<u>Billy Graham and His Friends – A</u> <u>Hidden Agenda? By Dr. Cathy Burns</u>



A friend recommended me to check out a book by Dr. Cathy Burns, *Billy Graham And His Friends* – *A Hidden Agenda*?. I never heard of her or her book before. I found her website, <u>Liberty to the Captives</u>. The titles of the articles look very very good! Her bio on the site says:

Dr. Cathy Burns has a degree in Bible Philosophy and has spent the past 19 years doing extensive research on the New Age movement and related subjects. She has written many articles, tracts, and booklets on various subjects, including nine other books: Hidden Secrets of Masonry; Hidden Secrets of the Eastern Star; A One World Order Is Coming; Mormonism, Masonry and Godhood; A Scriptural View of Hell; Alcoholics Anonymous Unmasked; Pathway to Peace; Secure in Christ; and Masonic and Occult Symbols Illustrated. Her name is listed in Who's Who in Religion, Two Thousand Outstanding Intellectuals of the 20th Century, Five Hundred Notable Women, Outstanding People of the 20th Century, Who's Who in the East, Who's Who in America, World Who's Who of Women, Dictionary of International Biography, Two Thousand Notable American Women, etc. She has also done radio interviews in the United States and Canada. (Ref: https://libertytothecaptives.net/about dr burns.html)

Cathy Burns' bio is also on the <u>Chick Publications website</u>. I believe she is a sincere Bible believing follower of Jesus Christ. Just reading the first chapter of her book tells me so.

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This is only part of chapter one of her book. I don't want to violate the

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1 . LETS MEET SOME OF BILLY'S FRIENDS

Billy Graham is one of the best-known as well as one of the best-loved individuals of the 20th century. He has been in the listing of "most admired men" for 36 consecutive years—more than any other person. Chuck Colson states that he is the "greatest evangelist of this century—perhaps the greatest since Paul…." Others refer to him as "the world's best-known evangelist," "the world's most beloved evangelist," "the most honored evangelical alive," "the nation's pastor," or "America's pastor."

Knowing that Graham was so well respected and revered, and hoping to help our community hear the gospel of Jesus Christ, I took the responsibility for trying to bring Graham's films to our school— and succeeded. Even though I was still in high school, I felt a burden to reach out to others and tell them about Jesus. At that time, I thought Graham's films would be one of the best methods available and I was even one of the counselors after the film was aired. Since that time, Graham's popularity has only increased.

Little by little I started hearing about some aspect of Graham's ministry with which I didn't agree, but I'd just shrug my shoulders and ignore it. Eventually, those "little things" started to add up to quite a large number of difficulties. As I started to research some of these issues, I found more and more—and even more problems— problems far worse than I could have possibly imagined. I started noticing Graham's own words in his autobiography and compared that with other sources. I read many biographies on Graham—most of which were authorized by Graham himself and/or published by Graham's ministry (under World Wide Publications). Since I'd been researching the New Age and related movements for the past 19 years, I noticed some names with which I was familiar. As I continued to dig and research, unbelievable associations were uncovered— and some things started to fall into place. I started to understand many things I had not comprehended before. I am now sharing this extensive research with you—and hope you will continue to **do your own research** as well.

This first chapter, especially, may be a little difficult to read and digest, but I feel it is necessary in order to lay a framework for the succeeding chapters. This was not an easy book to write but, as I think should be evident, it has been extensively researched and documented. Many people will not like what has been uncovered— but I believe the truth should be shared with others. Many will want to hold to their cherished beliefs (no matter how false they are)— but I just ask you to read it and then check out the facts for yourself.

Remember, it is better to be disturbed by truth than to be deceived by falsehood. Proverbs 27:6 notes: "Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful." Galatians 4:16 asks: "Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?"

