
NEW FREEDOM BILL MAY BRING BONDAGE

NEW FREEDOM INITIATIVE: SHADES OF 1984!

In April 2002, President Bush established the New Freedom Commission on Mental Health to examine the health care system in America. It is a plan that provides government funding to screen the entire U.S. population for mental illness. I believe this is cause for alarm, though most will no doubt say we are over-reacting. Under the plan, schools would become hubs for the screening process, not only for children, but for their parents and teachers. The commission issued its recommendations in July 2003, chief among them being that schools are in a key position to screen 52 million students and 6 million adults who work with them. The No Child Left Behind program will be used to "expand school mental health programs and evaluate parents."

WE SEE POTENTIAL FOR GREAT EVIL.

The Psychoheresy Awareness Letter (PAL), Jan.-Feb. 2005 stated: "While the goal may not be mind control as in George Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-four*, the end result could very well be social consensus, conformity, and compliance..." While it seems far fetched, it is not impossible for the same thing which happened in Russian and other communist countries to occur here. MindFreedom, a coalition of people who are concerned about involuntary mental health treatment, has expressed grave concerns about the additional power that may be given to the mental health establishment... Senator Ron Paul of Texas expressed his concern for the program saying, 'Soviet communists attempted to paint all opposition to the state as mental illness. Now it seems our own federal government wants to create a therapeutic nanny state beginning with the school children.'" (PAL).

ALL VIEWED AS NEEDING HELP!

One of the problems is that professional psychologists see everyone as having some kind of mental or emotional problem. Professional psychiatrist Dr. Thomas Szasz, (not a Christian to my knowledge) said, "*In 20 years of psychiatric work I have not known a clinical psychiatrist to report that the subject was a normal, mentally healthy person.*" Without doubt, we are already the most psychologized nation on earth. This is indeed scary when one realizes that

50% of the population in America has been to a psychologist, counselor, etc. Even if you are a normal person (which no one is according to them), once you have been to see a mental health person, you are automatically labeled as someone who has psychological problems and in need of mental health services.

PSYCHOLOGY ENTIRELY SUBJECTIVE.

Psychological diagnosis and treatment is based solely on what the counselor *believes* to be right. PAL states: "Many people look to psychologists and psychiatrists as experts... Even though research has revealed psychotherapy's low level of help (modest at best) and its overall ability to harm, the psychological establishment has done a great job of convincing the public that psychological treatment is highly successful.... Most studies fail to show the advantage of one therapy over another or of therapy over placebo or of professional over amateur or trained and licensed over untrained and unlicensed helpers." Dr. Robyn Dawes, professor at Carnegie-Mellon Univ. and recognized authority on psychological accomplishments said, "Virtually all research - and this book will research more than 300 empirical investigations - has found that these professional claims to superior insight and skill simply are not valid." In the years I have pastored, I have literally dealt with hundreds who have been to psychiatrists, etc. Apart from a true conversion experience, I do not know of anyone who has gone to a mental health person who has been declared cured and no longer needs the psychiatrist nor his pills. No, you will need him and his pills until you die. Then, take away their mind-altering drugs and they could not continue in business. One group of researchers stated: "It is clear that the negative effects of psychotherapy are overwhelmingly regarded by experts in the field as a significant problem." I have seen people under psychiatric care who have been so drugged that they hardly knew their own name.

NO CHRISTIAN PSYCHOLOGY!

We have written on this subject before and have pointed out that there really is no true Christian psychology since the two are opposites. One is worldly wisdom and the other is heavenly. Many, if not most,

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of the noted psychologists, etc. have been atheists. Freud, an atheist, was a most ungodly man. He said, "I regard myself as one of the most dangerous enemies of religion." Carl Jung, who is currently a favorite among many, including so called Christian psychologists, said: "All neurotics seek the religious and all talk of God is mythological." Albert Ellis claimed to be an atheist and said: "Religion is, to a large degree, essentially masochism and both are forms of mental illness." Another very influential psychiatrist, Carl Rogers claimed he was raised a Christian but he said, "After almost 50 years as a psychologist, my belief system is almost the antithesis of what I was taught." You cannot wed the wisdom of God and the imaginations of men! Unless the Lord comes in the very near future (I believe and hope He will), it is not difficult to conceive the pressure that will be put upon Fundamental Bible believers to be quiet about their faith and to conform to the "norms" of society. This program could readily be used in conjunction with the anti-hate laws which are being espoused and passed.

GOD'S PEOPLE NEED TO WAKE UP.

How sad that so many professed Bible-believers, fundamentalists, have imbibed the philosophy that psychology is as good thing. I can tell you after having seen a great deal of it firsthand that it is not of God and more often than not has a negative effect upon its patients. I wonder how God's people, with all of their trials and difficulties down through the ages, ever got along and were victorious without the aid of this century old *enlightenment*? Why should we lean on the arm of flesh? God says, "**Cease from man whose breath is in his nostrils.**" I believe the Bible has the answer for all of man's problems and needs. Unfortunately, even many who are God's children, including a host of pastors, no longer believe this. I have heard preachers say they do not believe the Christian can find all the answers to his problems in the Bible. If I believed that, I would quit preaching! "**All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction,**

for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God man be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." II Tim.3:16,17.

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM THE WORD!

I will close with a warning and some words of wisdom from the Word of God: "**Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.**" Col.2:8. Psychology is certainly a "*rudiment of the world*" for it is diametrically opposed to God and His counsel. Furthermore, God says: "**O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, and avoid profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called. Which some professing have erred from the faith...**" I Tim.6:19,20. Sadly, many professed fundamentalists have fallen into the Christian psychology trap. It is taught in many if not most Bible-believing Christian colleges and seminaries, including Fundamental Baptist schools. We need to heed this warning from God! "**For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine: but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.**" II Tim.4:3,4.

ONE FINAL WORD!

To those who are true Bible believers, let me ask this question: "If God cannot meet all of my needs, who can?" Phil.4:19 says: "**But my God shall supply ALL your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.**" Do you really believe God? Listen again to His Word: "**Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me?**" Jer.32:27. Here is one final word of counsel from Almighty God, the God who made us. "**Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thy own understanding. In ALL thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.**" Prov. 3:5-6.

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