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Ron Sider's upcoming visit to campus gives us the opportunity to receive and respond to the depth and breadth of the Gospel

Rich Christianity

by Andrew Koehl - husband of Gale Lynch, SWM student & Admissions staff

The lives of many of us were changed for good when we read Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger after its first release 20 years ago. It caused us to see the world through the compassionate eyes of Christ as we had never seen it before. Twenty years later, Dr. Ron Sider has released a new version of his book, one which incorporates a maturing of his thought process but the same clear passion for simple and prophetic Christian living in an age of apathy and great suffering. Dr. Sider's upcoming visit to Fuller Seminary Wednesday, May 6th gives us the opportunity once again to surrender our lives to Christ, to open our hearts and minds to the fullness of the gospel, and to come together as a community serving Christ and the world. Dr. Sider, president of Evangelicals for Social Action (ESA) and professor of theology and culture at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, will address the Fuller community at 7:30 p.m. at Travis Auditorium on Wednesday, May 6.

Ron Sider wrote Rich Christians in order to "juxtapose the reality of world hunger and the massive amount of biblical material on God's special concern for the poor with what Christians were doing, weren't doing, and could do." He stresses that he was not trying to manipulate or induce false guilt in the church by his book but rather to help us all confront the fact that we have been outside of God's will with regards to how wastefully we live and our inaction on behalf of the poor.

"Almost Christian congregations and denominations live and teach an unbiblical Christian faith.

While 85 percent of Americans claim to be Christians, we only give 2.5 percent of our income to churches. We are involved in objective sin...When I speak of rich Christians in an age of hunger, I include myself. And I struggle with that. I mean, 1.3 billion people in the world live on a dollar a day. So anybody with our incomes is incredibly rich."

Some have criticized Sider's book because it seems to suggest that one person's becoming wealthier automatically means that someone else is becoming poorer. Sider has acknowledged that his understanding of economics was somewhat limited when he wrote the first edition of Rich Christians, and says that he has learned much more in the ensuing years and that the new edition reflects a renewed economic sophistication. In the new book he claims that the only real choice for Christians is between communism and democratic capitalism. He sides with the latter because of his conviction that "free-market economies are more compatible with human freedom and dignity and are more efficient in the production of wealth...In contrast, wherever you have centralized power, as in Marxist economies, you get unfair use of it." Yet there are serious problems with today's market economies due to the very unbiblical way in which they operate. Market economies, when working unchecked, tend to create huge inequities in wealth distribution. The biblical principle of the Jubilee suggests that every-
FROM THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

CHARLES SHELBY ROOKS FELLOWSHIP
This fellowship is designed for racial and ethnic theological students (from United Church of Christ). The applications can be picked-up in the office of Financial Aid, or you may write in for an application:
Ms. Betty Lanier
700 Prospect Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115-1100
(216) 736-3786
All materials are to be completed and sent or postmarked by April 30 to the address above. There will be no exceptions.

LINDBERGH FOUNDATION
There will be nine grants awarded in amounts up to $10,580 each for projects addressing the issue of balance in various fields. The applications will be reviewed for technical merit and for potential contribution to the Lindbergh vision of balance. This application needs some serious thought and some research, so please do not wait till the last minute to pick one up from the Office of Financial Aid. The deadline for all materials is June 16. Read the application for information on where to send the materials.

THE REVEREND J.K. FUKUSHIMA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship seeks to assist the education of persons pursuing major courses of study in areas which will develop the skills and understanding necessary to further the development of Christian ministries. A median amount of $500 is available per candidate. The applications must be postmarked by May 31. For applications please write to or call:
The Board of Trustees
Montebello Plymouth Congregational Church
144 S. Greenwood Avenue
Montebello, CA 90640-4694
(213) 721-5568

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS
While scholarships available and application deadlines vary according to specific Rotary clubs, many scholarships cover complete funding for travel, study, and living abroad for an academic or calendar year. Some local clubs are currently accepting applications for the 1999-2000 academic year, and deadlines range between March and July of 1998. For more information, visit the organization’s homepage at www.rotary.org (where details and applications are available for downloading) or write:
The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International
One Rotary Center
1560 Sherman Avenue
Evanston, IL 60201.

