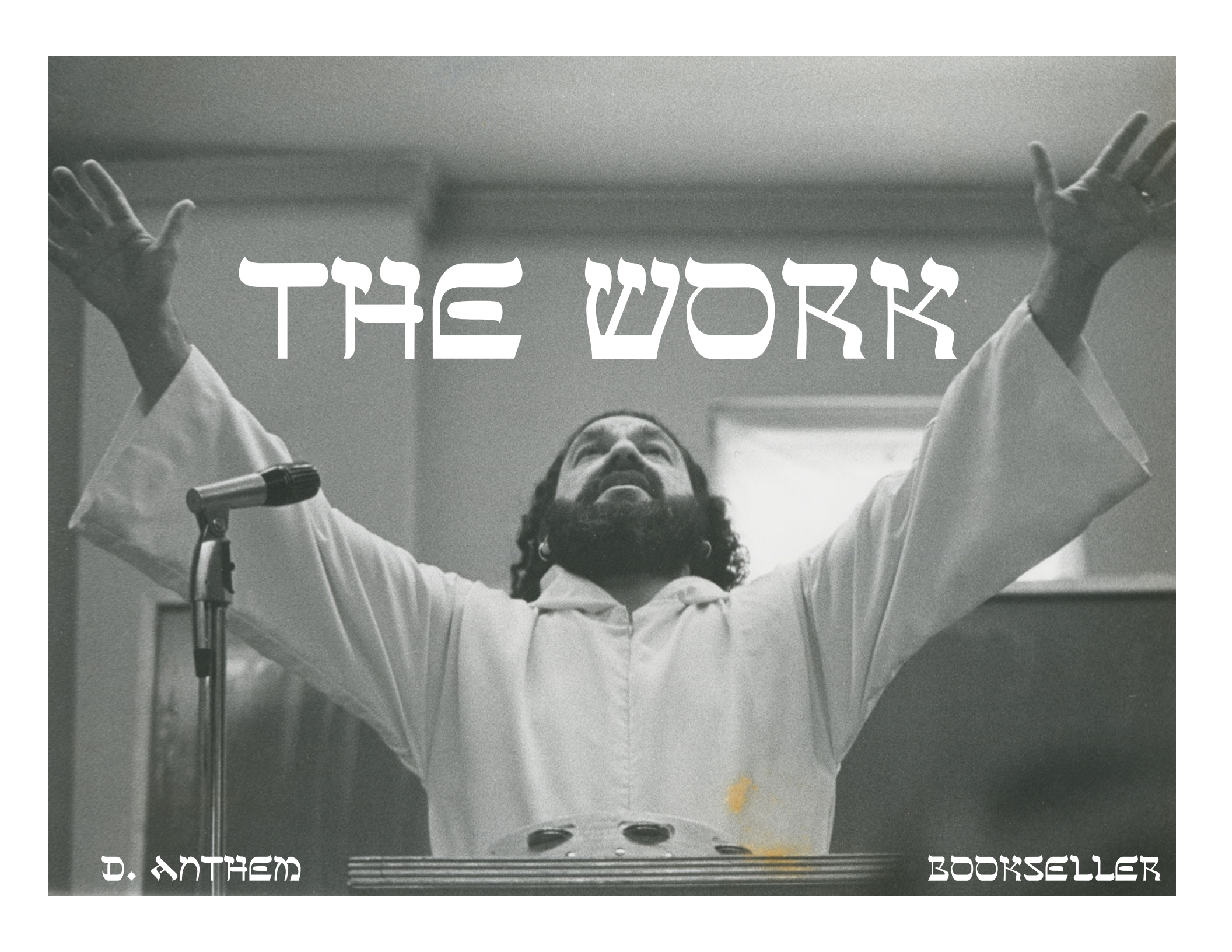




THE WORK

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[An archive documenting the religious and cultural activities of the Connecticut cult, The Work. Meriden, Connecticut: 1970s. \$8,500

An extraordinary archive documenting the religious and cultural activities of The Work, a Christian doomsday cult based in Meriden, Connecticut from 1972-2010s. The group was led by Julius Schacknow (1924-1996), a Brooklyn-born Jewish convert to Christianity who masqueraded as a prophet, Jesus Christ ('Julius Christ' to his followers) and finally, as God himself. Born to a poor, Jewish family in 1924, Schacknow joined the Navy in 1942 where he served as a radioman during WWII. In 1946, while stationed in Guam, Schacknow claimed that God appeared to him and told him that he would become a great prophet. Following an honorable discharge from the Navy in 1947, he attended a number of evangelical Bible colleges - where he was given the name Brother Julius - and began an intense study of the scriptures, which partially led to the disintegration of his first marriage. He and his second wife joined the Gospel Assembly Church, a controversial non-demoninational evangelical sect whose dubious practices Julius would later adopt for The Work, and he began preaching part-time for the church. His second wife divorced him over his infidelity and she and the couple's children left for Florida.

