

'WN' interviews members



Members of the Church's Doctrinal Committee, introduced on these pages, are the nucleus of the group assigned by Garner Ted Armstrong to study, research and compile the doctrines of the Worldwide Church of God.

Many other ministers or researchers contribute to the committee or sit in on meetings, depending on the topic currently under study. For example, faculty members visiting headquarters from the Texas campus of Ambassador may sit in on committee meetings and contribute, or other headquarters ministers with a particular expertise may attend a series of meetings on a given topic.

The makeup of the committee, whose members represent varied experiences and training, is flexible; the men interviewed here constitute the group as of June, 1975. The committee is chaired by evangelist C. Wayne Cole, director of the Church Administration Division.



C. Wayne Cole, 45, in addition to serving as director of the Church Administration Division (CAD), is chairman of the Doctrinal Committee. His goal in that responsibility is to keep meetings open and help provide an atmosphere for fair presentation of all material.

His contact with the Work and Herbert W. Armstrong dates back to the 1930s, when he was a child growing up in Oregon. He began attending Ambassador College after the Feast of Tabernacles in 1950 and graduated with a bachelor-of-arts degree in theology in June, 1954.

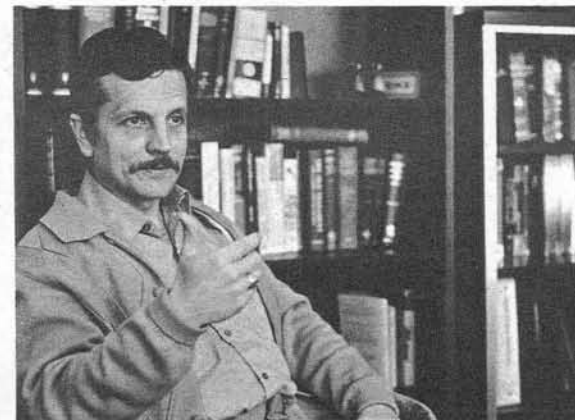
Since graduation, Mr. Cole has held numerous positions with the Work. For seven years he served as a field minister. His former pastorates include Corpus Christi, Tex.; Tacoma, Wash.; St. Louis, Mo.; Chicago, Ill.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Memphis, Tenn.; and Little Rock, Ark.

In 1961 he and his family were transferred to Australia to head the Work there. One of his children was born in Australia during that 11-year tenure of service. In 1969 he was named vice president for financial affairs and planning for the college and Church for Australia, New Zealand and the Far East.

He returned to headquarters in 1972 to serve as vice president in charge of publishing. He assumed his present CAD responsi-

DOCTRINAL COMMITTEE — Beginning in the upper-left-hand corner and continuing counterclockwise are C. Wayne Cole, Frank Brown, Raymond McNair, Charles Dorothy, Gunar Freibergs, Lester Grabbe, Herman Hoeh, Robert Kuhn and Brian Knowles.

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bilities in 1974.

Mr. Cole married Doris Allen in 1953. They have three children: Randall Brian, 19; Richard Allen, 10; and Patricia Ann, 17. Richard was born in Australia.

Mr. Cole adds to his background of 21 years in the ministry (12 of which he has been an evangelist) extensive travel through the Far East and Europe. He conducted baptizing tours through Singapore, East Malaysia and Indonesia. And he and committee member Raymond McNair teamed up for a 5,000-mile tour of India.

He feels the opportunity to work closely with Herbert W. Armstrong for many years is a definite plus in his present role as committee chairman.

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Worldwide Church of God business manager **Frank Brown**, 38, is a regular participant in the committee, but points out that his contribution is not so much in the area of scholarship as it is to "round out the committee" and to contribute from a vantage point other than strict research.

He has been in the ministry for 10 years (he was ordained a preaching elder in 1965 and a pastor in 1968). For nine years he has been involved in financial affairs and planning. He feels his tenure in the ministry and his Bible background, coupled with his experience in the Work and serving as a division head, enhance his contribution.

Mr. Brown is a native of England. He lived there until 1965. He attended Ambassador College in Bricket Wood, England, from 1961 to 1965. He received his bachelor-of-arts degree in theology from that campus in 1965 and later the same year married an American girl, Sharon Roesler. They have two daughters: Rachel, 8½, and Elizabeth, 7½. Mr. Brown was also awarded a master-of-arts degree in theology from Ambassador College, Pasadena, in 1968.

He has traveled widely while in the Work. He led a French-speaking baptizing tour through Switzerland, France and Belgium in 1965; the year before, he spent the summer touring the British Isles. He visited South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico, Canada and "most states in the union."

He said when he came to Ambassador he had a good working knowledge of French and German but both have fallen into disuse in recent years. He served as a theology instructor at the Pasadena campus from 1968 to 1971.

Mr. Brown lists his hobbies as his job, reading modern political histories and playing bridge.

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Dr. **Charles Verne Dorothy**, 41-year-old father of five, holds degrees from the University of Washington, Ambassador College and the Universidad Americana of Saltillo, Mexico.

He graduated *cum laude* with a bachelor-of-arts degree in political science from the University of Washington in 1955. The same year he enrolled as an undergraduate student at Ambassador, Pasadena,

where he assisted with college classes and taught at nearby Imperial Schools.

He received a bachelor-of-arts degree in theology and Spanish from Ambassador in 1958 and was ordained a preaching elder the same year. Since then he has served on the Ambassador faculties of Pasadena and Big Sandy, including an eight-year stint as dean of faculty on the Texas campus. He also headed the Spanish Work for a number of years before assuming his present responsibilities in doctrinal research. He also teaches theology classes at Ambassador.

By spending summers in Mexico while attending the Universidad Americana he earned an M.A. and Ph.D. in Latin American studies.

Dr. Dorothy, a pastor since 1963, is fluent in Spanish and has a reading knowledge of Portuguese. With three years of Greek and Hebrew at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena some years ago, he is now taking graduate classes in theology at both Fuller and the Southern California School of Theology at Claremont. He traveled extensively throughout the Holy Land, including a special tour in Turkey of the seven churches of Revelation 2 and 3. He spent a total of more than a year in Mexico, Central and South America and "traveled all over Asia at personal expense."

Mrs. Dorothy is the former JoAnn Felt. They have been married almost 18 years. Their children are Charlye Ann, 15; Creston, 13; Charina, 11; Chad, 10; and Chrysti, 7.

Dr. Dorothy contributes to the committee a "long-standing interest in biblical studies," thousands of hours of personal study over the past 20 years and what he feels is an ability to "synthesize" material.

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Latvian-born **Gunar Freibergs** lived five years in Germany and 10½ years in Australia before joining the Ambassador College, Pasadena, staff in 1967 as a full-time instructor.

Mr. Freibergs, a local elder since 1965, is vice chairman of the Theology Department and teaches classes in theology, church history and prophecy.

He attended Ambassador College from 1960 to 1963 and was awarded a bachelor-of-arts degree in theology in 1963.

Five years later he entered a master's program in medieval history at the University of Cincinnati, Ohio, and received his degree the following year, 1969. He is now pursuing a doctorate in medieval history at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

Mr. Freibergs, 39, speaks fluent German, Latvian and English. He also has a "reading knowledge of Spanish, French and Italian and a fair reading knowledge of Latin."

His wife, the former Jan Barnett, whom he married in 1963, speaks English, German and Spanish and shares his interest in languages.

He feels he brings to the committee a special interest in ancient and medieval history, Bible exegesis and prophecy. He feels those interests have been heightened by extensive travel in Western Europe, Australia,

