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Encountering God On Campus

By Kimberly Kwon

When I drove the 2058 miles across country from Indianapolis, Indiana to California, I didn’t think my life would be as difficult as it has been. I knew adjusting to California freeway traffic and high taxes wouldn’t be easy. And, I knew that Fuller Seminary would be filled with academic, practical and spiritual challenges. But, what I’ve experienced during the past few months — a true sense of refiner’s fire — came unexpectedly.

Since I began seminary studies, I have been introduced by others as “the seminary student”. I have been challenged to think about what “maturity in Christ” means. I have been reminded of our responsibility to others as examples of Christ. Slowly, as I continued to evaluate my level of faith and walk with Christ, I realized how much more I needed to grow. But, I also began to feel guilty for not being everything I should be, wondering how my outer image (ie. the seminary student) could match my inner self filled with sin. I felt guilty for not knowing enough about the Bible — for being in my eyes, immature. With tears I cried out to God for forgiveness and apologized a million times almost every time I had my quiet time with Him.

Prayer and praise: Testimonies

No audible voice. Just a simple thought running through my mind.

I thought to myself, this is a place and time of grace. A place where, no matter what we have done or failed to do, we can come to the Father and repent and receive His grace with forgiveness. It is a time when we can feel His love for us as a child of God. A place of affirmation of this identity, and complete acceptance.

This time of solitude with God is where we sit still before God and think about who He is. It is a time where God is exalted. It is a time where my words are not important; we don’t come with our own agenda. Instead, it is a time to listen.

When I was dismissed from class for the extended time with God, I went swiftly home. I closed the door, turned the lights down, and sat in the tiny hallway outside of my bathroom door. The minute I sat down, I started to cry.

God had been trying to tell me all this time that I am in His presence of grace. Still, even though I could think about this and agree with it theoretically, my heart was not in it. I could not allow God’s grace to cover me.

God I want to hear you. God, tell me what you want to say to me. I sat and tried to listen. All I could hear was the sound of the birds chirping outside, and the kids playing. I began to sing — music always helps me. But, then I thought, God just wanted me to be silent. So, I sat.

I love you. God, is that you? I love you. It was no audible voice. Just a simple thought running through my mind.

I thought to myself, this is a place and time of grace. I’m sorry for being like a selfish child holding on to something I shouldn’t hold onto. But then I thought, there I go again. I’m just saying sorry and feeling the guilt. God began to tell me to just simply thank Him. I thought of a sermon on 1 John, about remembering the first time we fell in love with God.

My pastor reminded us to think of our past, how we were, how God has been there with us and helped us through our trials, and has shaped us.

Although my heart was not completely in it, I began to thank God. God, thank you for your grace. Thank you for providing for me. Thank you for the energy to make it through today....

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Dr. Lewis B. Smedes is the Guest Preacher for Wednesday 10 am Chapel Service at the Congregational Church. Dr. Smedes is the Professor of Theology and Integration in the Graduate School of Psychology.
I just can't recollect who the friend was that joined me. In fact, I think he's still there because I don't remember driving anyone home. Well, that's good anyway because that gives me a good excuse to tell my Overeaters Anonymous group why I need to go back. Oh yes, I'll definitely be back because the food is fantastic! And, the place has a real fun atmosphere. Going to dinner here won't cost you a fortune either -- I spent less than ten bucks. Last time I ate in a restaurant this good, they wanted 100 dollars, the mortgage on my house, and my first born. If you want to grab some great Cuban food at a very reasonable price, then trek on down to Versailles and discover a whole new world of cooking. Until next time, may your tummies be happy and your heartburns be few. See ya in the SEMI!

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**The Nightmare Before Christmas**

*Garrett Says:*

**AN EXCELLENT DIVERSION!**

*The Nightmare Before Christmas* is a holiday movie that has nothing like it in today's popular culture, and before I say anything else about it, let me say that it is about time! After all, the illusionists of Hollywood have failed utterly to give the public the Autumnal equivalent of *It's a Wonderful Life*. The best they seem to be able to make are cheap flicks about masked serial stalkers of teen-age girls and Clive Barker bloodfests.