THE SANTA BARBARA FOUNDATION—JACK GIMBEL LOAN
10 interest-free, 10-year maturity loans of varying amounts are available for applicants who have attended schools in Santa Barbara County from 7th through 12th grade and are enrolled in graduate programs for the 1997-98 academic year. For more information, contact the foundation itself.
Vicki Wedmore,
Student Aid Program Asst.
15 East Carrillo St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101-2780
(805) 966-2345

INTERNATIONAL BAPTIST SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND
American Baptist ethnic seminarians whose initial language is not English may apply for these scholarships of varied amounts for which there is no application deadline. One can obtain eligibility information in the Office of Financial Aid. However, applications are available only through:
Rev. Perla D. Belo
National Ministries
P.O. Box 851
Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851
1-800-ABC-3USA, ext. 2468 or 2462.
You Know You Are in Your Last Quarter at Seminary When...

by Karen Grasse, SOT alumna

There may be a few among us who are walking around in a dazed stupor. This selection is to help all of us at seminary identify those who not only have Spring Fever, but also have "Hallelujah, I'm Gonna Graduate" disease.

You say things like "Honestly, Professor, I could swear someone said that last week's class session was moved to Hermosa Beach!!"

You take all your classes Pass/Fail.

You fully believe that you have every right to park in Visitor Parking.

You wonder what you will do with your TFM "mug club" coffee mug after you graduate.

You finally understand all of the sandwiches in the Catalyst.

You say things like, "When I finally have money again, I'll... (fill in the blank)."

Your biggest dilemma in life: to Ph.D. or not to Ph.D.

You have nightmares about repaying your student loans. (These nightmares feature a woman named Sally Mae, who has a hacksaw.)

You wonder how you will make your food coupons last until the end of the quarter.

You spend your class time dreaming up new sandwiches for the Catalyst.

Attending class suddenly becomes optional.

You can be heard mumbling "34 days, 22 hours and 9 minutes till graduation..." as you walk around Fuller.

You have begun to tell jokes that start out, "There was a Calvinist, a Mennonite, and a Unitarian..."

You wonder where you will get free bread products after you leave Fuller.

You refer to the upcoming summer months as, "When I Get My Life Back."

You have come to really hate the question, "So, what are you going to do after you graduate?"

You are often found in a coma-like state, especially after someone has asked you, "So, what are you going to do after you graduate?"

You swear that for the next year you will not read any books that don't have pictures in them.

You have developed a neurotic fear of footnotes.

Your state of giddiness grows at a rate inversely proportional to the number of days left in the quarter.

Congratulations!

The 1998 list of Christianity Today's "Best Books of the Year" has just come out, and 2 Fuller professors and an adjunct professor were recognized for books they edited! Ralph P. Martin (SOT) and Peter H. Davids edited The Dictionary of the Later New Testament and its Developments, and Rob Banks (SOT) and R. Paul Stevens (adjunct, SOT) edited The Complete Book of Everyday Christianity. Both of the recognized works are available from InterVarsity Press. Be sure to congratulate these faculty members if you're taking classes from them or see them on campus!
The following groups will be meeting on Monday mornings from 10 to 10:50 a.m., with exceptions as noted.

Denominational Groups
This time is set aside for you to worship, for support, to network, and to connect with denominational issues.

- **American Baptist**
  Psych. Bldg. 116

- **Episcopal/Anglican**
  Preaching Arts Chapel

- **Evangelical Covenant**
  CPD Learning Center
  465 Ford Place

- **Lutheran (all)**
  2nd Wednesday of each month
  12-2 p.m.
  Faculty Commons

- **Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**
  Payton 303

- **Reformed Church in America/CRC**
  Psych. Bldg. 120

- **Roman Catholic**
  Library Chapel, 10:15 a.m.

