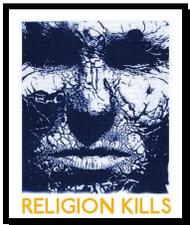


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Religion is a false perception of holiness that focuses on law and kills the true message of Christ. Jesus had much to say about the religious who put the law before his true message. Luke 11:46, Matthew 23:23-24, Matthew 22:37-39)

Religion ignores the reasons behind this being the most important commandment and only focuses on the exterior and works as a way to get close to God. It is religion that not only kills the true message of hope Christ taught but also has held back the lost from understanding the true meaning of Christianity.



A GENERATION IN CRISIS

YOUNG ADULT CRISIS HOTLINE
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"THIS IS THE MOST UN-REACHED GENERATION IN THE HISTORY OF AMERICA, YET THE MOST REACHABLE."

Christian Outpost



The Young Adult Ministry Crisis Hotline and Biblical Counseling Center has become a Christian Outpost that helps individuals who have life controlling problems to become responsible, productive and caring individuals through its personal development program. This program ministers to the spiritual, psychological and physical needs of its clients.

This ministry serves as a bridge to the local church community by preparing and training the individuals to live Christ-centered lives. It will facilitate these goals by teaching and presenting them the biblical alternative to life challenging problems by offering the biblical solution to freedom based upon "The Finished Work" of Jesus Christ and His principles.

We want to be this "Invisible Generation" outpost of hope, encouragement and place where they can come as they are not having to change who they are to fit into the structured church environment. Your partnership with us is going to provide God an avenue to the most unreached generation. We together can make an impact in our next generation.

While acknowledging there are significant differences between the faith journeys of those in late adolescence and those in their late twenties and thirties, ministry to young adults should always be respectful of these differences and directed towards inclusion. There are no better mentors for those searching for a place to belong than those who have come through the doubts and questions into ownership of their Christ-Like identity and a growing maturity in the Christian faith.

"A Mission Statement for Young Adult Crisis Hotline and Biblical Counseling Center" which includes affirming "the unique gifts and talents of young adults". Providing "opportunities for young adults...to integrate their faith in their lives and through their life transitions," developing "young adult leadership through resources and training

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programs that empower young adults and strengthen their commitment to the Christ," supporting "ministries with young adults in higher education," supporting "involvement of young adults from all racial/ethnic groups," working "to ensure fair and adequate representation by young adults throughout the life of the Christ," nurturing "adult leaders of young adult ministries," and "fully embracing young adults...addressing their needs and issues through evangelism and a spirit of Christian fellowship, renewing and supporting the growth of the body of Christ."

Research consistently shows that what a person believes translates into behavior. Perhaps nowhere has that been more dramatically shown than in our survey of over 3,700 kids (all of whom were involved in an evangelical church). That study reveals that, compared to kids who possess a solid, biblical belief system, young people who lack such basic biblical beliefs are:

- 200% more likely to steal
- 200% more likely to be disappointed in life
- 200% more likely to physically hurt someone
- 210% more likely to lack purpose in life
- 216% more likely to be resentful
- 225% more likely to be angry with life
- 300% more likely to use illegal drugs
- 600% more likely to attempt suicide

REVOLUTION

The Idea of Revolution

To show all people the unconditional love and grace of Jesus without any reservations because of their lifestyle or religious background, past or future. This love has no agenda behind it (1 Cor. 13:5). This grace sets no timeline on personal change or standards for spiritual growth (Romans 4:4-5). The idea is to be a part of people's lives because we truly care for them rather than to fulfill a religious duty; to walk with them through all their struggles as a part of their life, not as a religious outsider.

Often times the focus of an outreach will be on people outside of its own

"WE HAVE A GENERATION WHO HAS LOST ITS ABILITY TO DISCERN RIGHT FROM WRONG BECAUSE IT HAS LOST THE TRUTH ABOUT THE PERSON, CHARACTER, AND NATURE OF GOD BECAUSE OF POST MODERNISM."

community. At Revolution, we believe strongly in being a part of the community around us. We do this through constantly giving back in various forms including Bible Study, putting on concerts, hosting a movie night and just hanging out with people. Our goal is not to reach into a community from the outside but to reach out among our own community.

The desire at the heart of Revolution is to see this idea spread to other communities and churches. We aspire to see people from other communities and churches taking to heart the true message of the grace and love of Christ, and in turn to see them spread this message to those in their community, building relationships and sharing in the life experiences of those around them (Gal. 6:2-3), and living out the grace, hope and love that God has blessed them with.

What is a Cross Culture Revolution?

