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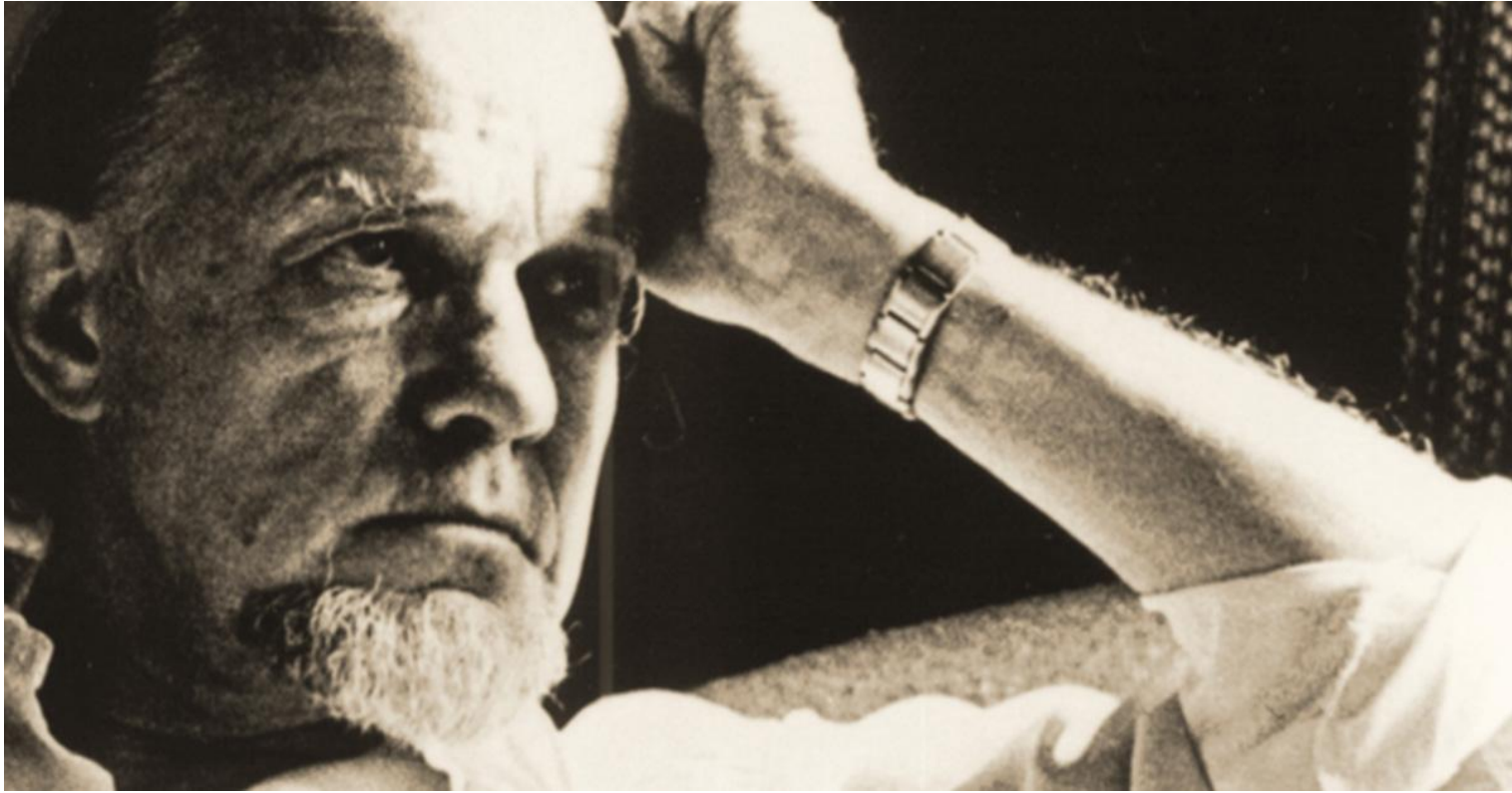
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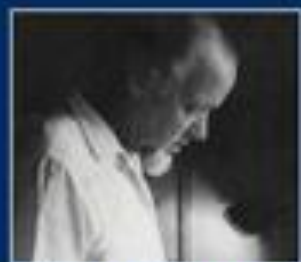