- **United Methodist**
  Psych. Bldg. 130

- **Vineyard**
  Travis Auditorium

If your denomination is not meeting at this time and you are interested in starting a group, and/or connecting with others of your denomination, please come by the Denominational Relations Office on the second floor of Carnell Hall (behind the Catalyst), or call (626)584-5387.

Other Groups

- **Japanese Students**
  (Anyone who understands Japanese is welcome!)
  Psych. Bldg. 314

- **Korean Students**
  Payton 301

- **Messianic Jews**
  Glasser Hall, First Floor

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**School of World Mission 1997–98**

**Missiology Lectures**

**“Christian History in Global Perspective”**

A Consultation on Global Church Historiography
Public Plenary Sessions

This is an extraordinary opportunity to hear speakers from four continents address the consultation theme from a variety of angles. These outstanding events are open to the public as well as to all students, faculty, and staff.

**Thursday, April 30**

10 a.m. in the Pasadena Presbyterian Church sanctuary

“Church History Versus Mission History”
A. Mathias Mundadan, cmi
Andrew F. Walls

**Friday, May 1**

9:15 a.m. in the Pasadena Presbyterian Church sanctuary

“Church History Versus Mission History”
Philip Leung Yuen Sang

10:30 a.m. in the Pasadena Presbyterian Church sanctuary

“The Challenge of Teaching History from a Global Perspective”
Gerald J. Pillay

**Saturday, May 2**

10 a.m. in Travis Auditorium

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This consultation has been made possible through the generous support of the Henry Luce Foundation and the Fieldstead Foundation.

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**Rich Christianity**

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Sider argues that true biblical Christianity embraces a passionate concern both for social and compassionate justice and for evangelism, and that most Christian congregations and denominations live and teach an unbiblical Christian faith which focuses on one of these main biblical themes to the exclusion and neglect of the other. It is this balanced, deeply integral Christianity to which Dr. Sider will call us during his visit to campus Wednesday, May 6th (sponsored by the ASC Peace and Justice Concerns Committee). Plan now to be involved. Don’t miss this opportunity to be challenged to a deeper, more integral, and more active faith.
THE PHONE SQUAD
Students reaching out to Prospective Students
by Beth Meres Grecu, Office of Admissions

Gale Lynch, a student in the School of World Mission, spends about 15 hours per week on the phone—she gets paid for it! She is part of a relatively new program in the Admissions Office called the Phone Counseling program. For the last four years, the Admissions Office has been employing a number of work-study students from Fuller’s various degree programs to work part-time doing follow-up with prospective students. The phone counselors faithfully call back every U.S. resident who contacts the Admissions Office for information. They make sure the inquirer has received the information that was requested, and they invite questions about Fuller programs and campus life. Not only are these telephone-savvy students trained to field questions about all of Fuller’s programs, but they also bring with them to the job their own wealth of experience, ranging from their personal process of choosing a seminary to their academic, social, and spiritual experiences here at Fuller. The phone counselors are often the first line of personal contact a prospective student has with Fuller Seminary. More than one new Fuller student has commented on how instrumental their contact with a phone counselor was in deciding to come to the Seminary.

If this job sounds interesting to you and you are eligible for the federal work-study program, then maybe you should think about applying for a position! The Admissions Office is currently looking for two new phone counselors, one from the School of Theology and one from the Marriage and Family Therapy program. If you’re interested, please call Beth Meres Grecu at (626) 584-5404.

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Sign of the Times
by Martyn Smith, M.A. Theology student

It has happened to you, too. You have been asked to show your ID card as you innocently walked into the library. Perhaps, like me, you first fumed about your loss of civil liberties and muttered apocalyptically about lack of trust, eventually to take a deep breath and realize that it is only a brief inconvenience. Wallet out, card shown, wallet back—and you are in the library same as always.

There are several reasons that John Dickason and Margie McKenna, in consultation with the provost, decided that security was needed at the entrance to the library. Several problems have converged over the past month to make this a necessity. It is important that students and staff be aware of what these problems are.