*Nightmare Before Christmas* is a Holiday movie about Halloween, with Christmas as a special guest star. And this combination not only emphasizes the difference between the two American pastimes, but it also celebrates the qualities of each in entirely entertaining ways.

You see, there are many different holidays, and every day has a town of entities who bring those festivities to their human hosts once a year. So there is an Eastertown, and a Christmastown, and of course, a Halloweentown. The reigning leader of Halloween town is Jack Skellington, the Pumpkin King; and this year, Jack is bored. He feels his creativity is spent, and as most artists would understand, to lose your creativity is to lose your very soul. So Jack wanders aimlessly until he discovers the door to Christmastown, and lo and behold, he discovers something completely new!

While I won't spoil the surprise, I'm sure you can imagine what may happen when a Halloween artist tries to mold Christmas in his image.

Now, the question is, what can we as students of theology and psychology say about a film that not only acknowledges, but celebrates the dark imagination of spirits and goblins and witches?

I have come to the conclusion that it is really no big deal. That is not to say that I feel that the demonic is not something Christians ought to worry about, but the holiday of Halloween should not be equated with demonism. For Americans, Halloween is the holiday of clever disguises and processed sugar and of frightened cries of fear that are always followed by hysterical laughter. We love to be scared, and we love to dress up and feed our fantasies. And as Stuart Smalley would say, "And that's okay!"

*Nightmare Before Christmas* celebrates this part of the year with all the innocence of an eight-year-old. The denizens of Halloweentown are creepy, but they are also lovable and worthy of love. They love a good fright, as do we all, and as Stuart Smalley would say, "And that's okay!"

In the same way, Christmastown is presented with the same warmth of the season (however secularized and Americanized it may be) that we experienced as children. And it is this innocence that has touched Jack's heart and warmed it in a way that was completely new to him.

It does not rid him of his halloween spirit as if it were evil, but the Christmas spirit complements it, enlarges his view of life. Of course, in Jack's search to understand the logic of Christmas, to break it down into its components and study it, he loses its essence and misunderstands its soul.

And sometimes I think this is what we have done ourselves, as well. We (continued on next page)
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Christians ask ourselves about meaning, and we ask ourselves what is the source of Halloween, and where is Christ in Christmas. To our children, those answers don't matter. They want, and they deserve, to celebrate the spirit of the seasons—the dionysian indulgence of Halloween and the merry splendor of Christmas.

I recommend this movie for older children and adults—for those who love Halloween or want to recapture the joy of Halloween, and for those who have never understood Halloween and seek to discover why Americans love their ghosts and ghouls so much.

President Mouw
INAUGURATION CALENDAR

Sunday, November 7, 1993
6-8 p.m. Fuller Seminary All Peoples Worship Service Guest Preacher, The Rev. Dr. James Earl Massey: “The Lord is Good” Lake Avenue Congregational Church 393 North Lake Avenue

Monday, November 8, 1993
10:30 a.m. Presidential Installation Ceremony Dr. Richard J. Mouw: “Educating for the Kingdom: Continuing the Task of Renewal?” Pasadena Presbyterian Church Colorado Boulevard at Madison Avenue

12 noon-2 p.m. “Lavish Long Lunch on the Lawn” Lunch Reception Fuller Theological Seminary Mall 135 North Oakland Avenue

2:15 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Inaugural Seminars Fuller Theological Seminary Campus

2:15 p.m. Seminars (Select One)
1. “Advancing Christian Psychology: Opportunities and Challenges in Psychology’s Second Century” * Stanton Jones, Newton Malony

2. “Fuller’s History: Up the Slippery Slope?” * George Marsden, Barbara Wheeler

3. “Allies or Enemies? Orthodox and Evangelical Christians in Russia” * Arthur DeKruyter, Anthony Ugliork

3:30 p.m. Seminars (Select One)

5. “Spiritual Formation in Christ: What it Means and How it is Done” * Dallas Willard, Roberta Hestenes


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The Lord led me to Psalm 145:

I will exalt you, my God and King. Every day I will praise you and extol your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord most worthy of praise... The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love... He has compassion on all He has made... The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all He has made... My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord (NIV).

Everyone focuses on the grace of God that saves you. That night, I was reminded that it is also the grace of God that helps you as you walk with Him. I was reminded that our God, even when we are unfaithful to Him, is faithful to us to lift us up when we fall down. 