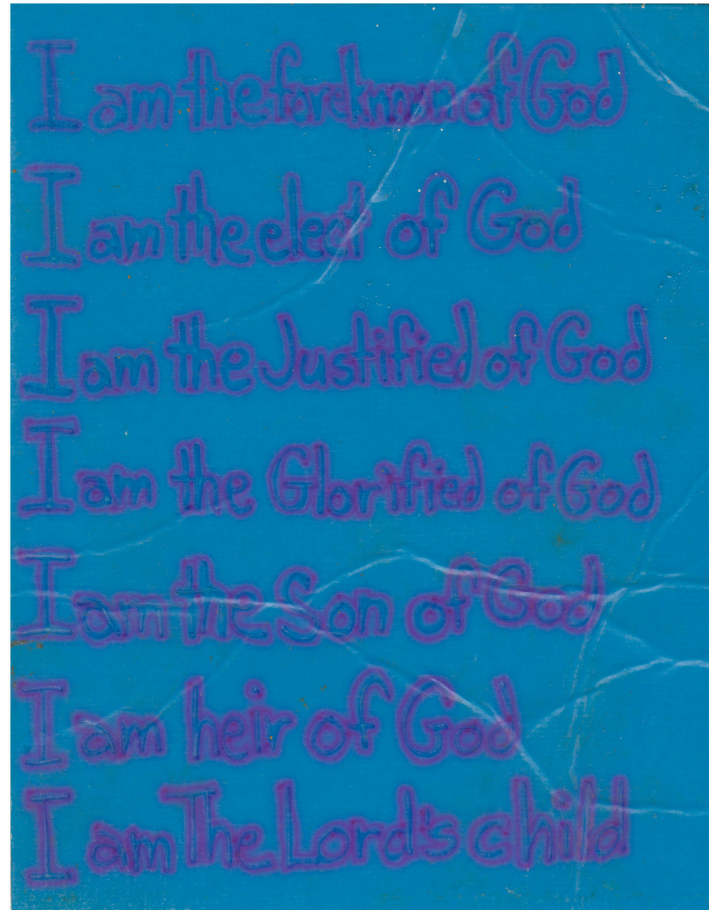
After two failed marriages and the birth of five children (one of whom was stillborn), Schacknow met his third wife, Joanne St. Betrix, who would later play an instrumental role in the cult's financial success and ignominious downfall. After moving from Brooklyn to New Jersey due to

his belief that NYC would be destroyed by an earthquake in 1971, Schacknow slowly began attracting followers, which included a young married couple, Paul and Minnie Sweetman. The Sweetmans became close to the Schacknows and the couples, under Julius' suggestion, swapped spouses with Joanne eventually taking Paul's last name, although they were never legally married. Minnie on the other hand became increasingly concerned

by Julius' dogmatic, religious behavior and the suspected sexual abuse of her daughter and had planned to leave when she suddenly died in a bizarre accident that some people attributed to Julius (this was directly after Julius was suspected in a deadly arson that took the life of some of his neighbor's children).

Brother Julius continued to preach on college campuses and in other public places around Massachusetts, New Jersey and Connecticut where he prophesied, engaged in faith healing, and demonstrated a deep knowledge of scripture. In 1970 he announced to his followers that he was Jesus Christ, a claim that resulted in the defection of some members and the increased devotion of others. In 1972, he settled with his flock in Meriden, Connecticut where they established a number of highly successful real estate and construction businesses (at one time grossing over \$100 million), a publishing company called The Anointed Music & Publishing Company, Inc. (TAMP-CO), and a band called The Anointed,

which played locally and released a number of records. At this point, The Work consisted of 300-500 members who not only worked for subsistence wages to support the group's activities, but who faithfully attended Bible studies and meetings multiple times a week, which sometimes lasted up to 12 hours. Schacknow's twelve apostles, which included Paul and Joanne



Sweetman, handled the day-to-day operations of the group, which gave Julius more time to engage in his “special work.”

This “special work” consisted of feeding his voracious sexual appetite with his seven, unofficial wives, other members’ wives, and young girls who were groomed by Julius, including his own stepdaughters. Schacknow, who referred to himself as the “sinful messiah” required that men undergo vasectomies so that only Julius could father children with his wives. He also became increasingly tyrannical around the perceived sins of

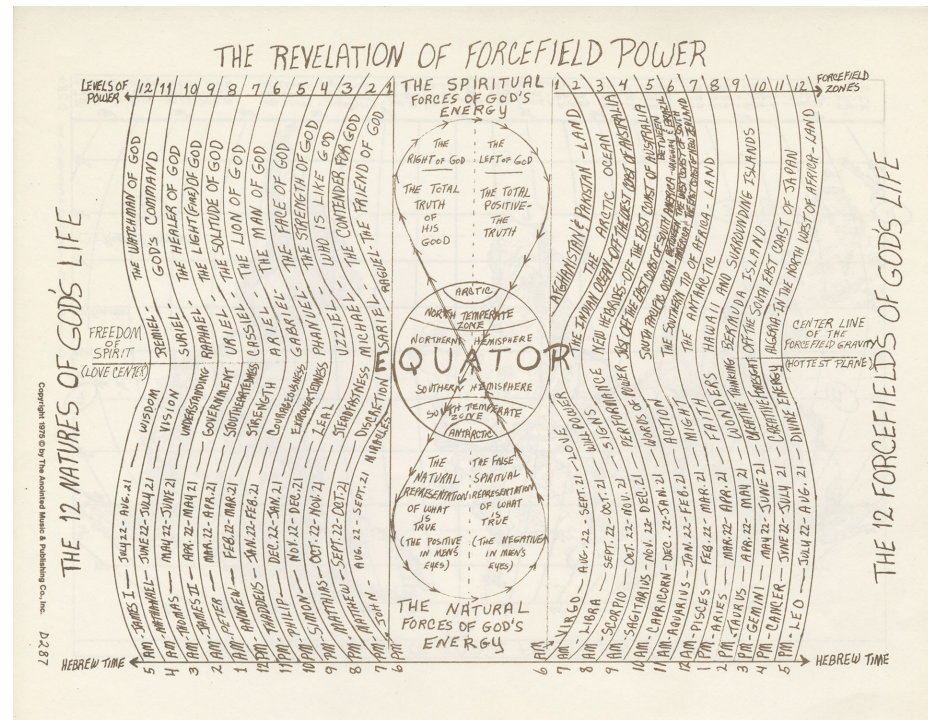
others and often subjected members to verbal tirades, ritual humiliation (in one episode, Schacknow spanked the bare bottoms of three families before the congregation, which included an 8 month pregnant woman), and labor exploitation. Members often worked 70-80 hour work weeks for The Work’s various enterprises, which were managed by Paul and Joanne Sweetman, but they were paid very little and many members lived in poverty while the Sweetmans lived luxuriously. During the late 1970s and throughout the 1980s, some followers left due to Schacknow’s sexual improprieties and the Sweetman’s labor practices and a number of high profile lawsuits were filed against the group, including a civil suit brought by Schacknow’s stepdaughter. At the same time, Paul and Joanne Sweetman were arrested for defrauding the state’s unemployment compensation fund, although they avoided prison.

