

The Promise Keepers cult and homoerotic brainwashing

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These days, when an army of men stands in a football stadium, or on the Washington mall, chanting Jesus slogans, weeping, each man hugging the next man and purging his sins in front of a giant video altar, they are in general unaware of who it is that has amassed this army and brought them there.

The Promise Keepers cult is an American-based project of “utopian” military and related religious and political operatives, associated with British imperial strategy and the George Bush machine. We will detail here some of the key personnel, and the New Age sexual brainwashing they used to manufacture the movement.

This exposure is essential, because the project has been consistently boosted by the “mainstream” media, with no investigative journalism to find out what was really going on. ABC News anointed Promise Keepers founder/front-man Bill McCartney, a former University of Colorado football coach, as their “Person of the Week” in February 1996. The Eastern Establishment press lavishly promoted the October 1997 rally in Washington, D.C., ending with a cover story in *Time* magazine. Press coverage of criticism from feminists, lesbians, and atheists only served to promote the project.

The Promise Keepers experiment was begun on 70 Colorado men in 1990. About 4,000 turned out to rallies in 1991. As attendance grew to 22,000 in 1992, the project leaders arranged for the writing of a bizarre book, intended to mold the emotions and self-conception of their now-growing mass following. *Masculine Journey* was written for the Promise Keepers by Lt. Col. Robert Hicks, a military expert in religious terrorism. It was published in 1993 under the supervision of Hicks’s Air Force colleague, Gen. Jerry White, a specialist in military mobilization, military police, and electronic security. General White is the longtime chairman of a military-ministry group, “The Navigators,” whose NavPress published the book, and a companion study guide for Promise Keepers (PK) psychological trainers.

Hicks’s book was distributed to every one of the 50,000 men who assembled for the first PK mass rally, held at the University of Colorado’s Folsom Field. This free distribution was unique, since PK usually charges its men high prices for group clothing items, worship accessories, and commercial aids to male bonding.

Promise Keepers then mass-marketed *Masculine Journey*, and its study guide, through 1994, when about 275,000

people came to PK rallies, and 1995, when attendance hit 725,000.

By 1995, the Hicks book had come under increasing criticism. Promise Keepers stopped publicly selling the book; but they continued to endorse it for their inductees, who buy it from NavPress.

Masculine journey to Sodom

Under a veneer of Bible chapter and verse citations, *Masculine Journey* is pagan psychological manipulation, akin to the New Age pornographic training that shaped the lesbian and Wicca upsurges of the 1960s. Its techniques are congruent with those developed by the British military and intelligence services through the Tavistock psychiatric institute, a pivotal agency in introducing the drug-rock-sex counterculture to the U.S.A. The author, Lt. Col. Robert Hicks, is an intelligence-community professional in the field of post-traumatic shock. The Tavistock Institute, pioneer in this field, viewed public shocks such as the Vietnam War and the 1960s’ multiple assassinations, as the opportunity to radically alter the philosophy of the American population. The current societal breakdown, with the stimulus of PK Nuremberg-style rallies, gives this mindbending a fair chance to succeed.

Hicks teaches “Religious Terrorism” to officers at the Air War University (Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama). In that military course, he explains the mental path that Christian Identity and other varieties of British-Israelite race cultists are induced to travel, and, similarly, with Jewish fanatics (Kach, Kahane Chai), Islamic suicide bombers, and Japanese armageddonist terrorists.

His *Masculine Journey* complements and competes with radical feminism, making the genitals the center of the Promise Keeper’s psyche. The book explains:

“Possessing a penis places unique requirements upon men before God. . . . We are called to worship God as phallic kinds of guys, not as some sort of androgynous, neutered nonmales, or the feminized males so popular in many feminist-enlightened churches. We are told by God to worship Him in accordance with what we are, phallic men.”

If you think pornography is an organized-crime racket, you probably haven’t considered it as a phase of worship. Writes Hicks:

“I remember staring at . . . [an] ancient Hawaiian . . . statue

[when my wife] questioned, ‘Why is it so large?’ Her question was . . . related to . . . the size of the protruding phallus. . . . To me there was very little difference between this Hawaiian idol/image and the artifacts that are sold regularly in ‘adult’ book-stores. I’m sure some day future archeologists will dig up the adult toys from our current society and view them as elements of our religious worship. They will be right, because that’s precisely what they are and always have been. The phallus has always been the symbol of religious devotion and dedication. Professor George Elder notes, ‘Phallus, like all great religious symbols, points to a divine reality that cannot be apprehended otherwise. . . . It is not as a flaccid member that this symbol is important to religion, but as an erect organ.’ ”

On the naked Jew:

“Every Israelite, when looking at himself naked, was reminded of how different [circumcized] he was from the gentiles and for what purpose. In this sense, his sexuality took on spiritual significance. Every time he used his penis, he was making a spritual statement about who he was and who he worshipped and why.”