His grace is sufficient for me.
MEETINGS
DENOMINATIONAL
Monday Morning Meetings,
10-10:50am.
American Baptist
Psych Bldg. 116
Assemblies of God
Psych Bldg. 311
Chinese & Asian Prayer Group
Glasser Hall 206
Christian & Missionary Alliance
Library 203
Episcopal/Anglican
Prchng Arts Cnf. Rm.
Korean Fellowship
Payton Hall 303
Messianic Jews
Glasser Hall
China
Library
Nazarene
Psych Bldg. 325
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Travis Auditorium
Reformed Church in Am./CRC
Psych Bldg. 120
Seventh Day Adventist
Library 205
United Methodist Church
Psych Bldg. 130
Vineyard Fellowship
Payton 301
Coordinated by The Office of
ChurchRelations, 584-5580. If your
denomination is not meeting at this
time and you are interested in starting
a group, please come by to make arrangements.

MORNING PRAYERS
Daily Orthodox morning prayers.
Monday-Friday, 7:30-7:55 am in
the Chapel above the Library, led
by Scott Watson and Fr. Sam Gantt.
Everyone is welcome.

ASIAN STUDENTS
Asian students prayer time, Monday,
10:00 am, weekly, Room 206, Glasser Hall.

EVENTS
ANNOUNCEMENTS
Holy Mackerel, Batman! Winter
Registration is coming!
Registration for returning students is November
16-19. Don't delay in making appointments
with your academic advisor located in Stephen
Hall, for the following weeks:
Last names beginning with
A-G: Week 5 (Oct. 25-29)
H-M: Week 6 (Nov. 1-5)
N-Z: Week 7 (Nov. 8-12)
For appointments, advising concerns, or Special
Registration Packets, please contact the
Academic Advising office at 584-5425.

FIELD EDUCATION
MINISTRY ENRICHMENT SEMINAR
DEVELOPING CHURCH BUDGETS
One of the realities of Christian ministry is the
management of moneys which undergird ministry. Many ministers
are required to prepare and manage budgets. How do you put a budget
together? What are the assumptions upon which you construct a budget?
How do you manage the budget throughout the year? These important
questions will be addressed by Dr. Pat Lattore on Monday, November 1,
1993 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in Payton 101. For more information, please contact the Office
of Field Education.

MINISTRY ENRICHMENT SEMINAR
"Your Ministry Can Be Fresh and Fruitful: Harnessing the Power of Paradigm Shifting"
Ever get the feelings that the Christian church is stuck in a time warp? Or that your passion for reaching the lost isn't enough to overcome the gravitational pull of worn out programs? Your future ministry doesn't have to be stale and sterile. Come and see what the power of paradigm shifting is about, how Jesus was a paradigm shifter, and how Evergreen Baptist Church has shifted its evangelism in order to reach more unchurched, skeptical, Americanized Asian-Americans. Rev. Dr. Ken Fong will present this seminar on Thursday, November 18, 1993, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 pm.

ON CAMPUS INTERVIEWS
The Village Community Presbyterian Church in Rancho Santa Fe is looking for a Director of Children's Ministry. Rev. Paul Nelson will be on campus on Wednesday, November 3, 1993 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. to meet with interested students. For more information or to sign up for an interview, contact the Office of Field Education, (818) 584-5377.

The Taft Community Presbyterian Church is looking for a pastoral intern. Rev. Dr. Gregory Horn will be on campus Monday, November 15, 1993 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. to meet with interested students. For more information or to sign up for an interview, contact the Office of Field Education, (818) 584-5377.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
Mentoring college students in a small group setting at the Church on the Way. Please contact Doug Hammack (Young Adults Ministries) at 779-8075.
BECAUSE ONE BILLION MUSLIMS NEED THE SAVIOR

"Caleb saw the giants but he obeyed God's word and believed God's promises. Today God is looking for men and women like Caleb, who will follow Him fully. Will you be one who steps out in faith for His glory among the World's one billion Muslims?

You are invited to attend the West Coast Summit of Frontiers on the Fuller Campus, November 12-13, 1993.