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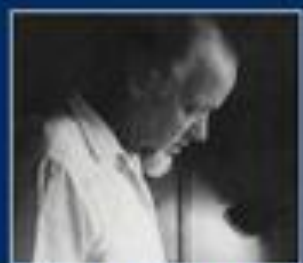
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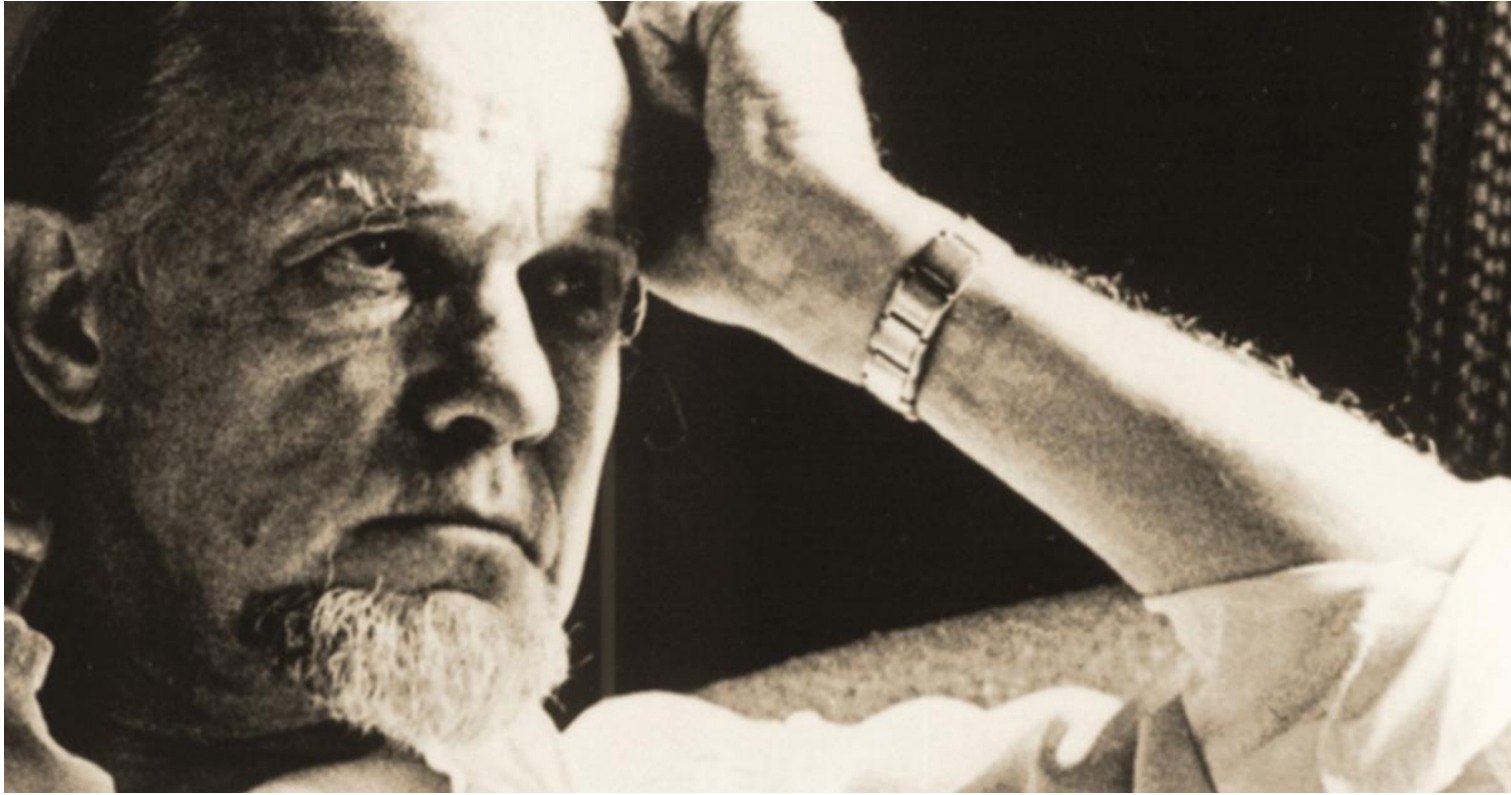


