

# Scholarly Priest Striving To Unite Christians, Jews

By GEORGE W. CORNELL  
Of the Associated Press

Some sturdy counterstrokes are being delivered today against an old religious fallacy: the idea that Jews believe in one sort of God and Christians in another.

This is a glaring distortion, points out the Very Rev. John M. Oesterreicher, a foremost Judeo-Christian scholar, yet it still persists "in the minds of many people."

It has threaded subtly down through the centuries, suggesting that the Old Testament presents an iron-handed "God of law" to Jews, while the New Testament offers Christians an easygoing "God of love."

Discerning authorities of both faiths worked to dispel such misrepresentations, but few, if any, in modern times have done so with such telling influence as an astute, warm-hearted American priest—Msgr. Oesterreicher.

### A Penetrating Series

With steady industry, he has gone about reinforcing "the bridge" between Christianity and Judaism, and clearing away misleading assumptions on both sides.

"The understanding of our mutual ties is deepening," he said in an interview. "In every way, as things Jewish and things Christian are seen in their true light, we become more deeply aware not only of our separation but of our closeness."

From the Institute for Judeo-Christian Studies, which he directs at Seton Hall University, Newark, N.J., has come a penetrating series of yearbooks called "The Bridge." Volume IV was recently issued by Pantheon publishers.

The theme of its 383 pages is that God's forgiving love shines through the Old Testament, as well as the New, and that one God, of the same nature, is consistently revealed in both parts of the Bible.

### Condemned, but Lingers

"Both are manifestations of the same divine care for man . . ." Msgr. Oesterreicher writes in an introduction. In the Old Testament, he adds, "the revelation of love is never absent."

Yet ever since 144 A.D., when the church condemned Marcion for heresy in claiming the Old Testament "just God" of the Jews was distinct from the "good God" of the Christian Gospels, the notion has left its traces.

"Although condemned, it has lingered on, and you can hear the ideas expressed again and again," Msgr. Oesterreicher said. "Perhaps a superficial, unenlightened reading could give you the idea. But it's not a true Christian idea."

It implies that the Old Testament portrays a religion of "fear and vengeance" while the New Testament promises "love and forgiveness from a God of mercy."

### Insistent Expression

Actually, full-gauged biblical scholarship sees both judgment and loving forgiveness proclaimed through both testaments. Although not identical, Msgr. Oesterreicher says, the two form a "marvelous continuum," each indispensable to the other.

"That God forgives and is merciful is expressed insistently throughout the Old Testament," he said, citing many examples. "It's there like a seed, that always blossoms. The New Testament is simply the Old Testament fully blossomed."

Msgr. Oesterreicher, 58, is a genial, reflective man, of broad culture. Born in Austria of Jewish parents, he turned to Catholicism while a medical student in Vienna, and became a priest, knowledgeable in both zones of faith.

### A Contemplative Streak

This formed the roots of his calling—to strike down careless misconceptions grown up between Christians and Jews and to revitalize their hallowed ties. He twice narrowly escaped arrest by the Gestapo for his anti-Nazi work in Europe.

Coming here in 1940, he later founded the Research-Publication Center to increase Judeo-Christian understanding. He goes to the job with scholarly zeal and attention to the fine points. Pointed anecdotes season his conversation.

"I'm a man of passion," he said. But he also has a contem-

plative streak. He likes to take long walks, or sit thinking under a leafy green tree. He says: "My wish is that Christians and Jews not only make a common approach to sociological problems, but that they enter into theological conversation. They can sit down together, without compromise, get to the roots."

Such positive encounters, sparked by advanced Biblical science, is increasing rapidly, he said. "Jews as well as Christians hope that someday they may be one."

### Just as Harmful

Among the chief problems, he said, are the false stereotypes and over-simplified generalities on both sides—such as accusing references to "the Christians" or "the Jews." One old twist is that "the Jews" killed Christ.

"The true Christian attitude is that 'I did it,'" said Msgr. Oesterreicher. "If a Christian denies his part in the Crucifixion . . . he forfeits his share in the Redemption."

The Monsignor added: "As harmful as the generalities Gentiles engage in when speaking of Jews are the worldwide accusations by Jews that Christians are responsible for the slaughter of six million Jews under Hitler."

