all the time for you to listen to me like I was somebody who felt things too, because I remember even when I was young I felt things. But you said you were busy.

Mom, you are a wonderful cook, and you had everything so clean and you were tired so much from doing all those things that made you busy; but, you know something, Mom? I would have liked crackers and peanut butter just as well if you had only sat down with me a while during the day and said to me: "Tell me all about it so I can maybe help you understand!"

And when Donna came I couldn't understand why everyone made so much fuss because I didn't think it was my fault that her hair is curly and her skin so white, and she doesn't have to wear glasses with such thick lenses. Her grades were better too, weren't they? If Donna ever has children, I hope you will tell her to just pay some attention to the one who doesn't smile very much because that one will really be crying inside. And when she's about to bake six dozen cookies, to make sure first that the kids don't want to tell her about a dream or a hope or something, because thoughts are

important, too, to small kids, even though they don't have so many words to use when they tell about what they have inside them.

I think that all the kids who are doing so many things that grown-ups are tearing out their hair worrying about are really looking for somebody that will have time to listen a few minutes and who really and truly will treat them as they would a grown-up who might be useful to them, you know--polite to them. If you folks had ever said to me: "Pardon me" when you interrupted me, I'd have dropped dead! If anybody asks you where I am, tell them I've gone looking for somebody with time because I've got a lot of things I want to talk about.

Love to all,
Your Son

Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Journal, reprinted in Robert Raines, ed., "Creative Brooding" (New York: Macmillan, 1966), p.p. 81-82

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Existing Churches: Ends or Means?

RALPH D. WINTER

I am staggered to read in Key 73's statement of primary purpose the phrase, "to confront every person in North America with the Gospel." Can this be done? To do it requires us to confront each of the subgroups we read about in Charles Kraft's article in this issue. I sincerely doubt that the plans as now outlined will lead to this. Key 73 has immense planning and diligent creativity and is now borne aloft by millions who are praying and working for its success. Never before has so vast an evangelistic campaign been galvanized into action. But "to confront every person in North America" requires something new in American evangelism: *planting new congregations in subcultures strange to those who are doing the evangelizing*. Why?

The newly appointed missionary leaves behind an America that he may assume to be relatively unified. When he returns he has new vision. He has bumped up against cultural barriers big and small, and now he sees at least what Nixon's campaign managers saw—the 40 million ethnic voters of twenty-eight nationalities we read about in Kraft's article. Unlike the campaigners, the missionary may even sense the striking differences among people who speak the same language, such as Puerto Ricans and Mexicans, Cubans and Argentinians. And there are still other differences of great significance to those who would evangelize: each of these ethnic subcultures has its aristocracies and its social residues. To suppose that all these different people, divided in so many ways, are going to fit easily into existing churches is simply folly!

And so, I believe that the present Key 73 plans are, in one central, crucial respect, drastically inadequate: they assume that existing congregations are ends and not means. Although there are some small exceptions in the materials, the overall deficiency is plain. The consistent assumption throughout is that we can win America merely by renewing and expanding our exist-

ing churches. Key 73 leaders may feel this good but limited approach is necessary in order to attract local churches and denominations into enthusiastic involvement. But the limitations of this approach can doom Key 73 to very limited results.

I realize full well that Key 73 strategists may have felt they could not enter into the complexity of specific denominational procedures for founding new congregations. And I realize that many churches might think they don't need any more competitors. But if the Key 73 planners cannot speak about this subject, may I?

All around the world today we see outstanding examples of thriving church growth in dozens of different subcultures. *Most of this growth has come through new congregations, not enlarged ones*. There are 3,000 new congregations a year in Brazil, for example. Let me show how this applies in the United States by referring to three of the many axioms of church-growth theory.

Axiom 1 states that *evangelism is truly effective only where those who are won become incorporated into ongoing Christian fellowship*. Everyone knows this, and the church-based plans of Key 73 do not overlook this point. It is set forth here because it makes the next axiom more significant.

Axiom 2 says that *people do not readily join Christian fellowships that clash with their own cultural backgrounds*. This truth is, I believe, mainly overlooked in the Key 73 materials. This omission is tragic when you consider the cultural diversity outlined in Kraft's article! How successful will Key 73 plans be if it turns out that most of un-won America is either isolated or alienated from the cultures and life-styles represented by the existing churches? How successful will any method of evangelism be that counts on people's joining churches they are simply not going to join? Should we blame the newly won? Or must we rather face the urgent necessity that we develop the skills and tools to establish brand new congregations in the un-won subcultures of America?

Axiom 3 acknowledges the need to penetrate the subgroups and goes on to observe that *churches as churches are unlikely to punch through successfully into pockets of people that are significantly different from themselves*.

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ordinary house not far from my Pasadena home, the Temple of Esoteric Religion is led by a "priestess." The adherents worship the Great Feminine Principle, the Great Masculine Principle, and the Primordial Principle, the Dark Womb. The sponsors of this fertility cult support themselves with an occult bookshop.

I wonder how many city people make their living by divination. I have before me the promotional literature from eight, all close enough for me to visit. Three were unsolicited and came by mail. They offer to solve my problems, to give me a soul journey to cosmic consciousness, and to supply everything else from a good job to fertility. They will indicate my propitious days, interpret my dreams and omens, fix my marriage or divorce, provide charms, and read my palm. They fulfill the needs met by diviner, shaman, and medicine-man in animist society.