In the early 1990s Schacknow appeared in a damning TV documentary called “Who Is Brother Julius?” in which he was confronted with some of the allegations against him (especially his “special work”). After storming

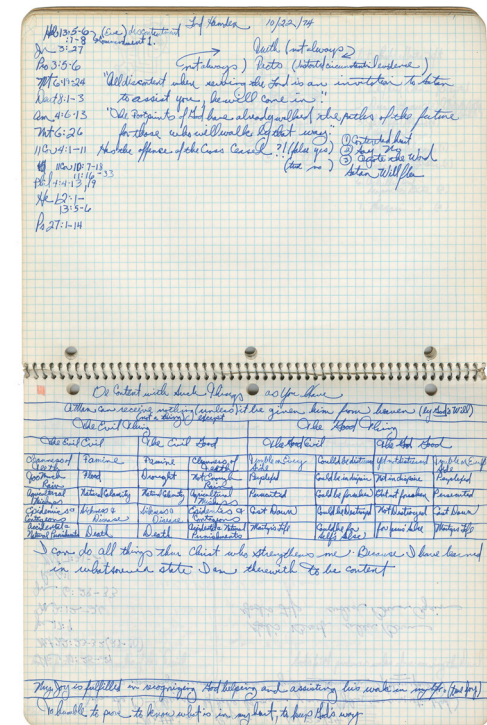
out of the interview, he threatened to break the filmmaker’s camera before driving off with Paul Sweetman and another member. In 1996 he died of natural causes at the home of one of his seven unofficial wives, and the group continued primarily under the direction of the Sweetmans. In 2000, Paul Sweetman was given a three year prison sentence on federal conspiracy and tax charges, and following his release in 2003, a vicious power struggle developed between he and Joanne over the group’s remaining business enterprises. In 2004, Joanne allegedly recruited one of Julius’ biological sons to murder Paul, which he did with another member. And

