

# THE FAMILY SPOKESMAN

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Dear Friends:

During the last seven years, I have been engaged in, among other things, a very modest writing and publishing ministry. While I do not expect the literature we print to gain wide circulation in the foreseeable future, we are slowly and painstakingly assembling a body of literature which we believe will be helpful in leading the Bride of Christ into a new phase of its theological reformation, a reformation we believe will lead to revival and reconstruction and finally world conquest.

This little newsletter, THE FAMILY SPOKESMAN, is for those of you who, in some way, have supported our ministry through the years. You are our closest friends and fellow-laborers in the Lord's Harvest Field. It is intended to be a weekly newsletter designed to fill in the gaps between publications issued by Campus Action Ministries or the Separatist Trust.

As some of you already know, my wife and I have moved to the Pacific Northwest. The wisdom of this move for us may not seem evident to you. But our hopes for the Separatist Trust, the work in Wyoming, and Campus Action can be better served from here, than in Wyoming.

Our burden for Campus Action Ministries grows from the fact that half of the world's population is under the age of 21. The future rests with the children of the world, and they are the group that has not yet heard the Gospel. While

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we do not expect CAM to ever become a major youth movement, we do see areas where we can make a vital contribution.

I know the word "vital" sounds like a big adjective. But we are looking at a time frame of fifty years or more. If we do not succeed in nothing more than laying a good foundation, we hope to pass on our vision and vocation to a new generation, equipped to finish the work.

We are starting over in CAM, and the first step in that new beginning is my book, THE SEED OF CAIN AND THE REVIVAL OF MYSTIC HUMANISM. (It was sent to a "Christian" typesetter last winter, who did nothing with it. After several months of waiting, we canceled our agreement, purchased some equipment, and are presently typesetting it ourselves). From this book, we intend to rebuild our mailing list and offer the Holy Spirit a tool to open doors for future ministry.

The booklet, WYOMING AS A CHRISTIAN REPUBLIC, is being revised in light of recent elections and will be shipped to those of you who advanced payment as soon as it is ready.

As for contributions, some of you support Campus Action, others The Separatist Trust. We have separate accounts to accommodate both. You may continue your contributions as you have in the past.

Until next week, God bless you and thank you for your support.

In His service,

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P.S. Note our change of address to 509 Valley Ave. NE, Puyallup, WA 98372.

WHY I SUPPORTED DONLEY FOR GOVERNOR

I am not one of those people who see in every act of man the finger of a monolithic conspiracy. So, I am not convinced that just because Rus Donley is a Mormon and happened to be running for Governor in Wyoming, that it is evidence of some plot to establish a Mormon theocracy. (Even though some Mormons, with expected enthusiasm, saw him as the man on a white horse. Maybe some even dream the illusion of theocracy.) Just because I would not want Donley to be my Pastor, does not mean he cannot be my Governor.

There is no question that human conspiracies do exist. In fact, there are so many conspiracies that I suppose the conspirators do not even understand them all.

However, the Bible plainly teaches that all things in creation are under the rule and reign of Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:18). "Let men say among the nations, 'The LORD reigneth'." (1 Chronicles 16:31) Even Satan's acts of rebellion can do nothing but tighten the noose around his throat a little tighter. His wickedness inadvertently advances God's Kingdom. Anyone who thinks conspiracies rule the world should tell God.

When I heard that Mr. Donley was running for Governor, I sat down and thought, "this is the finger of God if the Christians will only see it." Do I mean by that that he is some kind of great Christian? No. (He is a Mormon, remember?) I do not regard Mormonism to be Christian (but neither do I consider Judaism, Roman Catholicism, Liberal Methodism, etc.) I would not have supported Donley's candidacy if I thought I was advancing Mormonism.

Donley is an American Patriot of the first rank. Unlike President Reagan, he has got it in his head as well as in his heart. He has studied constitutional issues extensively and has a commanding grasp of the social and political philo-

sophy of our Founding Fathers. He understands humanism and socialism, and he knows how to fight both.

Presently, these twin evils are entrenched in Wyoming's governing institutions. Because of the shortness of the State's legislative sessions, the executive branch has pretty much a free hand; that means the bureaucracy runs the State. And bureaucrats are not known to be supporters of free institutions.

The election of Donley as Governor would have put a constitutionalist in the most powerful position in the government. Knowing Rus as I do, I think it is safe to say that his election would have signaled the end of humanist/socialist control in Wyoming.

Why should have the Christians supported Donley? Because we cannot elect a born-again Christian. That's why. For the same reason we had to settle for Reagan instead of Phil Crane (a born-again Christian) in 1980 is the same reason we should have settled for Donley instead of John Johnson in 1986. Evangelical Christians have been derelict in their duty toward American society for three generations, and God has judged us with cultural and political impotence.

God's people are not ready for political leadership in Wyoming. Political power is not given to the lazy or naïve, and not for those who sit around hoping for a miracle. It comes with years of hard work and self-discipline, of which the evangelical community has little.

Being a Christian Separatist as I am, I do not believe in anything more than temporary and non-binding partnerships with non-Christian organizations. But in the future, we must quietly recognize those instruments of Divine Providence that God has chosen to bring relief and protection to His Church. We do not know how many more opportunities, if any, we will have to prepare for the coming time of tribulation.