
Investigation

Behind the ABC 9/11 Docudrama

The Axis of YWAM

by Anton Chaitkin

“Youth With A Mission,” the global religious group that cooked up the hoax “The Path to 9/11,” a docudrama aired on ABC Sept. 10-11, is, underneath its public cover, the organization created in the 1920s-1930s by the notorious pro-Nazi Frank Buchman. Above cover, it was known during and after World War II as Moral Rearmament, and also as the National Prayer Breakfast Movement or “The Fellowship” or “The Family.”¹

This imperial agency was crafted by the British and Dutch royal and financier faction that backed fascism and sought a world government in tandem with Hitler. After the death of President Franklin Roosevelt, the Buchman initiative was based at Caux, Switzerland, on Lake Geneva, and was inserted into Washington in aid of its sponsors’ drive for power over U.S. policy.

The Youth With A Mission (YWAM—pronounced “why-wham”) arm of this movement was set up in the 1960s and 1970s by a sort of carnival snake-charmer named Loren Cunningham. His son David Cunningham led a YWAM subunit (The Film Institute) for a rightist “revolution” in Hollywood, and was the director of ABC’s “Path to 9/11.”

Founder Frank Buchman described his agenda in an interview with a New York newspaper, the *World Telegram*, published on Aug. 26, 1936 under the headline, “Hitler Or Any Fascist Leader Controlled By God Could Cure All Ills Of World, Buchman Believes”:

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“My barber in London told me Hitler saved Europe from Communism. That’s how he felt. Of course, I don’t condone everything the Nazis do. Anti-Semitism? Bad, naturally. I suppose Hitler sees a Karl Marx in every Jew.

“But think what it would mean to the world if Hitler surrendered to the control of God. Or Mussolini. Or any dictator. Through such a man God could control a nation overnight and solve every last, bewildering problem.”

Buchman gave the New York interview having just returned from meetings of his “Oxford Group” in England; and from the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, where he had been the guest of SS leader Heinrich Himmler. (Buchman had gone to Nazi rallies at Nuremberg with Himmler, whom Buchman claimed to be training in religion.)

“Dr. Buchman,” wrote the *World Telegram* reporter, “listens quietly to ‘God’s plans’ for a half hour or so every day, usually before breakfast. . . .

“The world needs the dictatorship of the living spirit of God. . . . God is a perpetual broadcasting station. . . . What we need is a supernatural network of live wires across the world to every last man, in every last place, in every last situation. . . .

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The late Frank Buchman, Hitler-lover and founder of the movement which spawned Youth With A Mission.

1. For more on Buchman and the Moral Rearmament movement, See Laurence Hecht, “H.G. Wells and Bertrand Russell: The ‘No-Soul’ Gang Behind Reverend Moon’s Gnostic Sex Cult,” *EIR*, Dec. 20, 2002. For “The Fellowship,” see also Tony Papert, “Mannikin: The Making of Tom DeLay,” in *Children of Satan II: The Beast-Men* (LaRouche in 2004, January 2004).

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To Dr. Frank Nathan Daniel Buchman, vigorous, outspoken, 53-year-old leader of the revivalist Oxford Group, the Fascist dictatorships of Europe suggest infinite possibilities for remaking the world and putting it under "God control."

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Dr. Buchman, who is directing an Oxford house party tonight at the Lenox, Mass., estate of Mrs. Harriet Puckman Schermerhorn, returned from Europe aboard the Queen Mary, after attending Oxford meetings in England and the Olympic games in Berlin.

A small, portly man, who doesn't smoke or drink and listens quietly to "God's plans" for a half hour or

so every day, usually before breakfast, Dr. Buchman talked easily about world affairs while eight or nine Oxfordites—good-looking young fellows in tweeds—sat on the floor and listened.

"The world needs the dictatorship of the living spirit of God," he said and smiled, adjusting his rimless glasses and smoothing the graying hair on the back of his head. "I like to put it this way. God is a perpetual broadcasting station and all you need to do is tune in. What we need is a supernatural network of live wires across the world to every last man, in every last place, in every last situation."

"The world won't listen to God, but God has a plan for every person, for every nation, ~~Human~~ humanity

is not enough. That is why the 'isms are pitted against each other and blood falls.

"Spain has taught us what godless Communism will bring. Who would have dreamed that nuns would be running naked in the streets? Human problems aren't economic. They're moral, and they can't be solved by immoral measures. They could be solved within a God-controlled democracy, or perhaps I should say a theocracy, and they could be solved through a God-controlled Fascist dictatorship."