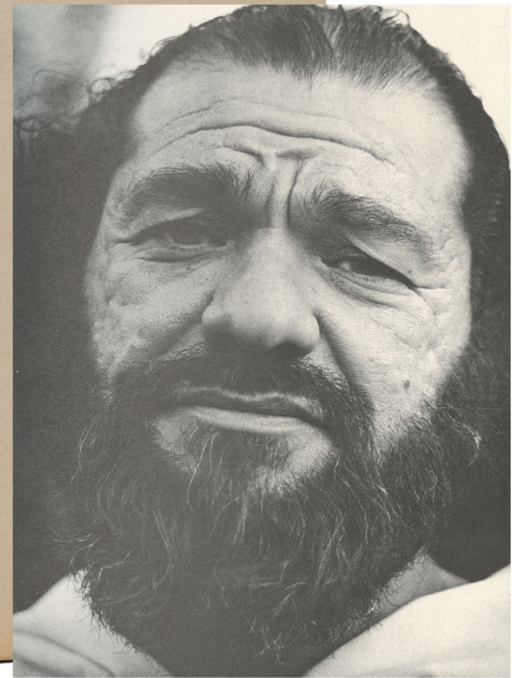
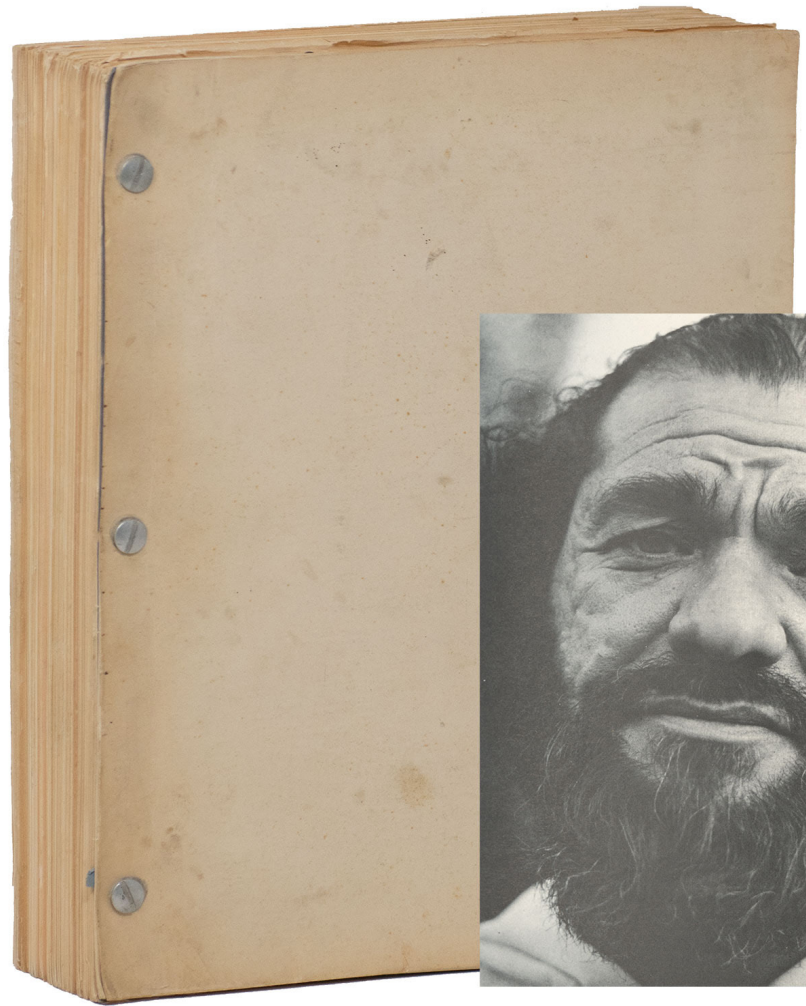
although part of Paul’s dismembered body was discovered by a coyote, the police were unable to link Sweetman’s disappearance with the body part until 2016. Arrested in 2018, the two Work members quickly implicated each other before alleging that Joanne Sweetman, who died in 2011, had been behind the murder. The group appears to now be defunct, although members were still making headlines during the 2000s for disrupting local church services with doomsday predictions. In 2017, Connecticut investigator Michael Bouchard self-published an expose of the group titled, *The Connecticut Cult: The Broken Cross*.

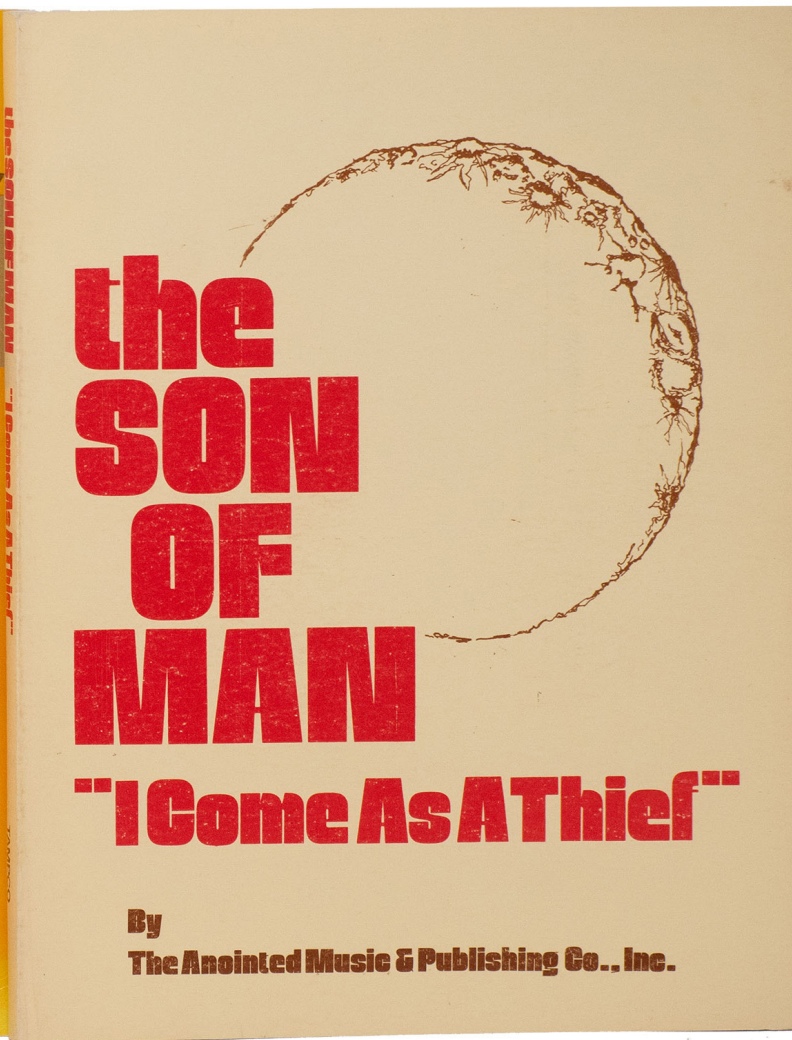
The material in this archive came to us through the trade from an unidentified ex-member who appears to have played in the group’s band, The Anointed, and who also worked for TAMPCO. It includes personal items, such as a daily diary kept from October 21-December 14, 1974, with a few subsequent entries for 1976, which provides an unfiltered account of one member’s faith, his relationship with Brother Julius and other “apostles,” his participation in The Anointed, his approved marriage to a female member named Debbie (including post-marriage vasectomy) and the couple’s relative poverty.