As for the view that the Old Testament presents only a God of judgment and the New Testament a God of love, Msgr. Oesterreicher said that in some ways, the "New Testament is much more demanding than the Old" in its judgments.

### In Real Hebrew Sense

For example, it insists that a person love those who hate and persecute him. "Christianity brings out the inner meaning of the law, indeed brings it to perfection," he said.

This does not mean, he added, that the Old Testament "is in any way lax" or confined to negative injunctions, such as don't kill—but it also teaches love for one's fellow men, and assures God's blessings to all nations.

Actually, however, he said, it isn't a mistake to speak of an Old Testament "God of justice" in the real Hebrew sense of the word justice, which meant fulfilling an alliance in which "man and God are partners."

But the Greek idea of justice, defining it not as a part of mutual concern, but simply as conformity by man to God's law, tended to overshadow the original Hebrew connotations, and resulted in a "narrowing of meaning," he said.

In authentic biblical tradition, he added, justice is the "fountain of forgiveness and God's saving favor" in his faithful bond with mankind. "In this sense it is quite true to speak of the God of both Old and New Testaments as a God of justice."



WILLIAM B. OWENS  
At Church of Christ

## New Minister In Veneta Pulpit

VENETA — New minister at the Church of Christ here is William B. Owens.

Owens is following Silus Deen, now of Wapato, Wash., as minister of the church.

The new minister has been a resident of Oregon for the past five years. He previously was minister at the church at Mountain Lloyd, Texas, and also has served at Coquille, where the congregation had a successful building program under his leadership.

At present, Owens and his wife are living on the church grounds in a house trailer.

## Father-Son Team to Split

Eugene's Church of the Open Bible will lose half of its father-son staff this coming week when the Rev. and Mrs. David Cole move to Santa Maria, Calif. The Rev. Cole will be the minister of music and youth director of the First Assembly of God Church.

The Rev. David Cole is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Cole, pastors of the Eugene church. David Cole has been minister of youth and director of the junior high choir at the Eugene church, and his wife has served as a Sunday School officer and the church secretary.

David Cole will be featured in a program of special music Sunday at the church at 7 p.m. standard, 8 p.m. daylight. A reception for the younger Coles will follow on the church lawn, 3195 Hilyard St.

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8-9:15-11 a.m. 7 p.m.  
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Church School  
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(Daylight Saving Time)  
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# Congolese Baptist To Preach Here

A Baptist leader and pastor from the Congo, the Rev. Justin Walusal, will be in the Emerald Baptist Church in Cottage Grove.

The pastor—who has been studying at Berkeley Baptist Divinity School in California under an American Baptist Foreign Mission Society scholarship—will speak Sunday at 11 a.m. standard, noon, daylight, at the Baptist Church in Cottage Grove.

### Pastor for Eight Years

Sunday at 7 p.m. standard, 8 p.m. daylight, he will be guest speaker at Emerald Baptist Church, 19th Avenue and Patterson Street, Eugene.

The minister is general secretary of the Baptist Churches of Busala, a part of the Vanga mission district. He has been a pastor for eight years, with one congregation of 1,000 members, and also has directed a very large village school system.

Soloist for the evening service in Eugene will be Dr. Alex Osterholm, of Eugene, a former medical missionary to the Congo.

### Youth to Be Baptized

Guests at the evening service at Emerald Baptist will be members of United Lutheran Church of Eugene.

They will be there to witness the baptism of Yvon Disengomoka, a Congolese high school student studying at South Eugene High School. The youth is sponsored by United Lutheran Church through the International Christian Youth Exchange program, and is living with Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Juilfs, 2565 Van Ness St., Eugene.

A fellowship hour honoring the Congolese minister, Disengomoka and members of United Lutheran will follow the service.

The conference is designed for families, and activities have been planned for young people and children.

Harlow Lodge is a camp site owned and maintained by First Baptist Church, Eugene.

