

RELIGION

ALTERNATIVES

Strongholds Of Evil Continued

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Nepotism exists in the Church today. If you are not a close friend or relative of someone in a high Position in the Church...you will never find the opportunity to use your gifts from the spirit. Satan has all avenues covered with prideful, envious, self-important, self-appointed saints, ready to shoot down those who stand for right and righteousness. When anyone dares to speak the Word of God, they mock by saying, "listen to the satan, that's just the devil speaking". Do not join through Christian experience expecting to work in the Church and through your Church in the community, using your gifts given you by the Holy Ghost, for all will be suspicious of you and accuse you of thinking you know everything.

This stronghold, my friends, is a long standing one in the Church, and it will take a level of Christianity not yet attained by most members, to be destroyed. Righteous members in the Church are too complacent, to tolerant of the evil among them; weak and ineffective, they pour cups of water on raging infernos. "But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Like children, they flounder from pillar to post, yearning for approval, never understanding that "We henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleigh of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may Grow Up into him in all things, which is the

head, Even Christ; From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase in the body unto the edifying of itself in love. "Ephesians 4:14,15,16.

The Church is full when someone dies; Church members cry, moan and lament the death of Saints; When the Bible tells us to rejoice, for their pilgrimage is over, their work is done and they rest with the Lord. They proclaim at every funeral that the end is coming; but their weak worship and their selfish service to mankind never changes. They are afraid to stand on God's Word; Afraid to speak out against evil on every hand. Church members afraid to confront evil in

their homes, their Churches, their jobs, in all walks of their lives; yet they expect the forgiveness of God and His saving Grace.

There are those whom men praise, whom they call holy and filled with the Spirit, whose names are written through out the Church History; the offices they held; The programs they headed; The money they raised to aid Church and pastor; but...is this name also written in the Book of Life? If they have not boldly condemned evil with the Word of God, wherever they've found it; If they have not proclaimed Christ and lifted Him up for men to see; If they've only courted the praises of men; then...they are not the servants of God, but they have another master controlling their minds and main-

taining strongholds in their bodies, for if we are not for God, we are against him. We cannot serve two masters; for we will hate the one and love the other.

Oh! for a Church that commits to perfection in the Lord; to a breaking down of strongholds of evil; To boldly recognizing and identifying to the world the works of the Devil. A Church committed to the love of God among our own Church family; Committed to a faithful un-ending declaration of the Gospel of Christ; To a dependence on the Holy Ghost as the giver of the Power of God to overcome all the works of the Devil; To a committed, sober, watchful, wise, set-apart Church of Christ-followers, awaiting His appearance in the clouds. For He will return, as He

promised; and for all that we suffer in our bodies, at the hands of evil people, as we break down satan's strongholds; "I Will Repay, Saith The Lord".

Therefore, let the True Church pray without ceasing; "Let us therefore come Boldly unto the throne of grace, that we might obtain mercy, and find grace To Help In Time Of Need".

For the true followers of Christ" are persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38,39. It is Written, So Be It!



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Christian Women Against Crime - 10 Year Celebration

On October 18, 1985 Christian Women Against Crime was incorporated. The purpose that God had given and continues to give is to bring children and youth from "Lostness to Savedness" by investing in their lives and by sharing the hope of a living Savior in the midst of a dying world.

CWAC began as a group of women concerned about what they saw happening to the young people of their neighborhoods: violence, death, destructiveness, purposelessness. At first, they got together to pray. Then, God said, "I have something for you to do." The outcome is that the programs of CWAC came to be.

Through the years a variety of programs, ministries and events have developed and happened. Underlying all had been the foundation of sharing Jesus' love for each child/youth and of supporting and strengthening them in their education. Since CWAC began, over one-thousand children and youth have been involved in the ministry program.

In the next column, read the highlights of CWAC's history.

CWAC Historical Highlights

- July 11, 1985 - Group of concerned people organized to pray for youth of North/Northeast Portland.
- October 18, 1985 - CWAC Incorporated.

ated.

- 1985 to present - Tutorial services and GED testing preparation.
- 1987 to present - Suspended student classes begin Monday through Friday, grades 1 - 12.
- 1988 to present - Summer Day Camp for K - 12 in cooperation with Portland Parks and Recreation and Portland Public Schools.
- 1992 - Multicultural Fair held - promoting cultural understanding and celebrating differences.
- 1992 - YEEP (Youth Employment Empowerment Program) established.
- 1994 - CWAC Youth Association to develop youth leadership and pro-

mote positive youth involvement in community.

- 1994 - New school program added: full-time school for conduct disorder students.
- 1995 - Sister House purchased, renovated, furnished, staffed, all approvals and permits acquired (by the end of the year, we'll be ready to open).
- 1995 - New staffperson, Rev. Scott Mayes, Director of Christian Outreach begins in September.
- 1996 - Sister House opens early in the year; After school ministry to children is happening; Weekend youth outreach ministry begins.

Obituary
Mary Ann Granville
 Maiden Name Of Fair
 Of N. E. Portland

August 1, 1911 - November 15, 1995
 Member of Walnut Park Congregation of Jehovah Witnesses.
 Has lived in Portland since about 1947. Lived in Dallas, Texas prior to Portland.
 She did domestic work for at least 46 years until about 1992.

Survivors:
Husband - Roy Granville Portland, OR
Sons - Douglas Granville, Roy Leslie Granville, Roy Lee Granville, all of Portland, OR
Nieces - Katharine Andrews of Portland, OR; Elizabeth Wynne of Dallas, Texas; Thelma Parks of Dallas, Texas; Myrtle Reed and Maggie Griffin of Dallas, Texas; Melody Fair of Los Angeles, California
Granddaughter - Melody James, Nikia Granville, both of Portland, Or
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Birth Announcement
Demeuah Maybel Coleman

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 Father's Name: Micheal Coleman
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