Despite The Work's commercial publishing operation, their books and publications are all incredibly scarce. Only a handful of institutions have any title published by TAMPCO or its successor, The Scriptural Research and Publishing Co., and no archive such as this exists - at least institutionally. A unique opportunity for any curator focused on New Religious Movements, Protestantism, or fringe groups.







The Twelve Levels Of Creative Power

AGE	RELATED PART OF BODY	QUALITY OF GOD	APOSTLE	ZODIACAL SIGN	DATES OF BIRTH AND DEATHS	RELATED TO "OVAL FIELD" ON EARTH	LOCATIONS OF "OVAL FIELD"	HOURS OF GREATEST POWER
1	HEART (Cf. Heart)	LOVE	JOHN	♍ VIRGO	Feb 21 - Sep 21	300° - 330°	INDONESIA	6-7 pm 6-7 am
2	HEAD (Cf. Head)	WILLPOWER	MATTHEW	♏ LIBRA	Mar 21 - Oct 21	330° - 360°	EASTERN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND	7-8 pm 7-8 am
3	THIGHS (Cf. Thighs)	STEADYNESS	MATTHIAS	♐ SCORPIO	Oct 21 - Nov 21	360° - 30°	OFF. WEST AUSTRALIA	9-10 pm 9-10 am
4	COCYX	ZEAL	SIMON	♐ SAGITTARIUS	Nov 21 - Dec 21	30° - 60°	E. OF AUSTRALIA	9-10 pm 9-10 am
5	MOUTH (Cf. Mouth)	EXTROVERT	PHILIP	♊ CAPRICORN	Dec 21 - Jan 21	60° - 90°	OFF. SOUTH AMERICA	10-11 pm 10-11 am
6	ARMS AND HANDS	COMBINATION	THADDEUS	♋ AQUARIUS	Jan 21 - Feb 21	90° - 120°	S. OF AUSTRALIA	11-12 pm 11-12 pm
7	LOINS	STRENGTH	ANDREW	♈ PISCES	Feb 21 - Mar 21	120° - 150°	EASTERN AUSTRALIA	12-1 pm 12-1 pm
8	LUNGS	SOBERNESS	PETER	♈ ARIES	Mar 21 - Apr 21	150° - 180°	ANTARCTIC	1-2 pm 1-2 pm
9	EARS (Cf. Ears)	LOW AND SILENT	JAMES II	♉ TAURUS	Apr 21 - May 21	180° - 210°	INDONESIA	2-3 pm 2-3 pm
10	TEMPLES	WISDOM	THOMAS	♊ GEMINI	May 21 - Jun 21	210° - 240°	INDONESIA	3-4 pm 3-4 pm
11	EYES AND NOSES	VISION	MICHAEL	♊ CANCER	Jun 21 - Jul 21	240° - 270°	OFF. PHILIPPINES	4-5 pm 4-5 pm
12	SOLES (Cf. Soles)	WISDOM	JAMES I	♊ LEO	Jul 21 - Aug 21	270° - 300°	OFF. PHILIPPINES	5-6 pm 5-6 pm

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THE TIME OF THE END

IS THE TIME OF THE END HERE?

It is easy to acknowledge that we are living in very turbulent and explosive times. Each day brings news of wars, rumors of wars and unparalleled shortages in every realm of nature's resources! Plagues, sicknesses and diseases are rampant and man has developed the capacity to totally annihilate the world almost at will! Political systems are collapsing and man has lost his confidence in his leaders as well as the systems they represent! Why is the world in this terrible condition? What can we learn from the state of the world as to the time of the end?

The Holy Scriptures contain many prophecies concerning a period of time referred to as "the end days." This is prophesied to be a period of human history when evil will reach an unprecedented level and have a devastating impact on all life, culminating in a world-wide destruction! Is it conceivable that we are living in these "end times"? What do the Scriptures teach concerning those days and "the Work of God" in the earth at that time? God has never performed His works in ways that man expected. The messengers who brought His words and performed His works have

been ridiculed and rejected throughout history! The rejection of God's truth has led to deterioration on every level of human existence. This "degeneration" is now becoming apparent in every quarter of our society; religious, economic and especially political!

The present situation on the planet earth presents a very bleak future. If there is indeed any future at all! However, there is a hope that many have turned to in this generation; that is the hope that the Lord will soon return in glory to deliver His people and judge the wicked.

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JESUS SAID:

"Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves." (Mt 10:16)

As a result of the kind of people described in the following Scripture, please use common sense in your dealings with all people.

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lieth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment... But these, as natural brute beasts made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption..." (2 Pe 2:1-4,12)

These instructions are not motivated by fear, but they are an acknowledgment of the evil that pervades every level of human existence. The people that have declared war on the LORD are motivated by spirits that are very evil, but they are only a shadow of the evil that is to come.

1. HAVE A PHONE.

"And it shall come to pass, that before they while they are yet speaking, I will hear."

2. NEVER LIVE ALONE, AND KEEP SHADES AND CURTAINS

"Two are better than one; because they have a bor. For if they fall, the one will lift him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath up."

