

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 the issues related to Dissociative Identity Disorder (formerly MPD), including the spiritual bondage associated with Ritual Abuse (RA).

Our Founder

Tom R. Hawkins, Ph.D., Founder of RCM, was a graduate of Multnomah School of the Bible, Cascade College (B.A. 1965), and Dallas Theological Seminary (Th.M. 1969; Ph.D. 1995). He served in pastoral ministry from 1969. Beginning in 1985, he became increasingly involved in ministering to adult survivors of sexual and ritual abuse. His experience included working eighteen months in a pastoral role on an in-patient Dissociative Disorders Unit in the Dallas, Texas area. He served as President of RCM from its inception in 1994 until his death in 2010.

Our President

Diane W. Hawkins, M.A., graduated from Taylor University (B.A. 1969) and Wheaton Graduate School of Theology (M.A. 1973). Diane served as a missionary with The Evangelical Alliance Mission (TEAM) from 1971-1976 in Zimbabwe (then called Rhodesia). After marrying her late husband, Tom, in 1977, she served as a pastor's wife and women's Bible teacher for 17 years. Upon the founding of Restoration in Christ Ministries in 1994, she joined her husband in presenting seminars on DID and RA across the country and abroad, courageously approaching this subject from the perspective of personal experience. Since the home going of her husband, Tom, in Dec. 2010, she has taken leadership of RCM as a healed survivor.

A Clarification

Restoration in Christ Ministries (RCM) seeks to promote truth in a field marked by controversy and skepticism. While the majority of dissociated memories may represent reality in either the physical or spiritual realm, it cannot be denied that both perpetrators and evil beings 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 sometimes possible, 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 or prosecution of alleged perpetrators through the judicial process, though in some cases at least temporary separation from them may be necessary for healing to occur.

The anger of survivors is valid, but the goal of remembering is for them to receive healing and to forgive their perpetrators—not to seek revenge. We believe survivors have many gifts that can benefit the local church and the broader work of God's kingdom.

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Perspectives for Therapists and Pastors



Introducing the Concepts of Dissociative Identity Disorder and Ritual Abuse

The Need

Any kind of overwhelming, repeated abuse or neglect can be devastating to a child. In many cases when this is initiated before the age of 8, it can literally shatter the soul and lead to the formation of Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID), formerly called Multiple Personality Disorder (MPD). The dissociation that occurs creates alternate identities within the person, each having its own mind, will, and emotions. While initially serving the beneficial role of separating the primary self from conscious awareness of what was intolerable, living with a divided self can cause instability, confusion, and varying degrees of dysfunction in the adult survivor's life.

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When the abuse suffered is in the form of ritual abuse (RA), further complications are involved. This severe traumatization of children is orchestrated by covert cult perpetrators in order to cause dissociation and bring the person under their control to serve purposes entwined with the kingdom of darkness. Human and spiritual control is exerted over them using various types of increasingly sophisticated, mind-control programming and spiritual bondages. Supernatural intelligence from the realm of darkness guides, enhances, and enforces these schemes, which cultists use to intimidate, confuse, and compel the obedience of their victims as well as to block and frustrate any therapeutic endeavors the person might seek. Spiritual control is often established and reinforced through dedications and covenants made by parents, care-givers, and/or past generations.

While some ritual abuse is operated through covert military and government organizations, it is all linked to Satanism in some way in order to utilize the supernatural powers of the evil spiritual realm. Most ritual abuse survivors come from a generational line of occult involvement, often connected with secret societies such

as Freemasonry. The highest levels are associated with the Illuminati, which is carrying out Lucifer's desire to create a New World Order in which he believes he will ultimately rule the world.

The cleverly designed and largely hidden, spiritual and mind-control dynamics often operate in the person without the awareness of the primary self. Because in DID the soul is divided into separate identities, parts of the RA survivor can genuinely love God while other parts covertly serve Satan. The strength of some of the Satan-aligned identities can potentially override the will of the God-aligned identities and work against their godly standards of behavior and/or desires for help.

While some dissociated individuals are able to function at a high level, others struggle with considerable instability due to the frequent switching of identities leading life for them. Regardless of external appearances, the inner turmoil experienced by most can cause extreme and sometimes out-of-control emotions, often leading to self-harm and suicidal ideation.

The Problems

The intertwining psychological, spiritual, and programming dynamics involved in ritual abuse cases greatly complicate the already numerous effects of Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID) on the person, often causing traditional psychotherapy or counseling to fall short of bringing complete healing and spiritual freedom to these individuals. While well-trained professionals may do excellent work in helping them overcome many of the psychological aspects of the abuse itself, these survivors will never gain complete freedom unless their spiritual bondages are also addressed. Unfortunately, even Christian therapists have generally received little or no training in understanding and addressing this often complex aspect of their need.

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While pastoral counselors may have a theoretical understanding of demonization, most have little practical experience in actually dealing with the evil spiritual realm. Even those involved in typical "deliverance" ministry may not be equipped or experienced in working with the upper levels of the spiritual hierarchy or the complex control dynamics with which they are entwined in many ritual abuse cases. They may also lack the necessary psychological understanding of dissociation and what is necessary to heal it. Without this, identities may be mistaken as "demons" and be significantly traumatized by an ill-directed attempt to "cast them out."

Our Goal

The Lord Jesus Christ in His earthly ministry was given a mandate to preach to the poor, to bind up those "shattered in heart," and to proclaim freedom for captives and release to those imprisoned by darkness (Isa. 61:1). Restoration in Christ Ministries has been raised up by God to carry on this ministry with a specific focus on ritual abuse survivors and others with DID. This includes a deep dedication to strengthening those on the front lines of the incredible battle involved in facilitating their healing.

We do not claim to have all the answers. However, with over twenty-five years of experience in working with this population and networking extensively within the field, we are building a knowledge base of psychological and spiritual principles that is bringing significant emotional healing, wholeness, and spiritual freedom to the lives of many of these individuals. Our intent is always that these principles reflect spiritual truth rooted in historic Christianity and based upon the infallible Word of God.

God is able to restore the most deeply wounded lives when those ministering to them understand the psychological and spiritual dynamics involved and work in unity with the Holy Spirit. Because 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.