He looked around the room at the eight or nine young men drinking in his words, and straightened the crimson rose in his button hole.

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Buchman "lets it all hang out" in this article in the New York World Telegram of Aug. 26, 1936.

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The Delphic Oracle As Cheap Comedy

Loren Cunningham and other Youth With A Mission leaders, like the Buchman followers running The Fellowship/National Prayer Breakfast, and such Buchmanite-trained charlatans as televangelist Pat Robertson, shamelessly say that their schemes come from God. The daily "quiet time" is a Buchman-signature boast. Buchman would supposedly sit with paper and pencil, mind empty, to take God's dictation.

For example, in his 1984 book, *Is That Really You, God?*, Loren Cunningham wrote that in 1967, while "I was in bed in California . . . a thought came into my mind: 'You are to have a . . . School of Evangelism.' I wondered if this were from God. . . . Then another thought suddenly cut through, 'Your school is to be in Switzerland.' Switzerland! 'Is this you, God?' I asked in my mind." A few days later, a family friend met him for breakfast and said, "Loren, I have a message for you. The Lord has been planting the idea in my mind that someone should start a school in Switzerland. Last night He told me *you* are to be the one. . . ." He continued "that the school was to have an international student body and visiting teachers. . . . 'Loren, I'm just a channel to pass this message on to you.' . . . We landed in Geneva in April [1967] . . . We made arrangements for a facility in a town outside Lausanne and returned to the States. . . ."

Thus, allegedly, was born YWAM's "Discipleship Training School" world headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland.

From the Swiss base, YWAM moved across the border into Bavaria, Germany. YWAM bought a castle at Hurlach,

formerly owned by the Fuggers, a feudal-nobility banking family whose undead 20th-Century members sponsored Frank Buchman's Swiss and German intrigues.² Youth With A Mission stuffed 1,000 young followers into this Hurlach castle operational base, for a recruiting assault on the 1972 Munich Olympics, a rerun of Buchman's 1936 glory days in Berlin.

The New Order Makes Breakfast

The National Prayer Breakfast, immediate predecessor of Youth With A Mission within the Buchman initiative, had its origin in the same Manhattan building, Calvary Church, where Frank Buchman gave his notorious 1936 newspaper interview.

That Episcopal church was the American headquarters for Buchman's "Oxford Group" as it was then known, and the Calvary rector, Rev. Sam Shoemaker, was the national spokesman for Buchman. When Buchman was hit with increasing criticism for his praise of fascism as God's instrument, he changed the name of the movement to Moral Rearmament, and his nervous American representatives rushed to get a Buchmanite para-church agency attached to the government in Washington.

The principal agents in this venture³ were:

Longtime Buchman spokesman **Rev. Sam Shoemaker;**

2. See, in the Frank Buchman papers at the Library of Congress, late 1950s letters from Buchman to the fascist U.S. general Edwin A. Walker.

3. See the Buchman/Moral Rearmament papers, Library of Congress; the Fellowship Foundation papers, Billy Graham Center archives, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois; Norman Grubb, *Modern Viking: The Story of Abraham Vereide, Pioneer in Christian Leadership* (Zondervan, 1961).



Buchman hobnobbed with the Oxford Group in England, and with SS leader Heinrich Himmler in Germany.

Mrs. Marian Johnson, a high-society American and fanatical Anglophile, intimate on a family basis with the British Ambassador to Washington (1938-40), Lord Lothian, head of the financiers' "Round Table" faction promoting Hitler; Mrs. Johnson oversaw much of the fundraising for the Buchman movement;

Abraham Vereide, a Norwegian immigrant and Buchman apostle specializing in capturing the minds of the wealthy and the powerful. He claimed to have converted the former Nazi SS officer, Netherlands' Prince Bernhard, to Christ, and he and Frank Buchman together secured official Dutch Royal Family sponsorship for the Prayer Breakfast movement;

Col. Sir Vivian Gabriel, a British intelligence officer serving as Air Attaché with the British Embassy, who opened doors for Vereide and the others inside Washington;

H. Alexander Smith, the main American lieutenant of Frank Buchman, and father-in-law of Reverend Shoemaker. Smith later represented New Jersey in the U.S. Senate, and cemented the Prayer Breakfast, under covert "Fellowship" leadership, into place as a private institution in the U.S. Congress. On June 2, 1941, a year after the Nazi conquest of France, Smith drafted for the Foreign Policy Association a proposal that Hitler should be allowed to rule over and reform Europe—the so-called New Order—while the United States and Britain should jointly rule the rest of the world.