3. DON'T DRIVE ALONE.

"And he called unto him the twelve, and began and two; and gave them power over unclean spi

4. HAVE STRONG ACCESS DOORS TO HOMES AND APARTMENT

"And it came to pass, that when the gates of before the sabbath, I commanded that the g charged that they should not be opened ti some of my servants set I at the gates, that brought in on the sabbath day."

5. NEVER WALK ANYWHERE FOR ANY REASON, (NO MATTER "SEEM" TO "LOVE" THE LORD) WITHOUT AT LEAST TWO

"And if one prevail against him, two shall w fold cord is not quickly broken."

6. THESE PEOPLE WILL ATTACK MARRIED PEOPLE JUST AS

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversa lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devoi

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as designed to "let God be true, but mly believe that "All Scripture is fitable for doctrine, for reproof, for sness" (2 Timothy 3:16).

GOD - THE HOLY SPIRIT

"God is a Spirit..." John 4:24

Throughout the ages God has made known certain revelations of Himself to man, both by appearances and by the Word of God. Some of His appearances were in spirit form, others in angelic form, and still others were in human forms both as materialized angels and as The Man Jesus. However, in all cases thus far, God has always appeared in His male character. The Scriptures teach that "No man hath seen God at any time" (John 1:18a). That is true; however, man has seen appearances and manifestations of God, in whatever form God chose to appear or manifest, to any person at any given time; and, as mentioned above, thus far it has always been in the male character.

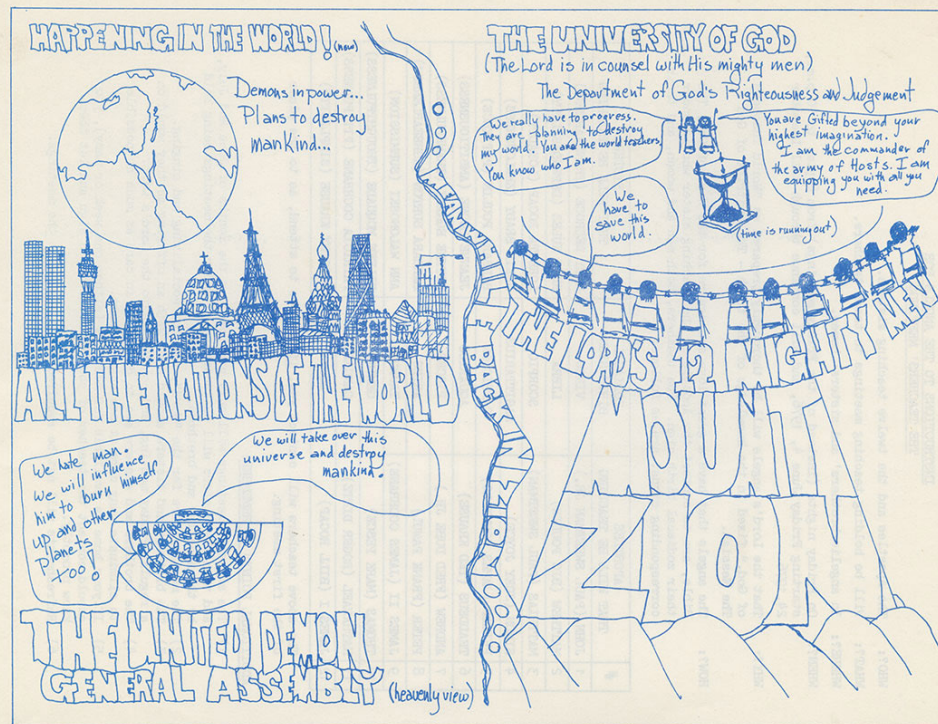
God has now decreed that it is time for the female character to be made known. Even though it is not recorded that He has ever appeared as the female character, it is recorded in the Word of God in hundreds of places that He has a female character, thus making God a male-female man. The following study will give you the basic concept of this truth as well as many supporting Scriptural evidences of it.

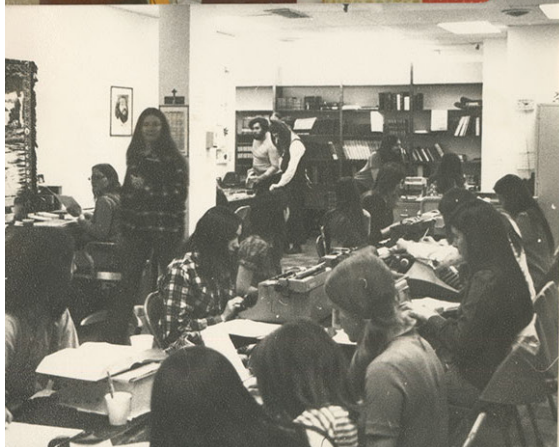
In Genesis 1:26-2:25 the story of the creation of the male-female man Adam is told. In Genesis 1:26a the Scripture says, "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness..." Here God refers to Himself as "us" and "our." In Genesis 1:27 the Scripture says, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he man in His (God's) very own image.