On the “playful pleasure” of homosexuality:

“God . . . obviously knew men would be put into situations where this would be a very real temptation. Whether it be men at sea for months at a time, or men in prisons, or adolescent boys playfully experimenting with each other, situations can create the temptation. The pleasure experienced in those playful moments, or the bonding that occurs through the first experience—subsequently repeated—does not change the reality of the creational order.

“I have often counseled gay men on my observation that even in their sexual relations with each other, they must find a substitute opening for their penis. . . . For a man to have satisfactory sex he must find an opening for his penis. In rejecting the God-given opening of the woman, the homosexual merely affirms what he thinks he is denying whenever he finds an alternate opening.”

And if men are going to “bond,” PK style, they’ll need to visualize Jesus—nude:

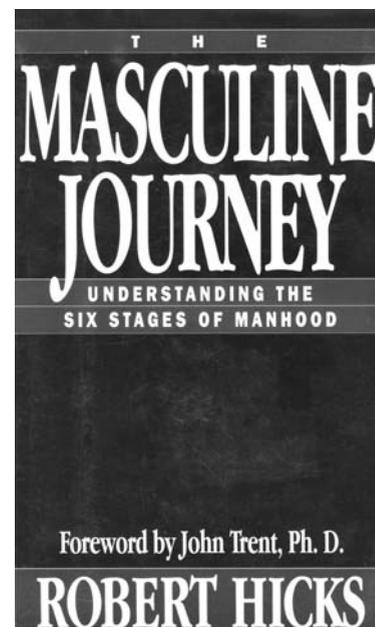
“Jesus was also very much *zakar*, phallic. . . . Jesus was very much masculine, and masculine means being male, and being male means having a penis. There’s no way around it. Some in church history could not tolerate the exposure of the Son of God’s genitalia. Therefore, you will never find a portrait of the crucifixion of Jesus with penis exposed, even though it was a common Roman custom to crucify criminals naked. Even the Gospel writers tell us that Jesus’ outward garment was torn into four pieces, leaving the inner tunic, which was then gambled for intact. . . . That left nothing. No underpants. Nothing.”

Promise Keepers are told that homosexuality is an “inherent passion,” even in Christ:

“I believe Jesus was phallic with all the inherent phallic passions we experience as men. But it was never recorded that Jesus had sexual relations with a woman. He may have thought about it as the movie ‘The Last Temptation of Christ’



A military expert in “religious terrorism” wrote this homoerotic pagan travesty, which shaped the Promise Keepers movement.



portrays. . . . If temptation means anything, it means Christ was tempted in *every* way as we are. That would mean not only heterosexual but also homosexual temptation! I have found this insight to be very helpful for gay men struggling with their sexuality” (emphasis in the original).

Based on the archetypes of the Satanic/occult psychiatrist Carl Jung, the PK book calls for today’s Christians to re-create pagan-modelled phallic initiation rites to celebrate personal milestones. In an appendix summarizing the book’s argument, Hicks lists some of these personal spiritual breakthroughs: the first time for “wet dreams”; appearance of “pubic hair”; “masturbation”; and “intercourse.” Hicks intersperses this poison with homilies about staying faithful to your wife.

Promise Keepers spokesman Pete Richardson defended *Masculine Journey* in an April 7, 1995 letter replying to questions from Al Dager of *Media Spotlight*:

Question: “Dr. Hicks has been quoted as saying that men should worship Jesus with their phallus. Isn’t this a blasphemous statement? Why should someone associate Jesus with sexuality?”

Answer: “This raises two issues. First, the nature of worship, and second, the issue of associating Jesus with sexuality. The idea of worshipping Jesus with one’s sexuality grows out of Dr. Hicks’ understanding of the nature of the book of Leviticus. . . .”

Richardson elsewhere describes the book as a “biblically-centered, frank, and honest account of a man’s journey with God.”

Origins of the Promise Keepers

Whose project is this? The operatives who make up the PK leadership were developed in several phases. The first was in the post-World War II years, when British-allied banker

Averell Harriman directed the U.S. military and intelligence reorganization, along with John Foster Dulles, globalist religious leader and secretary of state, and his brother Allen Dulles, Director of Central Intelligence. The last preparatory phase involved the military/mercenary covert operations under George Bush as Vice President and President. (George's father, Prescott Bush, was a partner of Harriman; the Dulles brothers were their lawyers.)