Since he is esteemed and revered in the eyes of so many, I think it's very important to look at Billy Graham himself, some of his close friends, as well

as some of those he invited to share the platform with him at his Crusades. While I'm sure that Graham would not be in agreement with the views (political, spiritual, or even otherwise) of all those encouraged to sit on his platform, his words of praise for many of them certainly give the impression that he considers these people to be fellow Christians and individuals to be respected and admired. It is one thing not to make a disparaging remark about someone; it is quite another thing to heap praise on a person.

It is obvious that someone in Graham's position does not want to be "negative" about people because he would lose many friends, but does he need to unnecessarily brag up people who are flaunting open sins? For instance, on Larry King Live, Graham said that although he has been friends with Bill Clinton for years, he has not and would not bring up the issues of homosexuality or abortion to him. Graham said that if he did that, he "would not be invited back to the White House." (As John 12:43 says: "[T]hey loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.") Silence in a case like this is bad enough, but a few months later, in an interview with U. S. News and World Report on May 3, 1993, he said about Clinton: "I am quite impressed with his charisma and with some of the things he believes. If he chose to preach the gospel instead of politics, he would make a great evangelist." He also said: "From a biblical point of view, we should be headed in the direction of goodness and righteousness, away from crime and immorality and towards one's neighbors who are in need. I'm encouraged by the emphasis President Clinton and Hillary are putting on that."

Graham says Bill and Hillary are leading us in the direction of goodness and righteousness, yet Clinton was recently photographed at a Democratic fundraiser with Hugh Hefner, the founder of *Playboy*. The photo then appeared in the May 2000 issue of *Playboy*. This is hardly a righteous influence! Clinton had also "appointed over a score of homosexuals to his staff."

Graham also said that he forgives (and seems to excuse) Clinton's sexual misconduct: "I forgive him. Because I know the frailty of human nature, and I know how hard it is, and especially a strong, vigorous, young man like he is; he has such a tremendous personality. I think the ladies just go wild over him." It's great to have man's forgiveness, but that is not sufficient. Clinton needs to ask for God's forgiveness for only God can cleanse the heart.

In Graham's autobiography, Just As I Am, he mentions that he was with President Clinton on May 1, 1996. He states: "It was a time of warm fellowship with a man who has not always won the approval of his FELLOW CHRISTIANS but who has in his heart a desire to serve God and do His will." [Emphasis mine throughout.]

"At a luncheon for 500 newspaper editors at their annual convention in Washington, D.C., Graham said that the President's personal life and character are 'irrelevant.' At the luncheon...he promoted Clinton as a man of God. He explained that he and Clinton had been close friends for many years and stated, 'I believe Bill has gone to his knees many times and asked God to help him.'" The praises flow both ways, however. At a dinner in Washington with about 650 people in attendance, Clinton praised both Billy and Ruth Graham.

When people consider someone like Clinton (who is a sex pervert, prohomosexual, pro-abortion, etc.) to be a Christian, we are in desperate spiritual trouble! When someone like Graham does so, we are even in a more profound dilemma since multiplied thousands look up to Graham as a spiritual advisor and man of God.

JOHN FOSTER DULLES

Let's meet another one of Graham's friends: John Foster Dulles. It was **Dulles** who was involved in helping to open doors for the 1954 Graham Crusade in London.

In A Prophet with Honor, which Billy Graham had asked William Martin to write, we find: "Secretary of State John Foster Dulles...would also be 'using his considerable prestige to help by writing letters to all of his friends and contacts in England.' Perhaps at Dulles's recommendation, American ambassador to Great Britain, Winthrop Aldrich, promised his assistance as well."

Aldrich, by the way, was a brother-in-law to John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

Many people know who John Foster Dulles was but for those who don't, **Dulles** was a founder of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) (Note from me: According to Myron Fagan, the CFR is the American branch of the Illuminati) and a relative (through marriage to Janet Pomeroy Avery) to the Rockefeller family. He served as a chairman of the board of the Rockefeller Foundation and the Carnegie Endowment. It was Dulles himself who chose Communist Alger Hiss to be president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. We need to remember that the kind of peace the Carnegie Endowment has in mind is different from the peace that you have in mind. This organization said: "[W]e shall have peace through constant warfare!" Not a very peaceful peace, is it?