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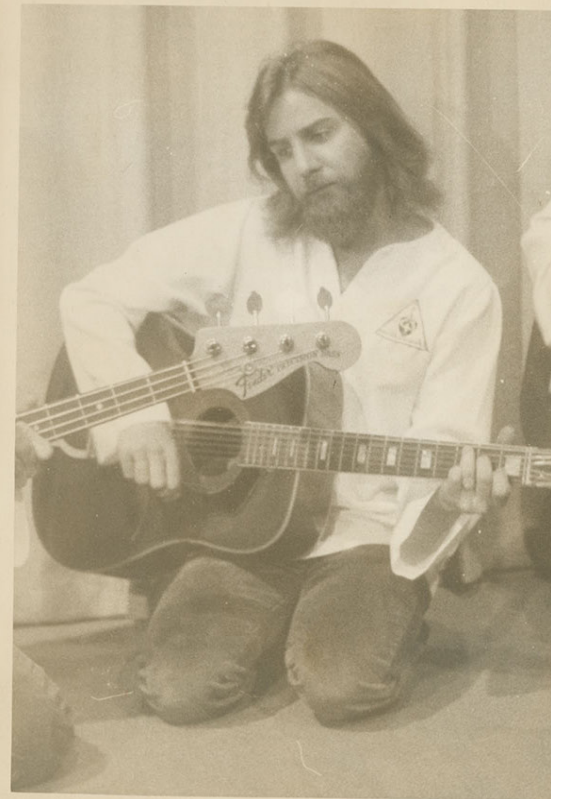
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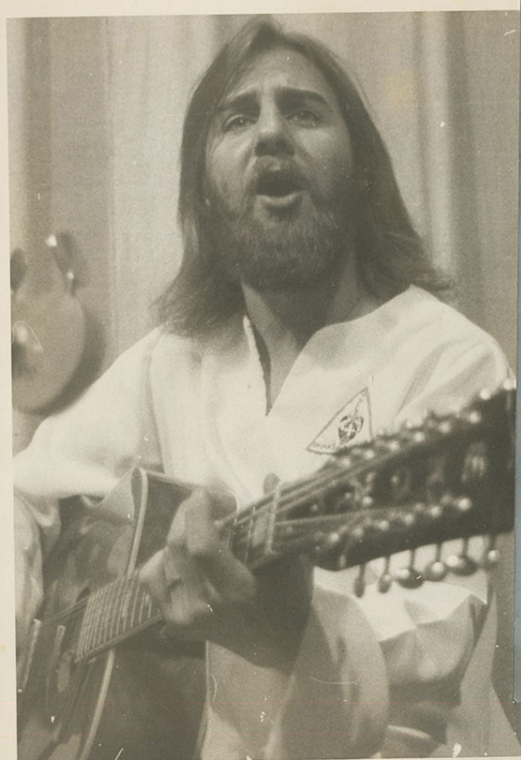
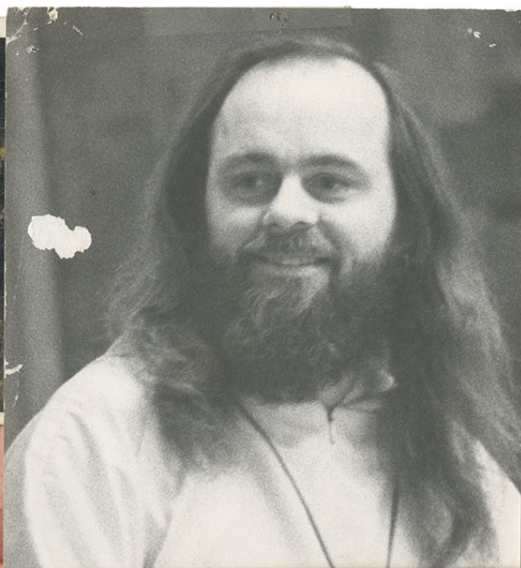
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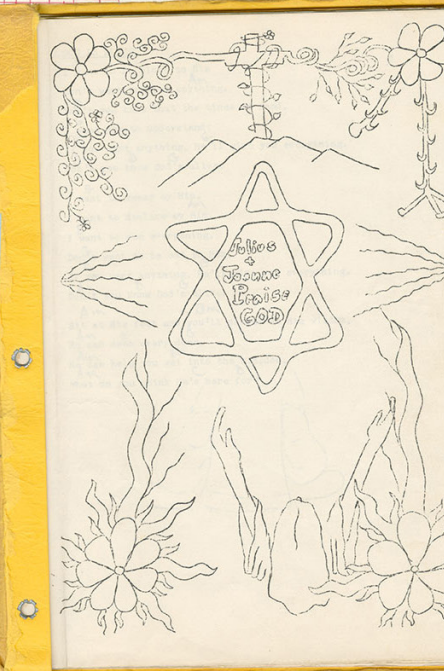
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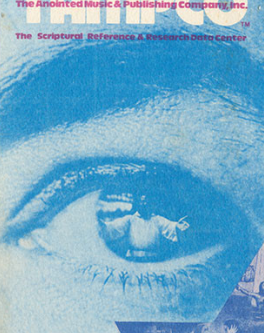
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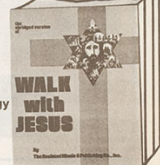
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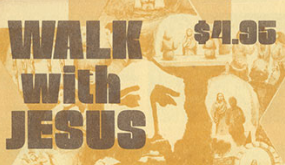
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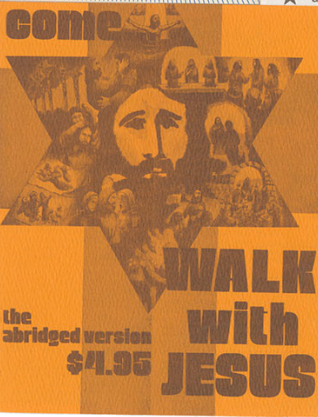
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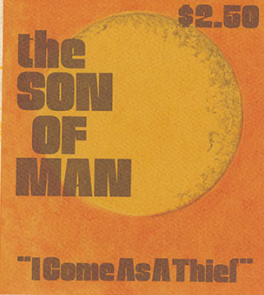
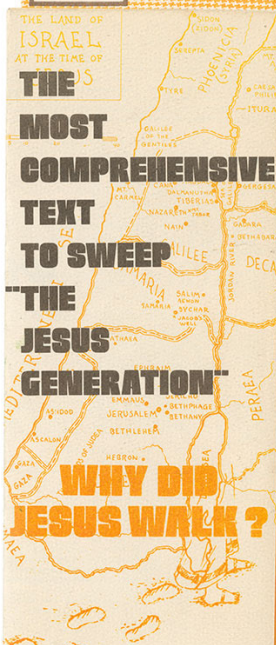
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Ex-cultists: Julius rules with sex, power, money