David du Plessis, an agent for the Anglo-Dutch monarch-

ies and for their turncoat American intelligence allies, supervised Pentecostalism's "charismatic renewal," with agencies such as the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship and the Far East Broadcasting Co. The same intelligence apparatus spun out Bill Bright's Campus Crusade for Christ in 1951, and Pat Robertson's Christian Broadcasting Network in the 1960s (see *EIR*, Aug. 22, 1997). Bill Bright, heavily funded by billionaire misanthrope Nelson Bunker Hunt, and commanding 13,000 paid staff and 100,000 global volunteers for

'Diamond' Pat's mining scam

Two pilots who flew more than 100 "charity" missions in Zaire for Pat Robertson, said that the televangelist used most of the flights to run a diamond-hunting scheme. In interviews on May 7, 1997 with this reporter, pilots Robert Hinkle and Tahir Brohi described their flights in Caribou cargo aircraft, a fleet purchased with funds donated to Robertson's "Operation Blessing." Contributors to that tax-exempt charity were told they were paying for the evangelization and medical relief of suffering Africans.

During 1994 and 1995, Operation Blessing cargo planes carried equipment and supplies for the river-dredging of diamonds, on behalf of the African Development Company. Robertson, the sole owner, had chartered that company in 1992. It suspended operations in October 1995. Before then, chief pilot Hinkle had quit in disgust at Robertson's fraud and deception.

Hinkle told *EIR* that he flew about 40 missions for the Robertson organization, headquartered in Goma, Zaire. Hinkle set up the cargo-flying operation and hired others, including pilot Tahir Brohi. Hinkle told of his flights from N'jili airport near Kinshasa, and from N'dolo, around 15 miles away, to Tshikapa, some 200 miles into the interior.

Hinkle observed Robertson's attempts to pick diamonds out of fast-flowing river currents; when he failed to get much more than industrial-grade diamonds, Robertson launched legal action against the U.S. company that had supplied the dredging equipment. The diamond hunting was near the Zaire-Angola border. Hinkle said he had heard Robertson's aides discussing buying diamonds from smugglers operating between Angola and Zaire.

In one instance, Hinkle recalled, he flew Robertson into a landing in Angola. On that trip, he told *EIR*, Robertson discussed with Angolans Robertson's project to rebuild a railroad from mineral-rich Shaba province, Zaire, through to the Atlantic Ocean port in Lobito, Angola. The *Wall Street Journal* reported on April 30 that Max Boule, boss of the Canadian-based American Mineral Fields min-

ing company — which is plundering Zaire on behalf of the British Empire's Anglo American Corp. — has asked Robertson to go back into action with the Shaba-Lobito rail link project. The *Journal* reported that Boule believes that "anyone able to win a concession to rehabilitate and run the railroad could make a fortune if Zaire's copper and cobalt industries are revived." The *Journal* quoted a Robertson spokesman: "Mr. Robertson's main concern is for the spiritual needs of the Zairean people."

Tahir Brohi, who flew for Robertson from November 1994 through September 1995, told *EIR* that he made "one or two flights a week." The majority of these, he said, were related to the diamond dredging. One of Brohi's flight bases was the Zaire port city of Matadi on the Congo River.

Writing in the Richmond, Virginia *Times-Dispatch* on Feb. 1, Robertson explained that his Zaire operation was undertaken on President George Bush's request: "Before a visit to Zaire, I met with George Bush in the White House and asked his advice." Bush told him he should go into business in Zaire, allegedly, according to Robertson's story, in order to save Zaire's government. "I brought with me," Robertson wrote, "a former undersecretary of state from the Bush administration for the purpose of advising [Zaire's President] Mobutu [Sese Seko] on fiscal and monetary issues. . . . I personally met with the Cabinet of Zaire and warned them that if they continued printing money there would be runaway inflation with rioting and looting in the streets."

Robertson "evangelized" with advice to lay off workers and to give away the national patrimony to foreign looters. "I . . . analyzed the . . . Gecamine copper mines, where I discovered 16,000 surplus workers . . . [and] the government-owned Kilomoto gold mines, where 3,300 workers produced a pitiful [quantity] . . . of gold . . . and the government-owned industrial diamond facility in Mbuji-Mayi, where I discovered production limping along at 50% of peak capacity."

After Mobutu was overthrown, and the mass-murderer Laurent Kabila took over to give away all resources to the London mining cartel, Pat Robertson invited Kabila to come to the United States as Robertson's guest.

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his Campus Crusade, now sponsors Promise Keepers. Pat Robertson fervently pushes PK on his 700 Club television show.

Coach Bill McCartney launched Promise Keepers after being recruited into the Vineyard Christian Fellowship, a depraved “Third Wave Pentecostal” venture. Vineyard’s leader, former rock musician John Wimber, is one of the operatives produced by the old du Plessis-Dulles machine, through Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California. Vineyard set up churches notorious for their barking, shrieking, and wrenching worshippers at Toronto Airport and in Pensacola, Florida.