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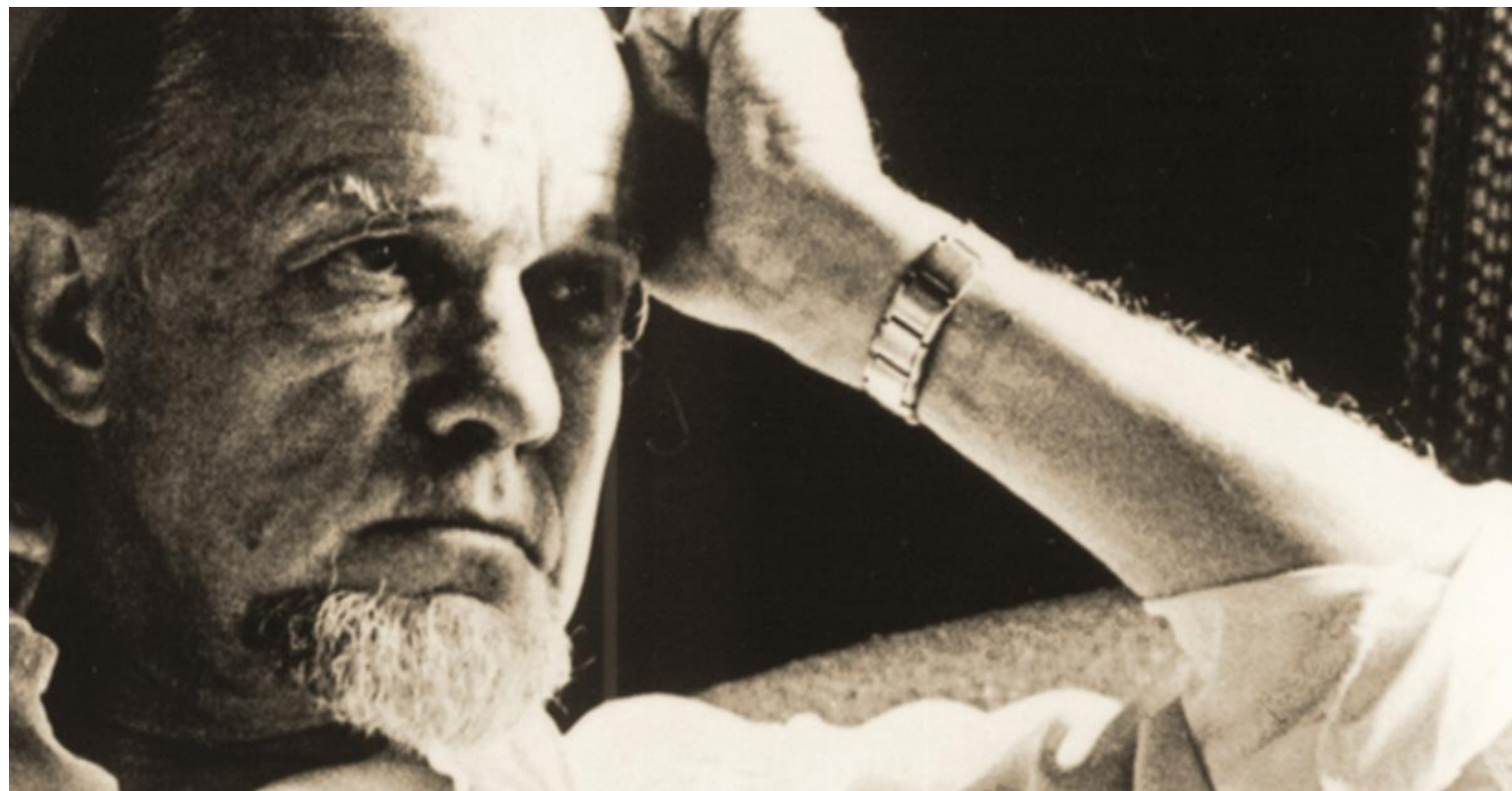
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THE GREAT EVANGELICAL DISASTER



