

Our Ministry

Restoration in Christ Ministries is a not-for-profit corporation established to help churches, pastoral counselors and Christian mental health professionals develop understanding and sharpen their skills in dealing with issues related to Dissociative Identity Disorder (formerly MPD), including the demonization associated with Ritual Abuse (RA).

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A Clarification

Restoration in Christ Ministries (RCM) seeks to promote truth in a field increasingly marked by controversy and skepticism. While the majority of dissociated memories may represent reality in either the material or spiritual realm, it cannot be denied that both perpetrators and demons can use various means to distort, confuse, exaggerate, deceive and misrepresent reality to their victims. This is in keeping with the character of Satan (John 8:44). While external validation of memories is helpful, in many cases the trail of evidence is insufficiently substantiated for absolute “proof” in accordance with legal standards.

For this and other reasons, RCM does not encourage confrontation of perpetrators or resolution of conflict through the judicial process, though in some cases at least temporary separation from alleged perpetrators may be necessary for the progress of therapy.

The anger of survivors is real, but the goal of remembering is to receive cleansing and healing and then to forgive their perpetrators—not seek revenge. Survivors need to concentrate on healing and wholeness in order that they might contribute their many gifts for the benefit of the local church and the broader work of God’s kingdom.

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Perspectives for Therapists and Pastors

Some Perspectives
for Therapists and
Pastors engaged in
helping Survivors
of severe trauma
through the
healing process



The Need

Overwhelming, repeated childhood abuse can be devastating in many cases literally shattering the soul and leading to the formation of Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID). This condition, formerly known as Multiple Personality Disorder (MPD), usually causes instability and confusion in numerous areas of the adult survivor's life. Many have been subjected to severe trauma in the form of Ritual Abuse (RA) including mind-control.

Although not all mind-control is done in the context of overt satanic rituals, a high percentage of people with severe abuse have experiences which include covert grounds given to forces from the realm of darkness. These hidden grounds must be identified and addressed as well as any generational roots and other grounds which, allegedly, can begin as early as conception.

These pervasive, hidden demonic and/or mind-control dynamics can greatly influence the *mind*, *will* and *emotions* of the individual.

The mind is so divided that some parts of the RA survivor can genuinely love God while other parts covertly serve darkness.

The will can be over-riden and choices seemingly taken away from those parts of a person wanting help.

Emotions can be extreme and sometimes out of control, often leading to self-harm and suicidal ideation.

The spiritual effects on the soul are thus much more extensive in DID-RA than in DID alone. Nevertheless, symptoms of mind-control, whether performed in a satanic or non-satanic setting, are often overlooked except by those who are familiar with the elusive spiritual dynamics.

The Problems

None of us understands fully the intricate intertwining of both the psychological and spiritual issues raised by RA survivors. We are all neophytes when it comes to dealing with the spiritual realm of darkness and its tenacious control over these individuals.

Many of the mechanisms of mind-control programming which cultists use to intimidate, confuse, and control their victims have been developed over

centuries, if not millennia. In addition to the human wisdom and skill involved, supernatural intelligence from the realm of darkness guides, enhances, and enforces these schemes and constantly operates to frustrate therapy and create chaos in the lives of both the therapist and the client.

Traditional psychotherapy or counseling will therefore be insufficient in itself to bring complete healing and spiritual freedom to these individuals. While there is no substitute for the intensive psychological work of therapy to overcome the many effects of the abuse itself, the spiritual issues involved must also be addressed. Spiritual warfare

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principles must be used along with a comprehensive grasp of the unique psychological manipulation and mind control techniques enslaving these survivors. Otherwise therapeutic progress will reach an impasse or bring only an illusion of recovery.

However, even knowledgeable and committed Christian therapists have often received little or no training in understanding the spiritual dynamics that overlay the entire psychological process in these cases. While pastoral counselors may have some grasp of a theoretical and biblical perspective concerning demonization, most lack both practical experience with the evil spiritual realm and the necessary psychological background to deal successfully with the diverse phenomena of programming, demonization and dissociation resulting from Ritual Abuse.

Our experience has amply documented that a typical "deliverance" approach which ignores the reality of dissociation may actually be perceived as a form of religious abuse that causes great harm to the internal "parts" or alter-identities. A balanced approach that is both biblical and psychologically healthy is needed.

Demonic footholds must be recognized and removed before deliverance is attempted. Demons are much like rats who feed on emotional "garbage," such as trauma-induced pain, fear and anger. Their attachment to the individual is further strengthened by false beliefs, deliberately induced internal conflict, oaths, vows, pledges, generational inheritances, etc. When this psychological "garbage" and the spiritual footholds are removed, the demons are weakened so they can be successfully removed without injury to the person being ministered to.

Our Goal

Restoration in Christ Ministries has been raised up by God to strengthen those on the front lines of the incredible battle involved in facilitating the healing process of RA survivors. We do not claim to have all the answers. We are, however, seeing God give major victories through the use of spiritual principles carefully applied in conjunction with a healthy understanding of the psychological issues relating to dissociation, programming and their effects.

Restoration in Christ Ministries seeks to network with others involved in working with these complex issues so that together we can build the knowledge base of spiritual principles which will successfully affect the lives of those we are trying to help. We believe that such principles must always reflect spiritual truth which is rooted in historic Christianity and based upon the infallible Word of God.

The Lord Jesus Christ in His earthly ministry was given an anointing to preach to the poor, bind up those "shattered in heart," proclaim freedom for captives and release the imprisoned from darkness (Isa. 61:1). Every person is considered valuable to our Lord Jesus. RCM wants to support and encourage all who have given themselves to minister to those most deeply hurt by the realm of darkness.