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The scholarly articles, by and large, attempt to describe and explain the COG and its practices from an objective point of view. If criticisms are made of certain features of the group, praise is often given to other features as well.


1422. ——. "Germany and the New Religions." NEW RELIGIOUS MOVEMENTS NEWSLETTER, 1 (December) 2, 13.


Secondary Material


152. ——. "Brainwashing." SOCIETY, 17 (March–April 1980) 19.


158. Singer, Margaret Thaler. "Coming out of cults." PSYCHOLOGY TODAY, 12 (January 1979) 72-80, 82.

Articles on the COG in religious publications tend to be critical, but unlike the anti-COG articles in section F, they generally try to provide descriptive material on the group, its development, etc. These articles are not, by and large, as analytical as the scholarly ones in section A, however.


1486. ——. "Far out Group Causes Strife." CHALLENGE (New Zealand), 19 February 1972. p. 9


Secondary Material


1499. ——. "COG Update." CORNERSTONE, 8 (1979) 22, 24.

1500. ——. "A Peek Inside the COG." CORNERSTONE, 6 (1978) 10.


1506. ——. "Where Have All the Children Gone?" Forthcoming in a book edited by E. Barker, L.S.E.


Most of the articles written in a journalistic style are critical of the COG and a few are sensationalistic and inflammatory in nature. Those by Roy Wallis (items 3439 and 3440), however, attempt to be merely descriptive. All of the items in this section do share a common trait, an attempt to acquaint the general public with the group, its beliefs and practices.


Secondary Material


1582. ———. "Defreaking Jesus Freaks." NEWSWEEK, 12 March 1973. p. 44.


Cites items 1677 and 1778, and in turn is cited in item 1645.


D. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Articles on the COG published in newspapers are also generally oriented toward informing the general public about the group. Like the journalistic articles in Section C, these too tend to be critical and to focus on the sensational aspects of the COG.


Continues story of item 1605.


Story continued in item 1604.


Completes story of items 1604 and 1605.
Secondary Material


1624. Memminger, Charles. n.t. HONOLULU STAR BULLETIN, 5 October 1980.


Newspaper Articles


1627. ——. "Cult Firmly Believes 'Us Against World.'" CHICAGO SUN TIMES DAILY NEWS, 8 April 1975.


1637. ——. "This Is It ... Something I Could Give My Life To ... " FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM, 15 August 1971. p. A-16.


1640. ——. "Ex-Cult Member Says She Was Told Not to Think." THE DAILY PRESS (Utica, NY), 2 June 1980. pp. 1-5.

1641. Story continued in Item 1640.


Continues story from Item 1639.
E. GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATIONS

A limited number of government documents concerning the COG have been produced. These have been reports from official investigations of the group's allegedly illegal activities and practices.


Published in updated form as — REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHILDREN OF GOD, 10 September 1974, 65 pp.

1651. State of California, Senate Select Committee on Children and Youth, HEARING ON THE IMPACT OF CULTS ON TODAY'S YOUTH, Held at California State University, Northridge, 24 August 1974.


Made available in mimeographed form by: American Family Foundation; Maurice Davis; and Ted Patrik.


Supersedes item 1650.
F. ANTI-COG MATERIAL

No other group in the Jesus Movement has faced as much negative reaction and criticism as the COG. Much of this has been expressed in print, as books and articles in magazines and journals.

A significant part of the polemical material on the COG has come from one organization—Free Our Sons and Daughters from the Children of God (FREECOG). Formed by parents in 1971, it was one of the first "anti-cult" groups to emerge. It claimed that the Children were victims of kidnapping, brainwashing, drug and hypnotic control, and extortion. Its answer to the COG was to rescue members from the group in order to unconvert them. By soliciting the help of Ted Patrick, the deprogramming movement was thus kicked off. The group was later renamed Citizens Freedom Foundation as it expanded its attention to other cult groups, but an emphasis upon the evils of the COG and the need for deprogramming remains.

Another major enemy of the COG has been the various Jesus People groups which have attacked the COG in their newspapers and magazines. They have generally sought to disassociate the COG from the rest of the Jesus Movement by criticizing its heretical beliefs and practices. In so doing, an effort is also made to "reach" members of the COG and/or to warn potential converts.


Superseded by item 1656.


Supersedes item 1655.


1660. ———. "Ex-Children of God Member Wins $1.5 Million." THE ADVISOR, 1 (October 1979) 1.

160. American Jewish Congress, Commission on Law, Social Action and

Children of God." New York: Research Department, Civil Rights

1663. Bjornstad, James. "Taught to Hate Their Parents, 'Children of God' Flee
Prosecution." Mimeographed. Oakland, NJ: Institute of Contemporary
Christianity, n.d.

1664. ———. "Where Have All the 'Children' (of God) Gone?" Mimeographed.
Oakland, NJ: Institute of Contemporary Christianity, n.d.


Mimeographed. North Hollywood: The Alert Sheet Publication Ministry,
1980. 4 pp.


(a.k.a. Family of Love)." SPIRITUAL COUNTERFEITS PROJECT
NEWSLETTER, 6 (July-September 1980) 4-6.

Information Network, 1981.

Mimeographed. Juan Capistrano, CA: The Christian Research Institute,
1979. 3 pp.

1671. David C. Cook Publishing Company. DISTINCTIVES - STUDY 5. Elgin,
IL: David C. Cook, 1980.


Continues the story of item 1672.


1-8.

pp.

CORNERSTONE, 6 (July 1977) 9.

1678. ———. "Goodbye." CORNERSTONE, 6 (July 1977) 9-10.

Reprinted as Jesus People USA-FGM. "Moses & His Children.

1680. Deo Gloria Outreach. n.t. NEWS & VIEWS, 2 (March 1980) 1.


1682. False Prophets Project. WHO ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD?


1685. Hansen, Kathy. "Ex-COG." Mimeographed. Minneapolis: The Author,

1686. FREECOG. BEWARE OF THE CHILDREN OF GOD. Guelph, Ontario:
FREECOG, n.d. 48 pp.

1687. Herrin, John W. "Why We Should Pray for the Children of God.


1689. ———. "Chronological Chart of David Berg's and the Children of God's
History." SPIRITUAL COUNTERFEITS PROJECT NEWSLETTER, 6
(July-September 1980) 9.
Secondary Material


1694. ——. "The Way, the Plain Truth, Moon and 'Mo': Keeping Up With the New Cults." CITIZENS FREEDOM FOUNDATION NEWS, 5 (1 June 1980) 5.


Anti-COG Material


G. AUDIO MATERIAL

The audio material on the COG is in the same critical vein as the anti-COG printed material. The audio items, however, tend to give a more systematic description of the group in the process. There is also a stronger emphasis upon refuting COG theology and practices from a Biblical perspective, and often advice is given on how to witness to members, relate to ex-members, etc.


APPENDIX

LOCATIONS OF COLLECTED COG MATERIAL


1727. Practical Apologetics and Christian Evangelism (P.A.C.E.), P.O. Box 1901, Orange, California 92668. Kurt Van Gordon, Director.

1728. Program for the Study of New Religious Movements in America, 2451 Ridge Road, Berkeley, California 94709. (415) 841-2828. Dr. Jacob Needleman, Director; Diane Choquette, Librarian.