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12th and OLIVE ST.  
9:45 A.M. Sunday School  
11:00 A.M. Morning Service  
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11:00 MORNING WORSHIP. 9:45 CHURCH SCHOOL  
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1135 Willamett Street  
SERVICES 9:30 A.M. and 11 A.M. (Daylight Time)  
TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH  
440 MAXWELL ROAD  
Worship and Sunday School 10 a.m. (Daylight Time)  
WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH  
OAKWAY at CAL YOUNG ROAD  
8:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL — 10:00 WORSHIP (Standard Time)  
— SPRINGFIELD —  
EBBERT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH  
6th and C Sts.  
MORNING WORSHIP 8:45 and 11:00 A.M.—9:45 CHURCH SCHOOL  
EUGENE DISTRICT OFFICE  
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**Lutheran Churches** Cordially invite you to attend their Sunday Services

**TRINITY LUTHERAN**  
Wisconsin Synod  
30th and University, Eugene  
G. Jerome Albrecht, Pastor  
10:00 Sunday School and Adult Bible Class  
11:00 Worship Service

**CENTRAL LUTHERAN T. A. L. C.**  
18th and Potter Eugene  
OLAF A. ANDERSON Pastor  
10 A.M. Daylight Sunday School and Adult Bible Class  
10 A.M. Daylight Worship Service

**GRACE LUTHERAN D. S. T. Mo. Synod**  
17th & Hilyard Eugene  
Rev. L. Rohlfing, Vacancy Pastor  
8:30 Worship Service  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
Daylight time.

**EMMAUS LUTHERAN T. A. L. C.**  
1280 West 18th Eugene  
EDWARD R. ANDERSEN Pastor

**CHRIST LUTHERAN**  
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Pastor  
R. J. SCHALEGER  
9:15 A.M. Sunday School  
9:30 Church Service  
9:45 Sunday School

**UNITED LUTHERAN U. L. C. A.**  
Wash. & 22nd Ave. Eugene  
WESTON LAMUNYON, Pastor  
9:30 Church Service  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Church Service

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN T. A. L. C.**  
mi. off Lorans Hwy. on McBeth Rd.  
Thomas Wilkerson, intern  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service

**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
2200 Court Road Eugene  
BRUCE E. POY, Pastor  
9:30 Sunday School  
10:00 Worship Service (D.T.)

## Church Notes

Vaugh L. Hayden, the former Bible Standard College student who organized a "Mission to Mexico" for several young people earlier this year and is now with them in Mexico on an evangelistic campaign, writes of considerable success in the field.

At Ensenada, he wrote, "at least" 50 persons were saved, and in two nights at Mexicali, "about 14" persons have been saved and "several have been wonderfully healed," he wrote. "God is moving," he writes.

WESLEY METHODIST Church will have a reception and fellowship hour Sunday after the morning service as a farewell to Col. Harold Braizer, U.S. Air Force, who has been an active member of the church and many of its groups during his residence here. Colonel Braizer will lead the service Sunday morning, with the Rev. Wayne C. Stauffer, of Eugene, retired Methodist minister, preaching the service. Colonel Braizer and his family are moving to San Bernardino, Calif., next week. The Rev. Luis Bove, pastor, is at Camp McGruder, a church camp, this week to assist with the junior high school session.

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN Church, which has offices at 3800 Hilyard St., and has services at Sunset Home Chapel, reports an average Sunday morning attendance of 80 persons. The Rev. Gordon Crider, organizing minister, said that "It has been thrilling to see the results of the new church."

ANOTHER EUGENE minister who is participating in his denomination's summer camp program is the Rev. Rex Morgan of First Evangelical United Brethren Church. He is speaking daily at the state Nazarene camp to junior high school age participants.

VENETA—Members of St. Catherine of Siena Mission will have their annual baked ham and beef barbeque dinner here Aug. 5. Serving hours will be noon to 5 p.m. standard, 1 to 6 p.m. daylight, on the church grounds, W. 11th Avenue. Tickets are \$1.25 for adults, 50 cents for children.

AT NORTHWOOD Christian Church, Melvin Morrow has been elected to serve as chairman of the deacons. Mrs. Glen Robertson, a member of the church, is now director of Christian action and community service for the Oregon Christian Missionary Society.

SPENCER CREEK—Spencer Creek Lutheran Church Sunday school picnic will be Sunday at Sladden Park. An outdoor service at 10:30 a.m. standard, 11:30 a.m. daylight, will feature a talk by the Rev. Lars Stalsbotten, and a potluck dinner, games and program are also planned.

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11 A.M.  
"His Witness in Us"  
Rev. L. H. Allison, speaking  
8 P.M.  
"Our Task for Him"  
Rev. Lester H. Allison  
Associate Pastor, speaking  
All Services DST  
Dr. VANCE WEBSTER, Pastor  
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