Dulles and Hiss were friends for a long time. Furthermore, **"Mr. Dulles and Mr. Hiss worked together in The Federal Council of Churches** and...both were chairmen of important committees of the Council."

"In September 1916, [President Woodrow] Wilson appointed a 'brain trust' of 150 to draw up a charter for world government. The League of Nations Covenant was prepared for a new socialist one-world to follow WWI. The group included college professors, graduate students, lawyers, economists and writers. Individuals on the committee included Walter Lippman (columnist), Norman Thomas (head of the American Socialist Party), Allen Dulles (later head of CIA), John Foster Dulles (later Secretary of State) and Christian A. Herter (former Secretary of State)."

Dulles advocated "global interdependence" and was also a founding member of the United Nations (UN) and helped to prepare the United Nations Charter which states: "The present Charter represents a conscientious and successful effort to create the best **world organization** which the realities permit." Dulles wrote: "I have never seen any proposal made for collective security with 'teeth' in it, or for 'world government' or for 'world federation,' which could not be carried out either by the United Nations or under the United Nations Charter."

"The founders of the UN were 16 Communists led by Alger Hiss, and 43 members of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). "Since the UN was founded, to produce peace for all the world, there have been 157 wars [up to 1991]. The UN has yet to prevent a war, stop a war or win a war. On key issues the UN has voted against the U. S. about 85% of the time."

The story of the land where the UN is situated is interesting, too.

"The UN stands on a piece of land called by the **Manhattan** Indians, Turtle Bay. Their legend was that **floods of blood would drench that place** but that there would come a time when many tribes will meet here to make peace. It happens that for many years the slaughter houses of Manhattan stood here and floods of blood were lost by hundreds of thousands of animals. When Mr. John Rockefeller bought the land, he got the slaughter houses destroyed and offered the grounds to the UN, the meeting place of many tribes. One could also add that the UN was bom from the blood of the 30 million humans who died in World War II. These are the Earth vibrations noticeable at the UN."

Dulles had been hired by Joseph Stalin to act as Russia's legal council in the United States and he was also closely associated with J. R Morgan. Morgan "was instrumental in forcing our country into World War I. He and his associates funded the Bolsheviks and the Nazis, and he helped organize the Council on Foreign Relations. Occult writers tell us he based his investment strategy on astrology."

"John Foster Dulles and Allen Dulles became senior partners of Sullivan and Cromwell. That firm was chief legal counsel to J. Henry Schroeder Bank which helped finance Hitler's rise to power initially aided by the Warburgcontrolled Mendelsohn Bank of Amsterdam. Chase National, Equitable Trust, Mechanics and Metals, Bankers Trust and Kuhn Loeb & Co. financed Germany's launching of World War I on the basis of a deal made with Kaiser Wilhelm through their agents— the Warburgs."

SIX PILLARS OF PEACE

It was John Foster Dulles who dominated the Federal Council of Churches (FCC) which had been founded, in part, by the Communist Harry Ward in 1908. In fact, John D. Rockefeller, Jr. was among those who helped to finance the Federal Council of Churches. For many years no conference or meeting of the Council was complete without an address by Dulles or one of the Rockefellers.

Since Dulles was involved in both the United Nations and the FCC (later renamed the National Council of Churches), it's no surprise to see the following news item: "Christians should vigorously support efforts to strengthen the United Nations—even at the risk of leaving the United States outvoted, the National Council of Churches decided last night." In Dulles' book, War or Peace, he stated:

"The churches took a strong lead in favor of international organization. The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in Commission on a Just and Durable Peace, of which I [Dulles] was chairman. Our Commission held its first full meeting in September, 1941, just after the promulgation of the Atlantic Charter. We immediately launched a campaign to educate United States public opinion to the **need for world organization**. Most of the Protestant churches of the country set up 'study groups' on **world order**. The Commission conducted 'national missions on world order' which took leading ministers and laymen to the principal cities of the United States. It issued a 'Six Pillars of Peace' statement which set out briefly and cogently the **need for world organization** and the tasks it should assume."