These ideas and vision for The CrossCulture Revolution came from a newly released book I recently read from Ron Luce and Josh McDowell book "The CrossCulture Revolution". A cultural mindset has infiltrated our homes and churches and is stealing our kids away from us and robbing them of what true Christianity is--a transformed relationship with God through Christ. It is time for a spiritual revolution--"a fundamental change in the way of thinking; a complete turnaround from the culture." It is time to create a culture of the cross--a new generation of young people who know what it means to be a Christian and lives accordingly

What is a Cross Culture revolution? It is a fundamental change in the way young people are presented Christianity. It is a shift from leading our kids to accept certain beliefs about God, to leading them to form an intimate relationship with him and embracing deepened convictions about him. It is an effort to create a culture of the cross--developing a generation of transformed followers of Christ who know why they believe what they believe. This will require that young people and their families understand and experience at least four characteristics about true Christianity.

A Transformed Life

Christ did not come to earth to teach bad people how to be good, as the majority of our kids believe. Christ came to earth to raise dead people to new life in relationship with him. Christ is not simply a good teacher, he is the Son of the one true God who came to nail our sinful record to his cross and transform us from death to new life in him. "..Those who become Christians become new persons. They are not the same anymore, for the old life is gone. A new life has begun" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

A Separated Life

Christ makes a difference in a person's life. The CrossCulture life involves living counter to the culture, not conforming to its practices but

"Americans in their twenties are significantly less likely than any other age group to attend church."

Why are Young Adults leaving the church?

86% of the Young Adults in the evangelical church leave at age 18 and ever come back. This figure sounds incredibly high to me but even if it is in actuality, only a fraction of that amount it still shows there is a real problem in the Church today.

"These statistics suggest that the church is heading toward extinction."

If churches do not "modify the approaches they use to influence the faith development" of this group, teens who grow up to be young adults will be "the least church-ed generation."

being empowered by the Holy Spirit to live a life pleasing to God. "Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person..." (Romans 12:2).

A Crucified Life

Christianity is about sacrifice--Christ sacrificed his own life on the cross so that we might live; we offer ourselves as a living sacrifice before God that he might live in and through us. "I have been crucified with Christ. I myself no longer live, but Christ lives in me. So I live my life in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:19-20).

A Mission in Life

Christ gives us a new identity in him and a new purpose for living, but he also gives us an exciting mission in life--to share the Gospel message across all cultures. "God has given us the task [the mission] of reconciling people to him... We are Christ's ambassadors, and God is using us to speak to you" (2 Corinthians 5:19-20).

"This all looks good," you may say, "but do you have some program to bring about a spiritual revolution within my church-ed youth?" Actually we don't. A spiritual revolution requires a miraculous move from God. Instituting a simple program on right beliefs isn't enough. It will take the miraculous intervention of God's Spirit and a long-term commitment and process on your part to provide consistent teaching, modeling, and mentoring of your young people in a culture of the cross.

If you would like a seminar on this for your Local church or on Addiction and Crisis Counseling please contact us. This seminar will cost you nothing and is a gift to you and your ministry to help facilitate a Cross Culture revolution nationwide alongside our most powerful partners the Local Church.



The "invisible Generation" of tomorrow, will be the driving forces in our society will look much as they do today, only magnified. Many will be "third-generation un-churched." Christianity will be an alien world to them, and they won't know much about the Bible's story or message. At home, kids will have shallow, fragmented and often abusive primary relationships.

The wealthy and the elderly will control most of our resources and power, making young people a vulnerable "fringe group." Life will grow even more complex, fast-paced, desperate and violent. Because of this, the transition from childhood to adulthood will be longer, more treacherous and full of risk.

DISTORTED MENTAL PORTRAITS OF GOD

Why are our 'Mental Reflections' Important?

- Our Mental reflections of God are not the same as our ideas about God.
- Portraits are not abstract ideas. They are imagery, which are a powerful combination of thoughts and feelings.

Before we were old enough to think in words, we have a mental reflection in imagery or portraits. These reflections are consumed by emotion. From our early childhood development we began storing memories of our emotional experiences. Most of our experiences, from early childhood development, have been stored in our unconscious. The unconscious is distinguished from the conscious by the fact that we are aware of conscious experience, but unaware of the unconscious. Neuroscience tells us that a memory is a set of connections among groups of neurons that participate in the encoding process. Encoding can take place in several parts of the brain. Neural connections go across various parts of the brain; the stronger the connections, the stronger the memory. Recollection of an event can occur by a stimulus to any of the parts of the brain where a neural connection for the memory occurs. If part of the brain is damaged, access to any neural data that was there is lost. On the other hand, if the brain is healthy and a person is fully conscious when experiencing some trauma, the likelihood that they will forget the event is near zero, unless either they are very young or they later experience a brain injury.