Other forms of divination have been commercialized. The decision-making of thousands of teen-agers is determined by the Ouija board, a divination mechanism that has had sales of two million in the United States in three years. Christmas toys I have seen include vampire sets, fortune-telling sets, crystal balls, zodiac medallions, and astrology games. One line of Christmas cards had horoscopes. More than two-thirds of the newspapers in the country run astrology columns. One writer on astrology has sold 20 million copies of his books around the world. One journal estimates that 40 million Americans dabble in the art and 10 million are firmly addicted. Many university bookstalls devote full displays to this pagan literature. Special works on astrology exist for parents, to help them train their children in the way. There are 10,000 professional astrologers in the United States. The implications this search for guidance raises for Key 73 are plain. Astrology is a religious matter, because people put their faith in it, and live by it.

Two kinds of witchcraft are practiced in the United States, the medieval European and the African. I do not have to go beyond Pasadena and Hollywood to find them. The twenty-five or thirty covens in San Diego have from thirty to fifty members each. In a recent Los Angeles witchcraft convention, many of the business personnel were also teachers in the public schools.

In one Los Angeles inter-racial area recently the police reported an abnormal number of animal carcasses, presumably killed sacrificially, and the blood mixed with LSD for the members of sacrificial cults. Spiritist statistics show that more than 6,000 meetings exist across the country. Sorcery is widely practiced. A TV commentator interviewed a sorceress who manufactures and sells voodoo dolls by mail. These are made to order and personalized. She uses dried chicken feet and dried leaves from a graveyard, draws faces from photographs, and supplies white- and black-headed pins for the process.

Public prayers have been abolished in tax-supported schools; yet a student at Berkeley can obtain a degree in magic and then go out and establish himself as a

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Wizard Consulting Service, calling himself a Druid and practicing sorcery.

The First Satanic Church in San Francisco has more than ten thousand carefully screened members "with a demon in each man." Led by the demoniac Anton LaVey, it reverses Christian forms and rituals and has placed more than a quarter of a million copies of the Satanic bible on the market. One of the best markets is the university campus. Many of the strange forms of contemporary marriage are pagan and cultic like the Cult of Happiness, which features the apple and the serpent.

The Church of Scientology, which claims a quarter of a million in California alone, has a church structure and a confessional, but its theology is unbiblical and its anthropology weird. Its eschatology makes it definitely religious, but its moral record is questionable.

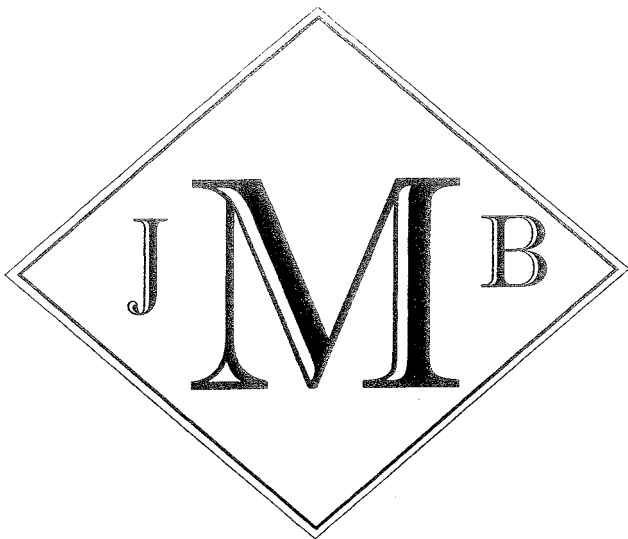
The animism of the modern city is reinforced by big business. The "world's most experienced airline" offers tourists a "Psychic Tour of Great Britain at \$629"; each participant receives his own astro-numerology chart and the experience of a séance. One big bookshop carrying occult literature worth \$25,000 turns over 65 per cent each month and offers day-long crash courses in palmistry at \$25.

I press again the point that these are not signs of a resistant secular society. When we see people of all ages turning vainly to one form of animism, we know that the city is filled with hungry people, groping for something that eludes them, and we know this is a religious search. I believe we can say the fields are whitening unto harvest.

The problem of Key 73 is to discover why these people rejected the Church when religiously hungry; why 200,000 Americans chose Soka Gakkai in preference to Christianity, why 10,000 in one city turned to Satanism and reversed morality, thereby rejecting the Gospel—for every acceptance is also a rejection.

We believe that the answer to their quest is the Gospel. The Jesus people have shown that. But have we the forms and structures to incorporate them into the Church and the communicating capacity to help them grow in the faith afterwards? If we have, and yet they still do not become part of us, then is there something about us church people that holds them off?

If Key 73 is to win the not-so-secular city, perhaps we should begin with ourselves. □



WHAT WOULD THE LORD CALL YOU?

Numbers 7:8

I. Do you remember some names you had?

A. Sonny - Junior - Snoofams - Baby face - Sweetie pie?

B. Bible names folks

1. Fox

2. Israelite no guile

3. Simon to Cephus

4. Angel face

II. I read Hosea & underlined what God called Ephraim. (Hosea names him 35X)

A. Here are some for Him (God)

1. Moth 5:12

2. Dry Rot 5:12

3. Lion 5:14

→ 12:10 I have used similitudes

B. for Ephraim

4. Silly witness above 7:11

1. Stubborn Heifer 4:16

5. Unreliable bow 7:16

2. Bungler 7:1

6. Wild donkey 8:9

3. Bandits who raid 7:1

7. 1/2-baked cake 7:8

III. Are You a Half Baked Cake?

A. Tell how they "baked over hot coals."

1. Like unturned pancake?

2. You want one?

B. What's characterizes as half baked?

1. Inconsistent - not true thru thru

2. Arrested heat lost full power

3. Admixture making end result bad

2) Deserted fire

a) Belong to no one owner

b) Burnt on one side; raw on other

c) Mixture brings confusion

d) This is half heartedness

(1) Halt between 2 options

(2) Serve God & Mammon

A. May not know they are unfit - had grey hair (wezkross) - didn't know it.

C. Be turned - be genuine - be good for something.

1, 1,000,000 from Jesus birth is 2938AD

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