

Dissociative Identity Disorder

Recognizing and Restoring the Severely Abused

This book is a beginning acknowledgement of the wide-ranging skills, depth of spiritual understanding, and networking that is necessary in order to bring healing to individuals with DID (Dissociative Identity Disorder). While the foundation of this book comes from a biblical perspective, I appreciate the significant contributions to the DID field made by many dedicated, professional therapists and clinicians in the secular field. I greatly value my friendship with many of them. Some have done excellent groundbreaking work on the complex psychological dynamics and mind-control techniques evidenced by the DID-RA (ritual abuse) population, and I have frequently drawn from their insights, when appropriate, in this book.

Christians attempting to work with this population will discover the need for complete dependence upon God and a team effort, drawing upon the expertise of others experienced in this field. Even professionally trained clinicians will find their formal training inadequate for addressing all the complexities and spiritual dynamics involved in treating RA survivors.

Within the overall structure of this book I will be pulling together issues of both a psychological and a biblical nature that need to be addressed in order to bring successful resolution to all forms of DID, including the most complex. Volume One is devoted primarily to presenting an understanding of the disorder and addressing some of the more basic psychological issues involved.

Volume Two focuses in on some of the key therapeutic insights I have discovered since 1997. They involve focusing the direction of therapy/ministry onto what I call the "Primary Identities," those that are most reflective of the true self, rather than on the often large, complex systems of alter-identities. After working with DID for 20 years, I truly believe this approach can move survivors to healing much more efficiently.

Volume Two also focuses more directly on spiritual issues that impact those with DID as well as the complex spiritual bondages that must be addressed in Ritual Abuse survivors. Unfortunately, the publication of Volume Two in this work will be postponed to a later date due to my current time constraints and the demand to get the preliminary principles of Volume One into print as soon as possible.

This book is primarily intended for two groups of people: those endeavoring to understand, support, and/or bring healing to dissociated survivors of severe abuse and those survivors themselves. The former group includes: counselors, therapists, and professionals, who have clinical or medical training and are licensed within their legal jurisdiction(s); as well as pastors, priests, prayer ministers, and unlicensed lay people.

While a certain amount of introductory material is included, the book is intended for those who already have a familiarity with the diagnosis of DID and DID-RA and desire to increase their skills in bringing healing to the complex set of dynamics involved. Many issues will be examined from an in-depth perspective.

The goal of this book is to point the reader to the God of all healing, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who through His Holy Spirit can, and is, bringing hope and order to lives filled with chaos and despair. These most deeply wounded saints have gifts and abilities that can benefit the entire Body of Christ. Our desire is that they find the healing necessary to gain credibility and the full release of their gifts within the Church.

God alone is the One who can bring true healing to the brokenhearted.

TO HIM BE THE GLORY for whatever good He accomplishes through this written work.