

RELIGION UPDATE
by Dee Armstrong

**Religion Under Attack:
The Conclusion**

I have opened a subject that seemingly has no conclusion, for there are numerous accounts of government harassment involving countless churches. The subject matter has been this: If the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is permitted to decide arbitrarily what constitutes "religious activity" in America, our religious freedom is in danger. However, the real question is this: "what about us?" the norm, the conventional church. How long will it take before the IRS disease hits our churches, which undoubtedly will affect the communities in which we live.

Currently we read about churches we know little or nothing about. For instance, the Unification Church — it has been reported that this church "believes Rev. Moon is the Messiah; mixing Christian, Patriotic and Puritanistic ideals." The Mormons who believe that "Jesus is nly one of many gods. Man is basically good and can become a god." the Church of Scientology teaches "Occultish combo of psychotherapy, science fiction and eastern religion. . . shows men as fallen gods." (Published by Francis Anuso and Gary M. Beasley of "Glad Tidings" School of Evangelism.)

Rev. John Garlington, the pastor of Maranatha, had this to say regarding religious freedom: "The issue of religious freedom in America was deemed critical by the Founding Fathers. I, along with many Americans, share a growing concern over the apparent erosion of these freedoms. Pastors have been arrested because they refuse to acknowledge the sovereignty of state over religious conviction and conscience.

"I am in no way prepared to personally endorse the practice of Scientology, for I am far too ignorant of its tenets and practices. However, the courts have determined that Scientology is a viable religious system. If this is true, the Constitution guarantees the right to freely practice it as a religion.

"If the Scientist, or a Scientologist, or a Pentacostal, or a Pauite, for that matter, violates criminal law, that becomes a court matter. If, however, the courts begin to interpret and adjudicate religious practice for *any* group, freedom for all groups is jeopardized. The fact that many religious groups are being ensnared in litigation as a result of their faith practices is a grim specter on the American religious scene."

Rev. John Jackson of the Albina Ministerial Alliance rendered his statement regarding the Scientology case and government involvement in religious matters. "If the religion can be tried in a court of law, then all religions are in danger.

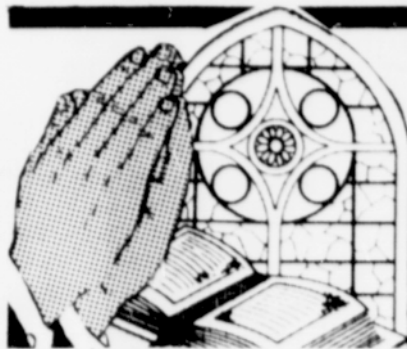
"The decision as to what part of a church's practice is religious and what part is secular, is a theological one, not one for the courts.

"We further believe that it is time for religious denominations cease attacking one another for differences in doctrine, and take action together against increasing encroachment of government control into religious life. We would return to Jefferson's concept of the 'wall of separation between Church and State.' The fact that a court would accept a case of this sort is an indication that this encroachment is a clear and present danger."

It is clear intent against religious institutions by the IRS, who in 1969 found a loophole in the tax reform act founded by former Utah Senator Wallace F. Bennett. Congress permitted the IRS to audit churches for outside income only. The amendment restricted the IRS from probing into religious activities other than to prove that the organization is a church.

Today the IRS is clearly overstepping its authority.

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Black-Jewish ties formed

Jewish and Black groups in 18 major cities are developing a growing number of cooperative community programs in a grassroots movement to strengthen Black-Jewish ties and improve social and economic conditions.

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), said that Reform synagogues had launched more than 80 separate projects in cooperation with Black community and church groups across the country.

These programs served as models at an unusual meeting in Washington last May attended by 18 pairs of Jewish and Black leaders from 18 cities with national leaders of the UAHC and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), including Rabbi Schindler and Benjamin Hooks, NAACP president.

The conference was sponsored by the Kivie Kaplan Institute of Washington, D.C., which is operated jointly by the UAHC and the NAACP. It marked the tenth anniversary of the death of Mr. Kaplan, who was a long-time leader of the UAHC and president of the NAACP.