The Hitler-Haunted House on C Street

The existence of a covert Hitlerite organization (called simply "The Fellowship," or "The Family") wielding considerable power through the 1980s' Conservative Revolution,



The house at 133 C Street S.E., the 1980s YWAM headquarters in Washington, was then and is now the residence for Congressmen hosted by the Nazi Buchmanite movement known as The Fellowship.

was brought before the public in the March 2003 issue of *Harper's* magazine (article entitled "Jesus Plus Nothing").

Reporter Jeffrey Sharlet infiltrated The Fellowship. He quoted the leader, Vereide's successor Douglas Coe, and the group's private memos: "Coe listed other men who had changed the world through the strength of the covenants they had forged with their brothers: Look at Hitler, he said. Lenin, Ho Chi Minh, Bin Laden. . . . A document called Thoughts



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Ground Zero on Sept. 13, 2001. The ABC TV “docudrama” was a fraudulent portrayal of the events leading up to 9/11, directed by YWAM activist David Cunningham.

on a Core Group explains that Communists use cells as their basic structure. The mafia operates like this, and the basic unit of the Marine Corps is the four man squad. Hitler, Lenin, and many others understood the power of a small core of people. . . . [Coe called for] ‘total unity. Two, or three, become one. . . . It’s called a covenant. Two, or three, agree? They can do anything. A covenant is . . . powerful. Can you think of anyone who made a covenant with his friends? . . . Hitler. Yes,’ Doug said. ‘Yes, Hitler made a covenant. The Mafia makes a covenant. It is such a very powerful thing. Two, or three, agree.’ ”

The repeated message, that barbaric and evil power becomes good when Jesus controls it, was delivered to the residents, a captive audience of the cult, “at the Family’s four-story, red brick Washington town house, . . . at 133 C Street S.E.,” just around the corner from the Congressional office buildings. At the time of the *Harper’s* article, “Eight congressmen, including Senator Ensign and seven representatives lived there. . . .”

In 1985, Congressman Tom DeLay (R-Tex.), then in his first term, was a terrible drunk, his life crashing. The Fellowship/Prayer Breakfast organization took him under its protection and brainwashing regime, as it did with key personnel in the military and elsewhere, a network of far-right intrigue throughout government.

But in the 1980s, the Fellowship was unknown to the public. What then was the official name of the organization running this nightmare on C Street? It was Youth With A Mission.

EIR’s interviews with former YWAM staff members have allowed us a glimpse at the internal operation of the group. The 133 C Street house, the Washington headquarters for

Youth With A Mission, was headed by Ron Boehme (pronounced “Bay-mie”). The program in the 1980s was precisely that described in the 2003 *Harper’s* article, capturing control of Congress and government, using Buchman’s pagan-oracle “talks with God,” etc.

As it happens, this same Ron Boehme, now a YWAM leader in Washington State, is as of the time of this writing, a candidate for state legislature (26th District, Kitsap County) in the Republican primary to be held Sept. 19.

Interviewed by a local publication, candidate Boehme, boasting of his former importance, spoke somewhat openly about the arrangements over the past quarter century at 133 C Street S.E., Washington.

Speaking of himself in the third person, he said “Ron joined Youth

With A Mission—one of the world’s largest youth/service organizations. YWAM has 11,000 full-time staff and 25,000 short-term workers that serve in 140 nations around the world. . . . Ron has founded Youth With A Mission centers in Washington D.C., Virginia, and the state of Washington. . . . He served in Washington, D.C. during the Reagan Revolution, and started a center on Capitol Hill in 1980 that continues to this day and houses 2% of the U.S. Congress (its first resident being Congressman Steve Largent).”⁴

Reporting to London

The international chairman of Youth With A Mission is now Lynn Green, who is also the head of YWAM in England. On Aug. 7, as the group’s hoax 9/11 docudrama was getting set to air on ABC, director David Cunningham spoke about the project at a meeting at YWAM’s International Chairman’s headquarters in Harpenden, England.

Now that the blow has been struck, and 13 million Americans saw the Clinton Administration portrayed on the program as responsible for the 9/11 attack, jubilant YWAM Chairman Lynn Green is preparing his own report. On Oct. 5, Green will be the featured speaker at the 2006 “City Prayer Breakfast.” This is the inner core of the Buchman/Fellowship/Prayer Breakfast initiative: leading private bankers from the City of London financial district, and their allies within the British government and military establishment, a faction using theocratic intrigues for fascism, permanent war, and world empire.