In the past few months, there have been several laptop computers stolen from the library. Students have left their computers for a few minutes, and returned only to find them gone. The cause may well be that thieves have learned they can walk into the library unchecked.

Theft has hit not just the students, but also the library itself. Recently there has been a string of book mutilations, in which the cover is ripped away and the pages stolen. Theft is not new, and plagues every library to some degree (yes, even theological libraries), but these have been particularly brazen and numerous. Such theft hurts every student: valuable reference books must be replaced, and some out-of-print books cannot be replaced.

Since the library is open at times when the rest of campus is closed down, the library is quite vulnerable. Fuller’s library is open to anyone who has a legitimate need to use the library, but it is not a sanctuary for people off the street. This problem has gained new urgency as a female staff member was approached sexually by someone apparently unconnected to the campus.

The final problem has to do with children left unattended in the library. As the above problems demonstrate, the library is not immune to the problems that are found all around us in society. The library cannot be used as a babysitter while a parent attends class. Not only is it disturbing to the students who use the library to study, it is also dangerous for the child.

To counter these four converging problems, the library has taken several steps. The first is the most obvious: the security guard at the entrance. It is hoped that this will screen out those who have no business in the library. The second measure is not as noticeable. The Korean collection on the third floor was targeted by a book mutilator, and since those books are costly to replace they were temporarily relocated.

If you do not enjoy having your ID checked, be comforted that this is not envisioned as a permanent solution. The library will soon install surveillance cameras to replace those handsome guards. (It is rumored that the student body president will have to review the library videos every night.)

Guards, cameras, books under lock and key—there is no foolproof way to make the library safe. Students must be aware that a seminary setting does not insulate us from the problems that are all around. Report to the librarian or the person at the check-out desk any person who seems to act strangely; watch after your own possessions; respect the property of the library. The library is an indispensable part of seminary education, and it deserves our help in keeping its resources available.

Martyn will be the new SEMI editor as of June 1 of this year. If you’re interested in writing for the SEMI next year, drop him a note care of Box 066.
School of Theology

Please note the following changes to the summer 1998 course schedule (as of April 7, 1998):

**Additions**

- **Five-week course:**
  - Session 1 (June 22–July 24)
    - OT5XX Song of Songs (Swanson, S) 4 units TTh 5–9:50 p.m.
      - Prereq: LG502 OTCE

- **Two-week courses:**
  - Session 2 (July 6–July 17)
    - CH583 History of the Armenian Church (Haleblian, KG) 4 units Daily 8–11:50 a.m.
  - Session 5 (August 17–28)
    - DP505 Presbyterian Polity and Worship (Sperry, JM) 4 units Daily 5–8:50 p.m.

- **Early Fall Intensives**
  - (September 8–18)
    - CH549 Presbyterian Creeds (Thompson, J) 4 units Daily 8–11:50 a.m.
    - GM520 Foundations for Spiritual Life (Postema, D) Daily 8–11:50 a.m.

**Deletions**

- **Five-week course:**
  - Session 1 (June 22–July 24)
    - OT570 Job and Human Suffering

- **Two-week courses:**
  - Session 2 (July 6–July 17)
    - DP 533 History of the Armenian Evangelical Movement (replaced with CH583)

**Corrections/Modifications**

(Corrected information is in bold type.)

- **Five-week course:**
  - Session 1 (June 22–July 24)
    - OT502 Hebrew Prophets (TBA)

- **Two-week course:**
  - Session 1 (June 22–July 3)
    - ET518 Ethics of Everyday Life 8–11:50 a.m.

School of World Mission

Please note the following changes to the summer 1998 course schedule (as of April 14, 1998):

**Addition**

- **One-week course:**
  - September 8–11
    - M1792/892 Doctoral Seminar (Guilliland, D) 0 units T–F 8 a.m.–1 p.m.

**Deletion**

- ML521 Developing Giftedness in Leaders

**Friendship/Ministry Opportunity:**

Befriend an international student!

