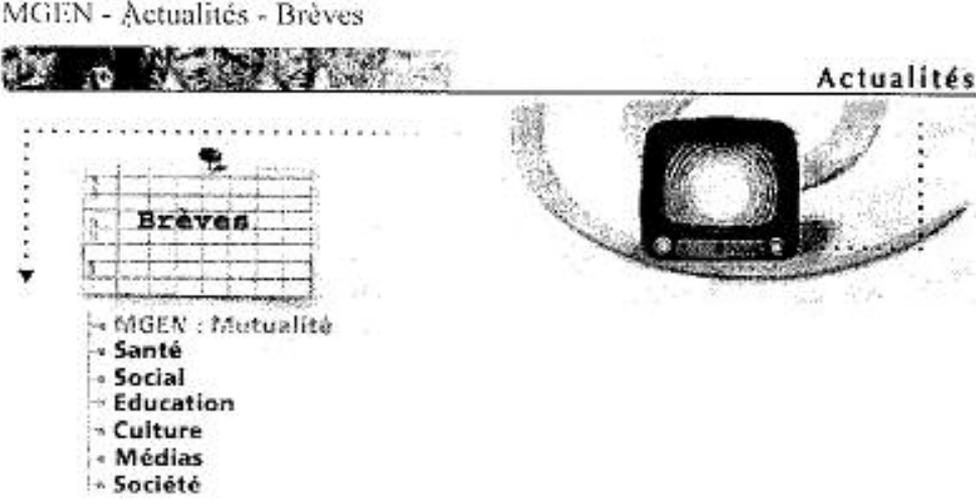


VI - PROPAGANDA DOCUMENTS EDITED BY THE NATIONAL EDUCATION SYSTEM

OCTOBER 16 2001
PACK TO IDENTIFY "CULTS" presented by
the MGEN TO THE EDUCATION MINISTRY



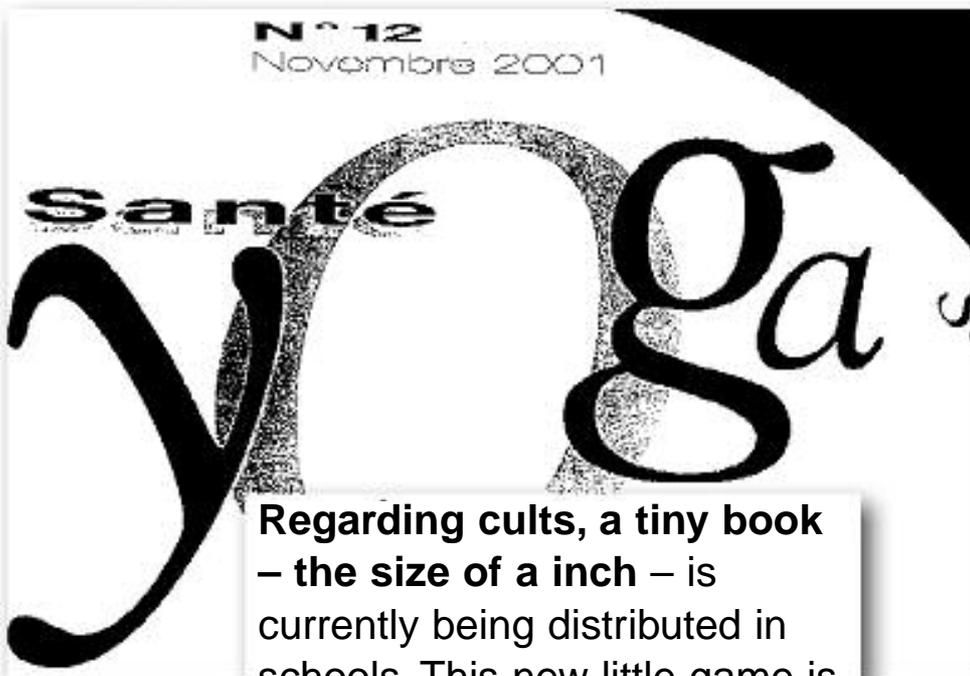
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Cults: on october 16 2001, the MGEN presented, to the education ministry, a pack to help identify cults. This pack includes a video tape containing testimonies and a file containing other testimonies, cards per subject, a bibliography as well as addresses and useful legislative references . A hundred fifty and these packs have been given to the committee for the prevention of cults at the education ministry run by Daniel GROSCOLAS.



November 2001

Distribution in school
of small book used as
a game against "cults"

Regarding cults, a tiny book – the size of a inch – is currently being distributed in schools. This new little game is yet another way to attack cults whose true definition, despite many attempts, remains to be found.

The secondary school student guide published under the auspices of the Ile-de-France region. A page called "false friends" is asking for vigilance by resorting to crass innuendos against new religious movements.