Next week: “The Ugly Truth About John Train.”

4. www.pajamajihad.org/2006/06/personality-project-ron-boehme.html

YWAM Celebrates Founder Frank Buchman

In 1990, Youth With A Mission created an organizational sub-entity called the International Reconciliation Coalition, a psychological profiling initiative aimed mostly at "indigenous people" in the former colonial sector, an initiative modelled on Frank Buchman's operations in Caux, Switzerland.

The article excerpted below was written May 12, 2003, and is posted on the Youth With A Mission website. It is a story with wildly inflated claims of the importance of Buchman, the notorious pro-Nazi religious faker, in the creation of what became the European Union.

'Something To Celebrate'

As everybody knows, last Friday (May 9) was Europe Day, occasioning wild celebrations all across the European Union with bonfires, fireworks and all-night dancing.

Well, hardly. I doubt if even a couple of civil servants in their Brussels offices lit sparklers during their lunch-hour. There hasn't been a lot of celebrating in Brussels since Europe's "shock and awe" united-front performance during Gulf War Two. (Did you miss that too?)

So what exactly then does Europe Day commemorate?

As a matter of fact, there is a wonderful story of forgiveness and reconciliation behind Europe Day, one that we do well to pause and reflect on. Perhaps you've heard me tell this before, but it's worth telling annually around May 9.

We pick up the story towards the end of the Second World War, when ninety-five Swiss Christian families pooled their life-savings to purchase a derelict hotel high in the mountains above Montreux overlooking Lake Geneva. Their vision was to open a Centre for the Reconciliation of the Nations, a refuge of hope. Over the next few years, thousands of politicians and other leaders from across Europe and the world would come through its doors.

Behind this vision, and the movement known as Moral Re-Armament (MRA), was a man named Frank Buchman. An evangelist with global impact, Buchman was acutely aware of the need of reconciliation between the nations of Europe, and indeed the whole world. He knew that if Germany was not embraced by Christian forgiveness and reconciliation, godless forces of anarchy or communism would fill the post-war vacuum.

To one of the summer conferences immediately after the war, he had invited . . . French [resistance fighters] . . . [and] Germans . . . [who were] among the first of over 3,000 leading citizens given special permission by the

Allied authorities to travel to Switzerland to meet their opposite numbers from Europe and other continents. The message of forgiveness and reconciliation taught by Buchman . . . affected them deeply. . . .

Among the visitors the next year was Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the future German chancellor, who invited MRA teams to bring the message of forgiveness to Germany through travelling musical shows. . . .

Meanwhile, the French Prime Minister, Robert Schuman, had heard that . . . remarkable changes of heart were taking place among industrial leaders in the north of his country, where tensions had led to talk of civil war. He traced the changes back to this Centre for the Reconciliation of the Nations. So in 1948 Schuman, who like Adenauer was a devout believer, arranged to meet with Buchman. The Frenchman confided in Buchman that he was discouraged, and was considering retirement. Yet, something told him his life task still lay ahead, that of reconciling France and Germany.

"But which Germans can I trust?" he asked his new friend. Buchman encouraged both Schuman and Adenauer (who had once called the Frenchman a "lying Alsatian") to trust each other.

This trust culminated in a bold plan, proposed by Schuman, to integrate the coal and steel industries of France and Germany, and of any other European country who wished to join. Since these industries would be the motor of any potential military machine, future war between the nations would be rendered permanently impossible.

Adenauer interrupted a Federal cabinet meeting the same day to announce the plan: "All my life I have fought to reconcile France and Germany. Today Robert Schuman's generous initiative fulfills all my hopes. This French proposal is in every way historic: it restores my country's dignity and is the cornerstone for uniting Europe."

A few weeks later, Schuman decorated Buchman as a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour, in recognition of his role in helping "to create the climate in which the new relationship between France and Germany had been rendered possible."

This Schuman Plan, presented on May 9, 1950, gave birth to the European Coal and Steel Community, ECSC, the first major step toward the formation of the European Economic Community, which has grown to become today's European Union. The anniversary of this event is now known as Europe Day, celebrated annually throughout the European Union.

Now, that's something worth celebrating, don't you think?

Till next week,
Jeff Fountain
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