"John Foster Dulles and his many supporters in the church now took their case to the nation. Beginning with a convocation in the **Cathedral of St. John the Divine** in New York, they fanned out across America, ultimately visiting 102 cities."

The report:

"called for a world government of delegated powers, strong immediate limitations on national sovereignty, international control of all armies and navies, an international court with adequate jurisdiction, a universal system of money, progressive elimination of all tariff and quota restrictions on world trade, an international bank, and worldwide freedom of immigration."

It was **Dulles** who was instrumental in getting the FCC to support the United Nations as well as its UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) program. "Skull and Bones member Archibald MacLeish wrote the UNESCO Constitution and several Freemasons helped create the organization." MacLeish belonged to the Council on Foreign Relations. He, along with Adlai Stevenson, "worked to establish the United Nations and drafted the preamble to its charter." "A fervent international, MacLeish strongly advocated One Worldism…." He was also cited for being involved in at least 12 Communist front organizations and/or activities. In fact, his "FBI file ran to over six hundred pages." He "argued vigorously for a left-wing press in the United States, if only because it advanced views contrary to those of the majority."

Dulles was former President Eisenhower's Secretary of State and in 1950, when the Federal Council of Churches changed its name to the National Council of Churches, **Rockefeller** donated a large parcel of land for its headquarters. It was Eisenhower who laid the cornerstone for the National Council of Churches (NCC) in Masonic style.

Interestingly, President Eisenhower read a prayer at his inauguration in January 1953. When copies of the prayer were checked it was discovered that he had not mentioned the name of Jesus Christ in the entire prayer (just like in Masonry). In the Masonic Lodge the chaplains are repeatedly told not to pray or end their prayers in the name of Jesus.

By the way, the NCC just happens to be across the street from the Rockefellers' Riverside Church and the two buildings are connected by an underground tunnel. Also, Rockefellers gave a \$50 million endowment to Riverside Church. "To symbolize the interdenominational spirit and its further reconciliation of religion and science, the tympanum arching the main portal contained the figures of non-Christian religious leaders and outstanding heroes of secular history, Confucius and Moses, Hegel and Dante, Mohammed and even the dread Darwin." Also, this "church building sports stone statues of Gargoyles on its Cathedral as well as statues of the Merovingian King Clovis….John D. Rockefeller, Jr. is chairman of the Building Committee."

Another famous building with gargoyles is **St. John the Divine Church**. One author reveals:

"Grotesque-looking gargoyles are chiseled from stone and set in place on the Cathedral, jeering down and sticking tongues out at the onlookers. Funding for the two-century-long project has been supplied through gifts, including some quite large—like the one for over a million dollars from international financier and philanthropist **J. P. Morgan**."

Gargoyles "are weird stone figures, half-human and half-animal or half- bird, placed on the edges of cathedrals, palaces, and other buildings."

"Riverside was previously pastored by Harry Emerson Fosdick. This was the same Fosdick who was accosted by William Jennings Bryan for heresy-denying the virgin birth." Fosdick declared: "Of course I do not believe in the Virgin Birth, or in that old fashioned substitutionary doctrine of the Atonement; and I do not know any intelligent Christian minister who does."

"Bryan and the fundamentalists tried to excommunicate Fosdick but who do you suppose came to Fosdick's defense?—none other than John Foster Dulles!"

GRAHAM FOLLOWS NCC WITH GREAT INTEREST

Fosdick belonged to at least **7 Communist** front groups. He claimed that "Jesus was as much 'divine' as his own mother." He was also a leader in the **National Council of Churches**. Additionally, Fosdick wrote articles for Margaret Sanger's Birth Control Review.