. . . the great evangelical disaster—the failure of the evangelical leadership to take a stand really on anything that would stand decisively over against the relativistic moral slide of our culture—the failure to take a stand on anything that would “rock the boat” concerning our personal projects and acceptance.

A significant section of what is called evangelicalism has allowed itself to be infiltrated by the general world view or viewpoint of our day. . . In the most basic sense, the evangelical establishment has become deeply worldly.

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Cultural Infiltration:

Those weakening the Bible in the area of history and where it teaches the cosmos [world] do so by saying the things in the Bible are culturally oriented. That is, in places where the Bible speaks of history and the cosmos, it only shows forth views held by the culture in the day in which that portion of the Bible was written.

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Cultural Infiltration:

I would mention two examples, although many others could be given. First, there is easy divorce and remarriage. What the Bible clearly teaches about the limitations placed upon divorce and remarriage is now put by some evangelicals in the area of cultural orientation. They say these were just the ideas of that moment when the New Testament was written.

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As a second example, we find the same thing happening in the area of the clear biblical teaching regarding order in the home and the church. The commands in regard to this order are now also considered culturally oriented by some speakers and writers in the name of evangelical.

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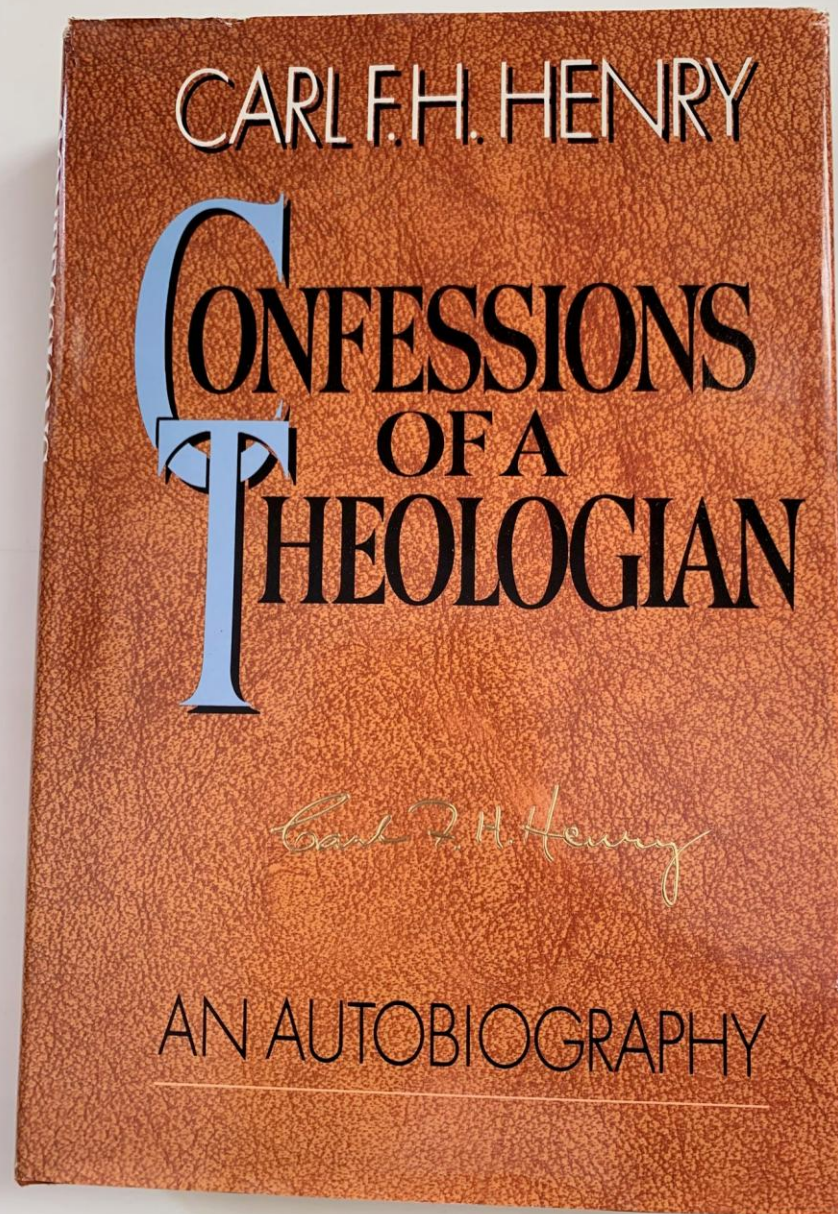
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CONFESSIONS
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***What then shall we say
concerning the
evangelical situation at
present?***