At the meeting, the delegates were briefed on 84 examples of cooperative local programming by members of the UAHC — which is composed of 780 Reform Jewish congregations — and local Black groups. These will serve as models for the new Black-Jewish programs which those attending the conference are now setting up in their own cities, Rabbi Schindler said. Among the projects studied

were: A Black business fair held at a Reform synagogue in Milwaukee; A joint religious service in Albany, N.Y., celebrating the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr., as a vehicle to raise funds for deserving young people entering college; Anti-apartheid rallies in Washington, D.C., Baltimore, West Bloomfield, Michigan, and other communities led by Black and Jewish leaders.

Other projects include efforts to create economic development and employment opportunities, provide food and other aid to the poor and homeless, furnish special services to the elderly and arrange employment for minority youth.

Still other projects furnish volunteer help to understaffed social service and health agencies and provide a summer camp experience to inner-city youngsters.

"The untold story of Black-Jewish relations is the growing cooperation between our two communities across the country," Rabbi Schindler and Mr. Hooks said in a joint statement. They added:

"We share many issues of growing concern, among them the destruction of social programs by the Reagan budgets, the attempted dismantling of civil rights enforcement by the Justice Department, threats to separation of church and state, the desperate need for job programs — especially for minority young people, the continuing evil of apartheid, the security of the State of Israel and the persecution of Jews in the Soviet Union.

"These issues will make up our joint agenda for action."

U.N. International Peace Day

The Baha'i Community of Portland, together with numerous other U.S. Baha'i communities, will celebrate United Nations International Day of Peace on Sunday, September 15, 1985, at Lewis & Clark College, Council Chambers starting at 2 p.m. Additionally, the Baha'i community will be presenting a "Peace Award" to an individual who share common concerns about the establishment of world peace.

Mr. William A. Davis, Chief Administrative Officer for the federal courts in nine western states, based in San Francisco, will speak on "World Peace Through World Unity." As of this year, Baha'is will forego the celebration of World Peace Day, which they initiated in 1959, in support of International Day of Peace proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 1982. It is celebrated annually on the third Tuesday of September, the

opening of the regular assembly and is dedicated to strengthening the ideals of peace.

Mrs. Lydia A. McCarter, coordinator for the Portland Baha'i Peace Award program says, "The time is long overdue for nations to bind together to make a commitment toward a universal and lasting peace." She added that their program is designed to motivate individuals to eliminate all forms of prejudice and foster a high standard of justice and tolerance for all peoples.

Since 1970, the Baha'i International Community has been accredited as a non-governmental organization (NGO) with consultative status with the U.N. Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF).

The public is invited to attend this program. There is no admission charge.

Roy Lee Jernigan dies

Roy Lee Jernigan, born January 25, 1943, passed Away September 7, 1985. Roy Lee was born in New York, and moved to Portland, Oregon, in his college days to play basketball for the University of Portland.

Roy was a man of many directions, but his main concern was devotion to the youths, where he spent a lot of his time. He felt that young people needed role models to show them the important values of life so that they wouldn't make mistakes that would lead them into the wrong direction.

Roy's life was a full one. He was once a police officer, and worked closely with the late Leon Johnson, also a police officer, on the development of the Albina Youth Opportunity School, supported boys' club organizations, and had just been elected president of the Leisure Hour Golf Club.

Many people will miss Roy, but his work will continue.

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John H. Jackson, Minister, M.Ed., M.D.
9:30 A.M. Church School
11:00 A.M. Congregational Worship
5:00 P.M. Vesper Service
10:00 A.M. Baptism Fourth Sunday
11:00 Communion Each First Sunday

The American Baptist Convention, American Baptist Churches of Oregon; Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention; National, Oregon, Portland Ecumenical Ministries, American Bible Society, M. & M. Board.

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(second and fourth Sundays)
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all men, & holiness
without which no
man shall see the
Lord

Tuesday:	Bible Band	7:30 p.m.
Thursday:	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Sunday:	Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
	Morning Worship	11:15 a.m.
	Y.P.W.W.	6:30 p.m.
	Evangelistic Worship	8:00 p.m.
Tuesday-Friday:	Noon Day Prayer	
	"The Pastor Speaks"	7:30 p.m.
Saturday:	Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m.
	"Showers of Blessing," broadcast Sunday morning, 10:00 A.M.	
	Station KAAR 158AM Day	

BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH
4822 N. Vancouver Ave.
284-2334

Nathan Barnett, Pastor
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Services:
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
11:00 a.m., Morning Worship
6:00 p.m., Evening Worship

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4th Annual Christian Education Conference
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Dr. James E. Massey
Chaplain
Tuskegee University, Alabama
Thursday, September 19, 1985
Maranatha Church-Opening Rally
1222 N.E. Skidmore
7:30 p.m.