In spite of the apostasy in the leadership of the NCC, **Graham** visited the NCC headquarters on August 27, 1991 and remarked: "There's no group of people in the world that I would rather be with right now than you all. Because I think of you, I pray for you, and **we follow with great interest the things you do**." Graham's connections to the NCC go back to at least **1958**.

Getting back to John Foster Dulles: Not only did Dulles play a large role in the Federal Council of Churches, but he was also involved with the World Council of Churches (WCC). At one of the WCC's meetings, Dulles said: "There is no inherent incompatibility between the Christian view of the nature of man and the practice of economic communism or state socialism."

"It should be recognized, he suggested, that the long-range social ends which

Soviet leaders professed to seek were in many respects similar to the ends which Christian citizens sought—'a higher productivity of labor, abolition of exploitation of man by man, "from each according to his abilities, to each according to his needs."' There was nothing in these long-term ends, he thought, irreconcilable with what Christians wanted. 'Most of them have been sought by Christians long before there was a Communist party,' he declared."

REDISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH

As early as 1939 **Dulles said** that there must be "some dilution of sovereignty," and "the establishment of a common money."

On October 28, 1939 Dulles proposed "that America lead the transition to a new order of less independent, semi-sovereign states bound together by a league or federal union."

As mention, in 1942 he was the chairman of a meeting of the Federal Council of Churches (FCC) "which called for a world government," etc.

"The report also called for **world-wide redistribution of wealth**. It held that a 'new order of economic life is both imminent and imperative.' **It accepted Marxian concepts** by denouncing various defects in the profit system as being responsible for breeding war, demagogues, and dictators."

Dulles also stated:

"The fundamental fact is that the nationalist system of wholly independent, fully sovereign states is complete in its cycle of usefulness....Today, more than ever before, are the defects of the sovereign system magnified, until now it is no longer consonant with either peace or justice. It is imperative that there be a transition to a new order. This has, indeed, become inevitable; for the present system is rapidly encompassing its own destruction. The real problem is not whether there will be a transition, but how can transition be made, and to what" [Emphasis in the original.]

In one of the statements he authored for the Federal Council of Churches, Dulles wrote:

"...Communism as an economic program for social reconstruction has points of contact with the social message of Christianity as in its avowed concern for the underprivileged and its insistence on racial equality...neither state socialism nor free enterprise provide a perfect economic system; each can learn from the experience of the other...the free enterprise system has yet to prove it can assure steady production and employment..."

In *War or Peace*, Dulles wrote: "Fundamentally, world peace depends upon world law, and world law depends upon a consensus of world opinion as to what is right and what is just."

Dulles, along with John D. Rockefeller III, "created the Population Council, in November 1952. They warned of the need to stop expansion of the world's non-white population." Dulles was also among several Council on Foreign Relations members who **knowingly brought Communist Fidel Castro to power in**

Cuba.

Remember, this is the same John Foster Dulles who was instrumental in getting Billy Graham open doors for a crusade in London in 1954 and "who designated himself a Christian Communist." Could Dulles have sincerely been interested in having the Gospel preached? It doesn't seem likely! I might add that Dulles "also gave him a bit of political advice, perhaps hoping Graham would not make statements that ran counter to U. S. foreign policy."

TEMPLETON PRIZE

Billy Graham is so popular that he was selected as the recipient of the Templeton Prize in 1982. In the address that Templeton gave during this ceremony he said: "Every person is created by God, is a child of God and the Holy Spirit dwells within **each** human being." He continued:

"This afternoon, His Royal Highness Prince Philip presented the Templeton Prize for 1982 to the Reverend Dr Graham, founder of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Evangelism is a duty for every person who worships **God in any form**. Dr Graham has originated more new ideas in evangelism than any living person. He has given the Church around the world a new hope and has contributed vastly to the wider vision and meaning of evangelism. **His cooperation with all denominations** to involve the statesmen of the world in evangelism has left an indelible mark on Christian history."