Many of our new international students need friends and conversational partners. They need someone of whom they can ask questions—about our culture, our school, and the nitty-gritty stuff like where to buy toothpaste, how to mail letters, or what to do with the trash.

Many of them just need a safe place—or person—where they can begin to gain confidence in their use of English. If you would be interested in meeting weekly with an international student, please contact advisor Elyse Pyun of the ESL office, School of World Mission, Payton 229 (or call (626) 584-5269).
Abraham’s Other Children

Interested in the spiritual and historical heritage of the Arab people? A twenty-minute film, "Hagar, History, and the Rise of Islam," will be presented (free) at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 26 in the Catalyst. A brief time of discussion and prayer follows. Sponsored by the Mission Concerns Committee.

Ministry Enrichment Seminar
(Attendance at this seminar meets requirements for FE 501 and GM 505)
Thursday, 4/30 @ 5-6:15 p.m.

Bill Doulos, the director of a low-cost housing ministry, will present "The Changing Face of the Homeless—and How to Help" on Thursday, April 30, from 5 to 6:15 p.m. in Payton 303. Churches will receive increasing requests for help from homeless people because of changes in the nation’s welfare policy and cutbacks on housing. Doulos will discuss emerging trends in working with the homeless.

Christians for Biblical Equality
Registration Deadline: Friday, 5/1

ASC Women’s Concerns will provide carpooling and some funding for Dr. Scholer’s seminar “Should Women Shut Up or Stand Up?: What the Bible Teaches about Women and Men in the Church” on Saturday, May 23. Please see brochures in the kiosks and provide proof of registration to be reimbursed. For more info. or to register, stop by the ASC office, or call (626) 584-5215.

Women’s Tea & Worship
Saturday, 5/2 @ 9 a.m.—Noon

Come and join other women of Fuller for a time of fellowship and worship. Bring your own china. Tea and muffins will be provided. Cost: Free! Location: Catalyst. Sponsored by PGU Women’s Concerns.

Ministry Enrichment Seminar
(Attendance at this seminar meets requirements for FE 501 and GM 505)
Monday, 5/4 @ 1–2:30 p.m.

Ken Fong, pastor of Evergreen Baptist Church, will discuss "Doing Ministry Differently" on Monday, May 4 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Payton 101. Evergreen Baptist Church is a cutting-edge church that attends to the inner life while keeping a strong, innovative missional focus. Our presenter has a story and a perspective that refreshes and challenges.

Ron Sider is Coming
Wednesday, 5/6 @ 7:30 p.m.

Ron Sider, professor, author, and president of Evangelicals for Social Action, will be speaking about his book, Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger, in Travis Auditorium on Wednesday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m. Join us for this exciting event!

Spring Day of Prayer
Thursday, 5/7 @ 10 a.m.—1 p.m.

Please join us for Fuller’s Spring Day of Prayer on May 7, which coincides with the National Day of Prayer. Our theme for this day is Tapestry: Weaving Ourselves Together for God’s Work in the World. It will be a time to celebrate and pray for our unity over the decades and in all our present diversity. The Day of Prayer will be held in the Garth and a light lunch will be provided.

Coming Alongside Someone with an Eating Disorder
Thursday, 5/7 @ 12:15–1 p.m, SOP Lounge

Dr. Janice Strength will talk about how one can minister to and be sensitive to those struggling with eating disorders. All are welcome!

Ecumenical Women’s Movements Seminar and Student Research Colloquium
Registration Deadline: Thursday, 5/7

ASC Women’s Concerns is organizing a seminar on conservative and liberal ecumenical women’s movements on Wednesday, May 13, from 5 to 7 p.m., and a student research colloquium, “Women & Men in Solidarity” and Korean lunch on Friday, May 15. Please register early for meal purposes and to obtain relevant written materials. Come by the ASC office or call (626) 584-5215 for more information or to register.

African & African-American Students’ Meeting
Saturday, 5/9 @ 4-6 p.m.

All African and African-American students are invited to attend this meeting in the Faculty Commons. For more information call Gloria Bradley at (626) 584-5455.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women’s Happy Hour
Friday, 5/15 @ 5–7 p.m.