Long-term memory requires elaborative encoding in the inner part of the temporal lobes. If the left inferior prefrontal lobe is damaged or undeveloped, there will be grave difficulty with elaborative encoding. This area of the brain is undeveloped in very young children (under the age of three). Hence, it is very unlikely that any story of having a memory of life in the cradle or in the womb is accurate. The brains of infants and very young children are capable of storing fragmented memories, however. Such memories cannot be explicit or deeply encoded, but they can nevertheless have influence.

These emotionally laden mental portraits of parents or of others form the groundwork of our outlook in relationships with all other people, including God.

Our personal reflections of God, therefore, may not be the same as our biblical convictions about God. We may believe in a God of love and grace, but our mental portraits of God may be of an abusive bully. The

"If we do not give Young Adults a road map to help them find their way in life, someone else will."

Philippians 2:4

Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

portrait of God as an abusive bully is likely to have a more powerful impact on our emotions and behaviors than our doctrinal statements about God because our reflections of God are rooted in early childhood development and experiences.

When we examine our private reflections or portraits of God and discover significant misrepresentations, we may feel shocked at the thought that we could have such negative reflections of God. I believe it is critical that we explore our private reflections and portraits of God. I believe this is important for several reasons.

1. Our private reflections or images of God can have a powerful impact on our behaviors, even without our conscious awareness. We need to explore our portraits of God because they can keep us locked in self-destructive behaviors.
2. Our Private Portraits of God impact our spiritual stability and welfare. When our reflections of God are indistinct, our whole relationship with God can become unclear. We then behind closed doors spend our lives shying away and running from God. This creates an irrational need to striving to perform to earn God's approval. Extremely negative reflections of God we will most likely cause in our experience spiritual distress and therefore create irrational thoughts. Irrational thoughts cause irrational behavior. Therefore in order to bring a Grace adjustment to the root cause of the problem and not just the surface problems that occurs outwardly as a result of the distorted image of God.
3. The mental sketch of God is that they are related to our thoughts about our self. It has been my observation that for every distortion a person has of God there is usually a corresponding self-distortion. If we see God as a person with impossible expectations, then we will likely see ourselves as a failure or as not good enough.

It is clear that these different reflections of God would have very different effects on a person's feelings and behaviors. The first image, of a bully God would contribute to shame, paralyzing fear, a negative view of self and of the world, withdrawal from God and a sense of hopelessness. The second image, of a shepherd God, however, would create a sense of being known and loved, a freedom to act, a positive view of self and the world, a desire to approach God, and a sense of hopefulness. After working with these contrasting Portraits of God in counseling young adults, it prevents a lifetime of unresolved and deep rooted future problems. It also provides a visual aid to include them in the identification of their personal Portraits of themselves more clearly. The most valuable part of this is that they are able to have a rational reflection and image of God. This causes a rational thought pattern and ultimately removes the irrational self-destructive mental patterns.

The real healer of our distortions the rational of Expression of God.

Our Purpose

The Young Adult Crisis Hotline and Biblical Counseling Center are helping to encourage discipleship and growth in each individuals walk with the Lord. Our personal vision of The Young Adult Crisis Hotline and Biblical Counseling Center is rapidly expanding into creative, effective and fruitful outreaches. The Young Adult Crisis Hotline and Biblical Counseling Center is a unique extension of our vision of "Impacting Young Adults World Wide." The combination of tremendous personal discipleship, patience, divine encouragement and constantly pointing people to the Cross is producing fruit that is not only remaining but "Taking the Word to the World" as well. We are a living organism with a strong Body of disciples. The best quality of fellowship is the intimacy of knowing the Love we share is deep. The purpose is now to cast our nets and fish for others.

This is the **Rational**

1. Having or exercising the ability to reason.
2. Of sound mind; sane.

Doctrine - didaskalia In Greek - teaching of God's mind precisely

- The Rational Expression of God
The **θεός** Theos: God
The **λόγος** Logos: Rational process of thought

The Rational Expression of God brings in illumination and personal deliverance. Illumination may be defined as the divine quickening of the human mind in virtue of which it is enabled to understand truth already revealed." When you are teaching God's mind (His Word) precisely you are instructing someone to think soundly in their mind. His word brings illumination. It does not reveal new truth, but makes the old truth understandable. Someone said, and I don't know the source of this, "What light is to the Eye, illumination is to the mind."

Illumination - "Being Convinced" to be persuaded - Romans 14:5 is Pherophoreo in the Greek means

- 1) Removes blindness in our mind
- 2) Gives insight
- 3) Prepares action in the will

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