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(First of two parts)
SOUTHTOWN — Former members say the Brother Julius cult is held together by its own triad of sex, power and money. And they say the first of those three is embodied in the cult's leader — Brother Julius Schacknow.

Several former cult members went public Thursday, saying Brother Julius has an insatiable sexual appetite fed by many of his female followers. Some, they say, have been under the age of consent.

Furthermore, fear and intimidation work. . . . He said you could receive God more closely (by sleeping with him). I was 15 years old, very impressionable.

Schacknow could not be reached for comment Thursday, despite repeated attempts.

According to Rand, Brother Julius still preaches in the area, with meetings held twice-weekly at John the Baptist Hall in New Britain and once a week at the Plainville Grange.

Pawl, who at one time ranked as the apostle Peter during the cult's heyday, said his attraction to Julius' preachings ultimately was surpassed by his repulsion to Julius' sexual proclivities.

"I had come to question what was going on, the sexual practices of Julius," Pawl said, "because he was the one who represented himself as God."

"You follow Julius because he believes in certain values and ideals," including the existence of Jesus Christ, God's kingdom, and the battle between good and evil, Pawl said.

"But you couldn't go along with what was happening and retain the values that brought you to the cult," he said.

Rand said he talked about Brother Julius' sexual appetite to Paul and Joanne Sweetman, but got nowhere.

According to Rand, the pair was far more concerned about the success of the cult's business enterprises than they were about the sexual excesses of their leader and Schacknow's former wife.

"They told me the reason they let Julius do it is because he doesn't have anything else to do," Rand said. "He would get bored and get involved in the companies, and they don't want that. So that's why they permitted him to have sex with all the women."

William Rocco, the Southtown writer who would "abolish" confirm Rand's charges, Rocco said he was in Southtown in 1981.

He at the foundation of the cult's success: financial ventures, according to the former cultists. Members are kept in line with the leader's teachings about self-sacrifice.

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used its leaders, not because of financial hardships but because Brother Julius' "voracious sexual appetite" did not square with the leader's teachings about self-sacrifice.

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"His sexual work" — from his understanding, he's been doing it for 30 years," Rand said.

Schacknow, reportedly in his mid-40s, lives in Berlin with one of the seven wives. Former members who agreed to talk Thursday said all the wives receive the leader's attention, as he was emotionally and mentally to last leave. I did believe what was going on was right.

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remains in the cult. Other ex-members said the cult is not unfounded.

"If my daughters were older and I was still in," former apostle Frank Paul of Bristol said, "I know exactly what would happen — against my will and without my permission, Julius has got this fetish about young girls."

One area resident who joined the cult in the early 1970s said she was "emotionally coerced" into bedding with Brother Julius at the age of 15, after she joined the group.

Laura, who did not want her last name published, said Brother Julius at the time was 30 years old.

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"A lot of people are so caught up in the fear for their salvation. Here they are, fortunate enough to walk into the Messiah, and if they were to walk away from that they'd be damned. Fear — made people stay a lot longer than common sense told them to."

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prophesies ever comes true. "He can't beat anything. He has no power. He's sick himself. So what they're doing is intimidating people with raw fear — screaming and yelling."

Rand and several other ex-cult members, four of them former apostles, have agreed to talk to the Record-Journal about their experiences in the cult, and many others have agreed to discuss their cult years in anonymity.

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for sex and the Sweetman's by paying low wages to cult members who worked in the group's businesses. Those businesses include County Wide Construction Inc. of 613 Queen St., Southtown, and Century 21, 1 Anne North of the same address, the sources said.

Repeated attempts to contact the Sweetman and Brother Julius over the past three days have failed.

Early this summer, Rand said, he ran into "pressure from Julius because I told him to stop sleeping with women in the cult."

"He ridiculed me publicly at meetings. He kicked me out of meetings and I avoided me to the point of stripping me publicly at a meeting."

Even before he openly expressed his misgivings about Brother Julius' sex life, Rand said, he had experienced the wrath of the cult leader at some of the group's frequent meetings.

The group reportedly gathered week at John the Baptist Hall in Britain and once a week at the Plainville Grange.

"I've gone home from so many meetings screaming at me, I've seen literally, they've seen me, I've seen that the person would have attacked. I've seen people turn a almost pass out because they were intimidated and screamed at me by people hysterically crying things are coming."

I suppose everything they try to subjugate the life of God in man heart through fear and h h they were drawn to the cult."

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