

Passing of Richard Nickels

E-mails from Craig White

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From: surfer11 <surfer11@iprimus.com.au>

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Subject: FW: Richard Nickels passes away

Well, this came as quite a shock. I never thought it would happen so quickly - I really hoped he could continue living for several more months at least. Another major player in the Church of God passes from the scenes.

It must have been in 1976 (or perhaps early 1977) that I first heard of Richard and struck up a relationship with him based on his researches and my own intense interest in GG Rupert - one of my all time favourite CoG leaders.

In fact, I count 116 e-mails in just one e-mail folder from him since 1 January 2005 alone!

In all my time knowing Richard, I noticed that he didn't try and be something he wasn't - he just was himself. People who try and be something they are not are transparent to all and fool few. He did not plagiarise, downloading & rewriting other's works or presenting other's ideas as his own. He did his own research and produced incredible books.

He founded the Giving & Sharing service; was President of the Bible Sabbath Association; produced the Giving & Sharing Newsletter containing tremendous Bible Studies; he started the positive Church of God News and wrote many books and scores of articles.

Below is a list of some of his works.

This is a sad day for me personally - he will be sorely missed by many Church of God brethren.

I shall try and write more about him later on as I have the time.

- Craig

Bible Doctrine

<http://www.giveshare.org/churchhistory/index.html>

"The Church of God's English Connection".

"History of the Sacred Name Movement".

History of the Seventh Day Church of God, Volume I. Summary of book.

History of the Seventh Day Church of God, Volume II.

Six Papers on the History of the Church of God.

"Similarities and Differences Between Sabbatarian Groups".

Review of, The Celtic Church in Britain.

Why Study the History of Sabbath-Keepers? The Importance of Church of God History

History of the Seventh Day Church of God, Volume I, 158 pages, is a comprehensive history of the Seventh Day Church of God from 1800-1999. Originating in the Adventist Movement and The Messenger Party, the Seventh Day Church of God rejected the "Shut Door" teaching of Ellen G. White and her visions. Headquartered in Michigan, Iowa, Missouri, and Denver, the Church of God Seventh Day had splits in 1905 and 1933. Most factions merged in 1949 only to produce more splits. Although numbering only about 5,000 in the United States, their numbers overseas are tens of thousands and growing. This book traces the doctrines and personalities of the Seventh Day Church of God.

Six Papers on the History of the Church of God, 354 pages, covers Sabbatarian Baptists in England; Sabbatarian Baptists in America; The Adventist Movement: Its Relationship to the Seventh Day Church of God; Sabbath Adventists, 1844-1863; The Remnant of Israel: An Analysis of G.G. Rupert and His Independent Church of God (Seventh Day) Movement, 1915-1929; History of the Church of God (Seventh Day) by John Kiesz. This book gives the background to Seventh Day Church of God history. G.G. Rupert influenced Herbert W. Armstrong's theological understanding. Kiesz's history concentrates on quotations from Church of God publications, especially, The Bible Advocate, published since 1863.

"The Remnant of Israel, 1915-1929," 36 pages, paper #5 of Six Papers on the History of the Church of God, compares teachings of G.G. Rupert and Herbert W. Armstrong, and is available separately due to the wide interest in this subject. Rupert's books, such as Yellow Peril, Time Tradition and Truth, and many of his booklets, are available as reprints. See page 349 of Six Papers.

Biblical Doctrine, 80 pages, analyzes the Fundamentals of Belief and Doctrines of Various Sabbath-Keeping Groups, including Seventh Day Adventists, Church of God Seventh Day, Sacred Name Groups, and the Worldwide Church of God and its many offshoots, as well as the doctrinal changes of the Worldwide Church of God.

Biblical Holy Days, about 500 pages, is covers the Sabbath, Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread, Pentecost, Trumpets, Atonement, Feast of Tabernacles, New Moons, Sacred Calendar, and Pagan Holidays.

Biblical Health and Healing, 138 pages, details Health from the Biblical viewpoint, Anointing the Sick for Healing, God Does Heal Today, Clean and Unclean Meats, Whole Grain Recipes, Back to Eden, Medical Heretic, and more.

"Basic Bible Study Tools" explains how to use various Bibles and Bible helps, giving examples from each source, including the Essential Tools.

Biblical Law, 68 pages, shows how Bible statutes and judgments magnify the Ten Commandments. It explains "which Old Testament laws are in force today?" and details Biblical Law by topic and scripture order.

Early Writings of Herbert W. Armstrong, 236 pages, has uncut, uncensored, originals of Armstrong's public domain articles, written from 1928-1953. Many current and former members of the Worldwide Church of God have never read Armstrong's original writings. His classics, such as Divorce and Remarriage, What is Faith? and The United States in Prophecy and other

articles, have been shelved by the Worldwide Church of God, in rejecting Armstrong's original teachings.

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From: giveshare [mailto:giveshare@vcn.com]

Sent: Monday, 5 June 2006 9:38 PM

To: surfer11

Subject: Re:Richard Nickels

Craig, Richard lost his battle with cancer and passed away peacefully tonight June 4th. He valued your friendship and spoke often of you.
Shirley