Rub shoulders with experienced church planter and Fuller alum., Dr. Rick Love, U.S. Director of Frontiers. Discover strategic needs and how Frontiers can facilitate your vision. Gain valuable insight into the issues and risks of ministering among Muslims.

BISHOP WILLIAM KUMUYI FROM NIGERIA FOR THE CHURCH GROWTH LECTURES

On November 17 in First Congregational Church and November 18 in Travis Auditorium: Bishop Kumuyi pastors the largest church in Africa, The Deeper Life Bible Church in Lagos, Nigeria. He was called into the ministry while serving as a university professor of the Philosophy of Mathematics. Over the last decade he has supervised the planting of over 3,000 Deeper Life Bible Churches throughout Nigeria. He was named to coordinate the A.D. 2000 and Beyond Movement in all of Africa. He is also the author of a number of books.

DEAN DYNESS, OPEN HOURS

Bill Dynnness, Dean of the School of Theology, has established "Open Hours" from 11 a.m. - 12 noon on Wednesdays and from 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. on Thursdays. During these times, his door will be "open" to anyone wanting to meet with him without an appointment on any subject of concern on a "first-come / first-serve" basis. While this time has been arranged with students in mind, staff and faculty are also welcome to take advantage of these open hours. The only exceptions to this rule will be:

- Thursday, Nov. 11
- Wednesday, Nov. 17
- Thursday, Nov. 18
- and Wednesday, Dec. 1

Anyone interested should come during the above-mentioned hours to the Dean's Office, Payton Hall, Room 216.

ATTENTION ALL WIVES OF FULLER STUDENTS: F.O.C.U.S. would like to invite you to Thursday Evenings full of fellowship, worship, prayer and time to share with other Fuller wives. F.O.C.U.S. is a group committed to focusing on the needs of Fuller wives in both small and large group settings. Join us from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Psychology Building Student Lounge. For more info, please contact Kori Alderson (818) 577-2365 or Carol Nemeth (818) 577-4586.

LOST & FOUND

Welcome Fuller Students! Come by the Switchboard and see Betty Berg in regard to Lost & Found items.

PC (USA)

On November 1, professor Ken Working will speak on the special relationship between pastors and the presbytery. Join us at 10 am, Travis Auditorium.

CORRECTION

Shieu-yu Hwang's new position will be the Librarian at Logos Evangelical Seminary located at William Carey International University campus, not at the William Carey Institute, as reported.
It's week six. Has the newness of the year begun to wear off for you like it has for me? Six weeks is enough time for me to have had a few misunderstandings, awkward interactions, and cases of hurt feelings with some of the people I was so excited to see back in September. You discover that there are people here who I just don't seem to click with. The temptation for me is to want to chart a wide course around them when I see them coming toward me across the Garth. But it's then when I need to remind myself that avoidance and reconciliation are incompatible, and that, regardless of how I feel at the moment, these people are part of the family God has given me at Fuller. To avoid them forever would mean to miss out on some of the potential blessings God may be able to share with me through them. Can you relate at all? Here's a quote by Eugene Peterson which seems appropriate for our lives together here at Fuller: 

"All actual life is encounter"

—Martin Buber

...just because we are a family of faith does not mean that we are one big happy family. The people we encounter as brothers and sisters in faith are not always nice people. They do not stop being sinners the moment they begin believing in Christ... Some of them are cranky, some of them dull and others (if the truth must be spoken) a drag. But, at the same time, our Lord tells us that they are brothers and sisters in faith. If God is my father, then this is my family.

So the question is not, "Am I going to be a part of a community of faith?" But, "How am I going to live in this community of faith?" ...Important in any community of faith is an ever-renewed sense of expectation in what God is doing with our brothers and sisters in the faith... A community of faith flourishes when we view each other with this expectancy, wondering what God will do today in this one, in that one. When we are in a community with those Christ loves and redeems, we are constantly finding out new things about them. They are new persons each morning, endless in their possibilities. We explore the fascinating depths of their friendship and share the secrets of their quest. It is impossible to be bored in such a community...

—Ellen Barbour

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Let's Take Time To Celebrate

This coming Sunday night and all day Monday, there's going to be quite a celebration. And why shouldn't there be? It's not every day that a seminary celebrates the inauguration of its President, especially since the last one was some thirty years ago.