After the Student Research Colloquium, join us for a time of food, fun, and girl talk at McCormick & Schmick’s (across the street from Fuller on Los Robles). Bring $3 (or just yourself) for Happy Hour. Sponsored by ASC Women’s Concerns Committee, (626) 584-5215.

Spring Swing
Friday, 5/8 @ 8 p.m.–Midnight

Let’s swing! Come jump to the sounds of swing jazz straight from the horns of the 40s era, featuring Red and the Red Hots (in the Mayflower Room, First Congregational Church)! Learn the basics: beginner lessons from 8 to 9 p.m. $5 admission, $2 with Fuller I.D. Bring your friends and family! Sponsored by ASC, (626) 584-5424.

Be a Star at Universal Studios!
The Office of Student Services is now offering discounted tickets to Universal Studios Theme Park in Hollywood! Tickets are only $38 for adults (save $8!) and $25 for children ages 3–11 (save $3!). Children under 3 are free. Tickets are good now through January 31, 1999 and can be purchased from the OSS office on the second floor of the Catalyst building. Checks only.

CPE Opportunity
Children’s Hospital Los Angeles will be offering Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Summer Quarter 1998. Rev. Karen Schnell, a Fuller graduate, is directing the chaplaincy program at CHLA and will be the supervisor for this unit of CPE. Application deadline: April 30, 1998. For more information, please contact Chaplain Karen Schnell at (213) 669-2482, or Gwen Ingram in the Office of Field Education, at (626) 584-5377.
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 SEMI at (626)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.

SERVICES

Psychotherapy for Students—providing individual, premarital, and couples’ counseling. Contact Cynthia Winn, M.A., M.F.C.C., at (818) 789-3346.

Getting Engaged? Or just want a reliable jeweler? Many Fuller students have come to us and it has been a privilege to help them. We do not sell to the general public. Walter Zimmer Co., wholesale manufacturing jewelers with 80 years’ experience. Call (213) 622-4510 for hours, days open, and directions. Ask for Mel or Ken Zimmer. (Mel is a member of Glendale Presbyterian Church and is active in the healing ministry.) Please note: we moved our office in October 1997.

Christians need cars too! SIDCO Auto Brokers serves Christian Colleges, Missions, Staff/Students/Alumni. This is our 12th year serving the Christian community only. Fuller hotline (909) 949-2778 or 1-800-429-KARS. “A good name is chosen rather than riches.” Proverbs 22:1


First Presbyterian Church

We are a fast-growing, seeker-sensitive, very innovative, and Jesus-focused church of 1,700 members near San Francisco which is adding several new positions. Come join our innovative staff at a very unusual Presbyterian church, doing a modified Willow Creek style of worship with film, drama, spectacular music, and relevant preaching.

Pastor of Women’s Ministries

We are seeking a person to develop a contemporary and seeker-sensitive ministry to women. A sizable lay-led ministry exists, but the time is ripe to be innovative. We need leadership in developing targeted Bible studies, weekend seminars, and support groups targeted to women’s needs in the 90s. This would include single and single-again women, and might include collaboration with the Singles Pastor we intend to hire. We believe that women are a receptive group in America today if new models of ministry are developed. Primary gifts needed are teaching, vision, organization, and this person must be an extrovert with people. Experience is necessary. Please contact Pam Yanez in writing at the church address, or by calling (408) 422-5917 ext. 3354 (daytime) or e-mail <pyanez@salinas.freshexpress.com>.

Pastor of Family Ministries

We are seeking a person who is a dynamic communicator of Scriptural principles for marriage and family life. We need a person who loves to teach the Bible and who is gifted in application to contemporary needs. This ministry would include leadership development, discipleship, lay-led seeker Bible studies, monthly family worship/fun nights, and occasional marriage events. Primary gifts: teaching, preaching, vision, and discipleship. Please contact Julie Blanton in writing at the church address, or by calling (408) 442-8141 (evenings).

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