

Editorial

Behind the Promise Keepers cult

Several hundred thousand clueless men, lured by talk of "family values," came to Washington, D.C. on Oct. 4 for pseudo-religious exercises run by a cult of New Age fascists. Promise Keepers was created by intelligence operatives of the British and George Bush "globalist" circuit, working in Pentecostal and related para-military and separatist movements. The exposé on this subject in the Aug. 22, 1997 *EIR* has met with a grateful response from patriots who do not wish to be the victims of these brainwashers.

Promise Keepers founder Bill McCartney and several other PK leaders have been members of the Vineyard Christian Fellowship, an experiment to probe the limits of degradation in "worship." Vineyard set up "churches," in Florida, where people bark like dogs, jerk on the floor, and vomit in ecstasy.

Vineyard chief John Wimber is in the British-run leadership clique (with televangelists Oral Roberts, Pat Robertson, Ken Copeland, Benny Hinn, and Col. Jim Ammerman) now running the "charismatic renewal" of Pentecostalism. That global project, launched as part of New Age irrationalism in the 1960s, was supervised by British intelligence agent David du Plessis of South Africa, and sponsored by the Church of England and the Anglo-Dutch monarchies.

Campus Crusade for Christ boss Bill Bright leads the Promise Keepers' penetration of the military. Last year, Britain's Prince Philip awarded him the lucrative Templeton Prize for his service to British aims. Bright's staff includes Special Forces Lt. Col. Chuck Stecker (ret.) and Special Forces Col. Jim Pack (ret.), a psychological warfare specialist.

Wellington Boone is an African-American cult guide for PK. He writes that Christians must learn to "think like worms." Boone is a leader of the Coalition on Revival, part of the feudalist sect called Christian Reconstructionism, to which many PK leaders subscribe. This sect was shaped in 1962-63 when founders Gary North and Rousas Rushdoony were employed by the William Volker Foundation, the U.S. funding arm of the Mont Pelerin Society.

The Protestant fundamentalist magazine *The Heritage* reported in its June 1995 issue, that the Promise Keepers were based on "encounter group" sessions led

by psychologists using Jungian sex psychology as a control mechanism. "At the 1993 Promise Keepers rally at Folsom Field on the campus of the University of Colorado," the article reports, "the organizers distributed to each of the 50,000 men attending a book which stated that Jesus Christ was a 'phallic' male who struggled with homosexual temptation, and that in certain situations men should be 'celebrating the experience of sin.'" The book is *Masculine Journey*, by psychologist Robert Hicks.

Hicks adopts the "archetypes" of the Satanic psychiatrist Carl Jung, and calls for Christians to create pagan-modelled "phallic initiation" rites to celebrate personal milestones, including pubic hair growth, wet dreams, and marriage consummation.

Promise Keepers reportedly uses a "study guide" which is based on Hicks's book. The guide, according to Sarah Leslie, co-publisher of *The Christian Conscience* newsletter, includes an "ice-breaker" game called 'People Bingo.' In it, men ask each other what kind of undershorts they are wearing ('boxers or bikini shorts'), and similar personal, potentially embarrassing questions about their family, their past (abuse by parents), and private anatomy." The undershorts question, according to Mrs. Leslie, "replaced a question in the first edition of the study guide which had men ask their group members whether they had had sex with their wife 'within the last week.' "

Both Hicks's *Masculine Journey* book and the PK study guide course based on it define the essence of a man as "phallic," and conclude that a man may therefore authentically "worship with his phallus." The book and PK guide reportedly argue that Jesus Christ's "phallic" nature and lack of heterosexual sex meant he was tempted to have homosexual sex.

In sum, Promise Keepers uses the New Age psychological control techniques of the 1970s encounter groups, and is run at the top by fascists under British control—with the invocation of the name of Jesus Christ for window dressing. They play upon people's desire to run away from the reality of a collapsing world economy, to find refuge in "personal family values" that ignore the rest of humanity. No real patriot will have anything to do with them.