Steven Strang, publisher of the Promise Keepers’ glossy magazine, *New Man*, also puts out *Charisma*, organ of the Third Wave and herald of every British intelligence project even faintly related to religion, “Christian” environmentalism, etc.

Penetration of the military

Let us now observe the efforts of this gang to penetrate the U.S. military, aided by the Bush machine, already in place.

In February 1996, a Promise Keepers’ gathering of thousands of clergymen in Atlanta, Georgia featured a special meeting for recruiting military chaplains. Air Force Gen. Richard Abel (ret.), who manages Bill Bright’s military penetration ministry, addressed this meeting, as did Lt. Col. Chuck Stecker (ret.), a 23-year Army Special Forces veteran who now manages the Promise Keepers organization in Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee.

Following the chaplains’ meeting, a Promise Keepers rally was held for hundreds of soldiers on the Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Army base, home of the Special Forces units. That rally was led by Col. Jim Pack (ret.), a psychological warfare specialist who now manages the Promise Keepers’ operations in Texas.

Colonel Pack spent 25 years in Army Special Forces. This is the U.S. service force deeply infected with British imperial philosophy, in the tradition of T.E. Lawrence (“of Arabia”), Orde Wingate, and Denis Sefton Delmer, the fascist British intelligence black arts practitioner who lectured at Fort Bragg in 1962. Special Forces veterans, and Air Force kooks of the Robert Hicks variety, are heavily represented among the leaders and *agents provocateurs* in the militia and separatist movements. Homoerotic specialist Hicks, we note, also trains military chaplains at Maxwell Air Force Base.

In a 1995 interview (quoted in June 1995 in *The Heritage*, a Protestant newsletter) Colonel Pack defended the Promise Keepers’ privacy-stripping psychological techniques derived from Hicks’ book, and explained, “There are probably men out there that probably need almost an electrical jump start to get their engines going before they’re willing to confront anything.” Colonel Pack referred to the “People Bingo” quiz specified in the study guide to *Masculine Journey*. The small group leader asks each man to reveal which of the following

apply to him: “Is wearing boxer shorts *or* bikini briefs”; “Has been arrested at least once”; “Has made most of his funeral arrangements”; “Is going through a mid-life crisis”; “Has had circumcision, vasectomy, *or* prostate operation”; “Was neglected or abused by father.”

In the build-up to the 1997 Promise Keepers Washington rally, inquiring journalists interacted with national capital region PK manager Mike McDaniel. He could be counted on to prevent embarrassment to the project. McDaniel was formerly executive director of the American Defense Institute, a right-wing military lobbying group close to the Heritage Foundation. ADI was founded by McDaniel’s father, Eugene “Red” McDaniel, the Navy and Marines liaison to Congress. The McDaniels are decent, but limited individuals, who are being used by the cultists.

African-Americans targeted

Preparing for the big Washington event, Promise Keepers stepped up its outreach to African-Americans, using a growing pool of proto-fascists and military specialists. Joining the PK board in 1996 was Lt. Gen. Alonzo E. Short, Jr. (ret.), an African-American Pentecostal, who was Commanding General of the U.S. Army Information Systems Command, an intelligence-gathering service. During 1990, General Short was commander of Fort Huachuca, Arizona, the training center for U.S. military intelligence officers.

Wellington Boone is an African-American Promise Keepers cult guide, frequent PK speaker, and editorial board member of *New Man*. He wrote in *Charisma*, this brainwashers’ credo: “We are called to be ‘worms.’ . . . A worm never protests. . . . Can you say, for Christ, ‘I am a worm and am no man’? . . . If we allow God . . . to work into us the idea of ‘worm-training,’ it would be revolutionary. We would gain a worm’s-eye view of what God wants. . . . When we really meet Jesus and allow ourselves to be crushed as we model [sic] His example, the impact will rock this world.”

Lawrence Reed, PK regional manager for all the states from West Virginia to Maine, was formerly the financial manager for “Worm” Boone’s personal ministries enterprise.

Boone is also a leader of the Coalition on Revival, a Christian Reconstructionist grouping calling for abolition of public schools, capital punishment for violations of the Bible, and an outright theocracy. Frequent PK African-American speakers Joseph Garlington of Pittsburgh (an ally of Richard Mellon Scaife), and John Perkins of Pasadena, California (a board member of *New Man*), are both core leaders of the fascist Coalition on Revival.

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Let the foregoing facts, then, give warning:

Before your husband, brother, or son is herded into a mass “religious” rally, or submits to personal questioning by a PK trainer, you and he must go beyond “sincerity of feelings,” and beyond blind disappointment over the collapse of our society — lest you foolishly contribute to that collapse.