3rd Annual Health Fair 1985

Conference Theme: "Strengthening the Body For Ministry"
Portland Community College - Cascade Center 705 N. Killingsworth

Friday September 20, 1985 Christian Educ. Cont. Cascade Center 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. FREE Song & Praise Festival Saves, Harison and the Victory Voices P.C.C. Auditorium 7:00 p.m.	Saturday September 21, 1985 Christian Educ. Cont. Cascade Center 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Health Fair 1985 Cascade Center 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Saturday Evening September 21, 1985 FREE MOVIE "The Gods of This Age" Albina Church of God 5022 N. Albina 7:00 p.m.
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Donations of clothing and non-perishable food items will be accepted for the Love Center.

FREE Programs/Seminars for All!!!! FREE

Christian Education Conference
Friday Evening/Saturday Morning
September 20 & 21, 1985
6:00 - 7:00 p.m./9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Albina Ministerial Alliance — An Agent of Help
Bible Study Methods
Black Presence in the Bible
Effective Church Teaching
Effective Prison Ministries
Ideas for Sunday School Outreach
Missions in Review
Portland Released — Time Education Program
Strengthening the Family
Strengthening Youth Ministries
For further information, please call 284-0143

Friday Evening — September 20, 1985
Children's Program (ages 4-12 only)
Footprint Church
5236 N. Albina

Film Activities
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 21, 1985
9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Hearing Screening will be available for the children
1:00 p.m. — Puppet Show
Snacks will be provided.

Health Fair 1985
Saturday, September 21, 1985
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

- Alcohol/Drug Abuse
- Back Care — Chiropractics
- Blood Pressure Check
- CPR Workshop (11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. ONLY)
- Crisis Pregnancy Education/Counseling
- Dental Screening
- Depression in Women
- Effective Single Parenting Workshop
- Emotions and Your Health
- Exercise for Fitness
- Financial Planning and Management
- Gastroscra Testing
- Healing by the Word of God
- Heart Care
- Legal Seminar
- Neighborhood Mediation
- Nutrition/Food Preparation
- Orthodontics
- Pediatric
- Prayer — The Ministry of Intercession
- Ministry of Inner Healing
- Prevention/Treatment of Speech Disorders
- Selecting a Good Nursing Home
- Seniors — God's Plan for Your Confertual Fruitfulness
- Sleeping Disorders
- Stewardship
- Women's Grooming & Hair Care
- Youth Program (1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Auditorium)
Ages 13 and older

For Further Information please call Rubber 284-4992

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Albina Ministerial Alliance
284-6023

September 20, 1985
Friday night, 7:30 P.M.
New Beginning Faithway Bible Church
4737 N. Lombard
Everyone Welcome
Pastor A. Brazzle



MAURICE ARAO -From Kenya, the son of a witch doctor and heir apparent to the same powers that kept his grandfather in power and alive for 140 years, gave all that up for greater power and the promise of eternal life through Christ Jesus.

He preaches the gospel and challenges the witch doctors with the power of God, just like Elijah. When they see that Jesus is more powerful, they forsake their demons, their sins and their practices for Jesus.

He now has 140 churches in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania with upwards to 50,000 people saved and many more being added daily. Revival is going on in Kenya with about 17,000 people being saved weekly and Maurice's independent work is right in the middle of it.

The need for materials is great and his independent work is threatened by lack of materials such as Bibles, cassette players, bicycles, etc. There is great need for stability and teaching so new believers are not swayed into error. All Satan needs to insure his victory is our apathy.

New Beginnings

Gospel Group Seeks Artist
Gospel Group seeking 1st Tenor and Alto, and a skilled piano player for future recording. Must be committed, must have some artistic skills. One male and female will be chosen.

Auditions will be held on
Wednesday, Sept. 18, 1985, 5:30 P.M.

Maranatha Church
4222 N.E. 12th
For more information please call 281-5610 or 228-0253
Please be prompt.