On the Sunday night at Lake Ave. Congregational Church, the renowned preacher Dr. James Earl Massey will be bringing the message entitled, "The Lord is Good." The focus of the evening will be one of thanksgiving for God's goodness with choirs from the African-American, Hispanic and Korean communities leading in the rejoicing. It will be a wonderful festival of praise.

Then on the Monday, we are again all invited to participate in the actual installation ceremony at First Methodist Church on Colorado, followed by the free "Lavish Long Lunch on the Lawn." At the luncheon there's going to be a carnival atmosphere with a Dixieland band and various entertainers mingling amongst the crowd.

All classes are canceled on the Monday, mid-term exams are over, and there are no excuses for you not to come and have some fun. You've worked hard this quarter. Take a break and help celebrate this unique time in Fuller's history. I look forward to seeing you there!

Warm regards in Christ,
Rob Gallagher.

Meet your ASC Cabinet! Joyce Stickney, Vice President; Robert Gallagher, President.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS CONCERNS COMMITTEE
The ISCC seeks the help of individuals willing to volunteer some of their time as committee members. Volunteer representatives from different ethnic groups are encouraged to join this unique ministry opportunity. Call Marita at ext. 5454 (584-5454).

EAGER TO EDIT?
If you possess strong writing/editing skills, you might be interested in flexible, part time work that can be done at home and involves interaction with both national and international students. Become a member of Fuller's Editing Referral Service. Call Marnie at (818) 568-1130 for more info.

Come by and see us! Monday-Wednesday, 9-12 noon, 1-4, and Thursdays 9-12 noon, 3-4 p.m. We are closed Wednesday 10-11 for chapel and all day Friday. The ASC office is here to serve you for: The renting of the Catalyst, use of easels around campus, YMCA memberships, intramural sports, computer lab memberships, amusement park coupons and any questions you might have about the ASC or Fuller life in general!
This section of the SEMI is for the announcement of events or services not directly offered by a Fuller office or organization. For information about rates, contact the Office of Student Services at 584-5430.

Note: Each person is responsible for checking on the quality and type of service before contracting or using it. The SEMI and Office of Student Services do not personally recommend or guarantee any of the services listed.

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**Auto Repair:** SMOG CHECKS, tune-ups, oil change, brakes, batteries etc... Complete service. Hrant Auto Service, 1477 E. Washington Blvd., Pasadena. 798-4064. Call for an appointment.

**Computers and Software on Sale:** Looking for affordable Desktop & Notebook computers or printers? Call JK computers, a place of the best service. Free consulting, delivery & setup. (818) 795-5634/5960 (phone/fax) or drop a note to FTS Box #738.

**Help!** Single parent needs loving child-care for my 3 year old son. Monday - Thursday, 3 pm - 6 pm. Please call 818-794-5965. Will trade room and board or pay $5/hr. (negotiable).

**Altadena house for sale:** Fuller alums selling charming 3 bed, 1 bath home with separate artist/library studio and barn on almost one-quarter acre. Only $168,000. Call (818) 794-6881.

**Rose City Cleaners:** 20% Discount to Fuller Students, 115 N. Lake Ave. (Corner of Union) Pasadena, CA 91101. Phone: (818) 577-1438. Ask for Silvia. Hours Open: 7 to 7 (Sat. 9 to 5).

**For Rent - Female, Community House.** Sharing one room, cooking, close to FTS, $200.00/month, includes utilities. 794-9291 Shere-Ling/Sheri.

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**E njoying The Gif t of Sex**

Dr. Clifford and Joyce Penner are offering a seminar on "Enjoying The Gift of Sex" on November 12 and 13, 1993. This event is co-sponsored by Continuing Education, The Psychological Center, and The Office of Christian Community. The Penners are nationally known therapists. They bring a firm Christian commitment, care, concern, and creativity to the subject of enriching marriages through a distinctly Christian approach to sexuality. Cliff is a member of Fuller's Board of Trustees. In their wish to serve the Fuller community, Fuller students and their spouses receive a generous discount. Fuller faculty, staff, and administration and their spouses also receive a substantial discount. Don't miss this rare and significant marital enriching opportunity on our campus. For additional information call (818) 584-5338 or (800) 235-2222 x 5338.

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