*The term evangelical. . . has become ambiguous. . .
Many evangelicals now measure growth mainly in
terms of numbers; distinctions of doctrine and
practice are subordinated in a broad welcome for
charismatic, Catholic, traditional and other varieties
of evangelicals.*

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Jude has been telling Christians how to help people: ‘Of some, he says,’ ‘have compassion ... And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.’ You have to help these people but to be very careful as you are doing so, that they do not drag you down and pollute you. People say glibly: ‘But our Lord was a friend of publicans and sinners.’

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True, but never forget that He was the Lord! Many a man acting on that maxim foolishly and thoughtlessly has ended by being dragged down to the level of the publican and sinner!

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There is something. . . a diseased atmosphere, a place in which there is active infection. If you know that there is infection in a house or in a room, the obvious thing to do is to avoid going there, unless you have to go there for some good and valid reason. . . I am referring, of course, to the avoidance of bad company. . . Avoid it as the plague. . . For it is the plague, the plague of hell, the plague of the devil and of all that is foul. Keep clear of it.

Jude 22-23

Furthermore, avoid bad reading—I mean general reading, polluting reading. There is much nonsense being talked about this at the present time. We are being told that Christians must read this kind of filth in order to be able to help people. You need not wallow in the filth in order to be able to understand something about it and to deal with it.

Jude 22-23

You need not read that type of “literature.” It is bad, it is polluting; avoid it, whether it is in books or newspapers. Have you not found in your own experience that to read certain things does you harm? The do not read them. If you find that as a result of reading a certain type of newspaper report about divorce, or something similar, you become subject to temptation in a more acute form, do not read that kind of thing.

Jude 22-23

Avoid it, set it aside; if necessary buy a different type of newspaper that does not glory in moral pollution, but very rightly gives only a few lines to it and says that such and such a verdict was passed. You need not know the details, you do not gain anything by knowing them. In fact, you will nearly always suffer harm as the result of reading them.

Jude 22-23

The Apostles states it thus in Romans 13:14, ‘. . . Make no provision for the flesh to fulfill the lusts thereof.’ If you feed the flesh do not be surprised if you fall to its temptations and its lusts; make no provision for it. Let us watch our general reading.

--David Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *The Christian Soldier*
(sermon on Ephesians 6:10)

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While you are entering on the stage of the world at this time, you must either act the part of witnesses for God against the sinful courses of the day, or enter into the conspiracy of the generation against God. Ye cannot be neutral, however ye may think to be so; Matth. 12:30, “He that is not with me,” saith Christ, “is against me; and he that gathereth not with me, scattereth abroad.”



Therefore consider well which to choose, and resolve to stand yourselves forthwith on Christ's side.



Say as Joshua, chap. 24:15, “And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served, that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”



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 - b. Of (John 15:18-19; 17:14; I John 3:1, 13; 4:5).

In order to “prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect”

--Present your body a living sacrifice that is

--holy

--acceptable to God

--Stop being conformed to this age

They mingled with the nations and learned their practices (Psalm 106:35).