One finds here a "black list" of organisations and a series of peremptory statements without proof: "cults" would exploit the weaknesses of the youth: which movement are we talking about, when, how, who?

"Cults" hide behind associations with numerous and misleading names: could we argue that the Catholic Church is hiding behind the "Scouts of France" or the Protestant Church behind the "boyscouts of Europe" to sign up the youth against their will?

The same could be said of a business whose chairman is a Catholic or a freemason and which is a subsidiary of the Catholic Church or of a certain lodge acting in the guise of an apparently innocent corporation?

That the Abbé Pierre by creating Emmaûs was acting slyly and deceptively due to his Catholic faith and his willingness to help the needy?

Is it an offense to have an organisation of help against drugs (Narconon) if you are a member of a new religious movement? Is it socially unacceptable to be a scientologist, a moonist or a Jehovah's witness and to work in a company providing drawing lessons, etc.?

"several thousand young people are enrolled into some seventy cults": are children whose parents are members of new religious movements thereby "youths enrolled into a cult, and badly educated"?



Children enrolled into a cult

In France 300 000 people are members of cults. According to a report conducted by the French secret service, several thousands of children are enrolled into more than seventy cults.

State initiatives:

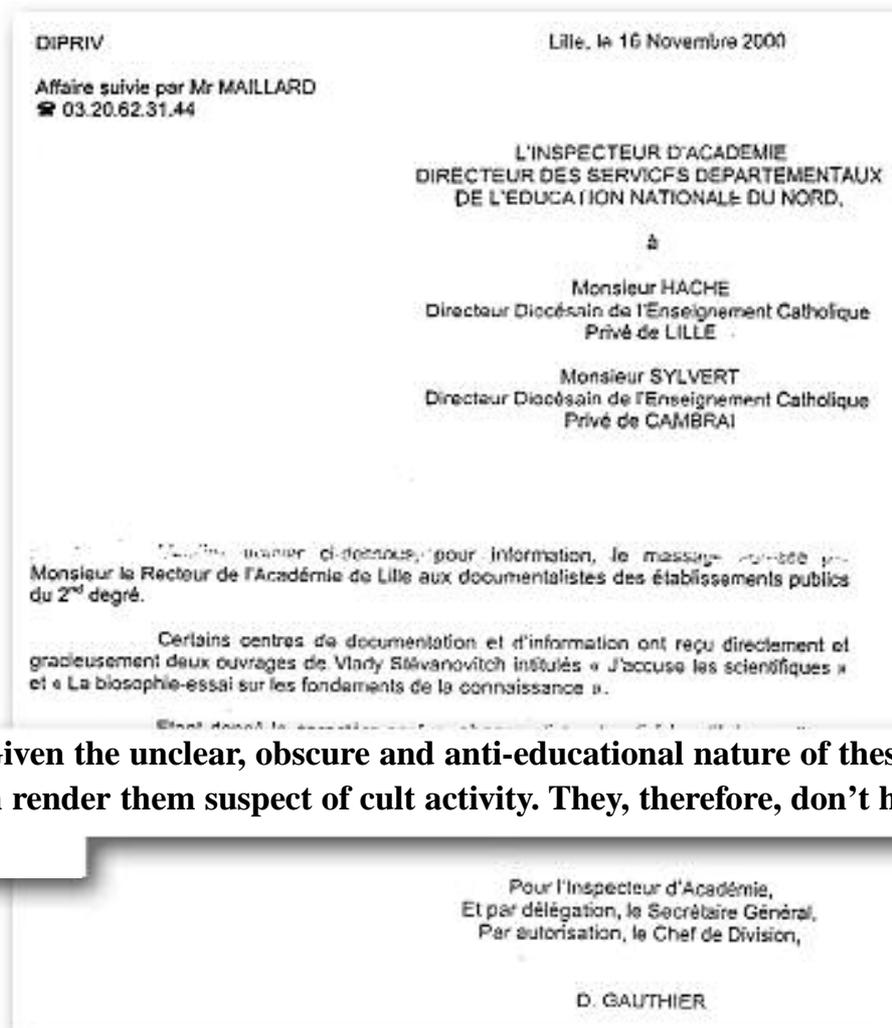
the majority of the ministries have set up anti-cult activities. For example, the education ministry has created a group of vigilance coordinated by a unit in charge of "cult phenomena in the French education system".

VII - OFFICIAL DIRECTIVES

A letter from the director of the northern region in France in charge of education to the different directors of the Catholic schools of Lille and Cambrai dated November 16 2000.

The letter is about two books whose “obscure, unclear and anti-educational” nature render them suspect of originating from “*a cult*”.

The wording of the letter shows the prejudices which are conveyed by through the authorities.

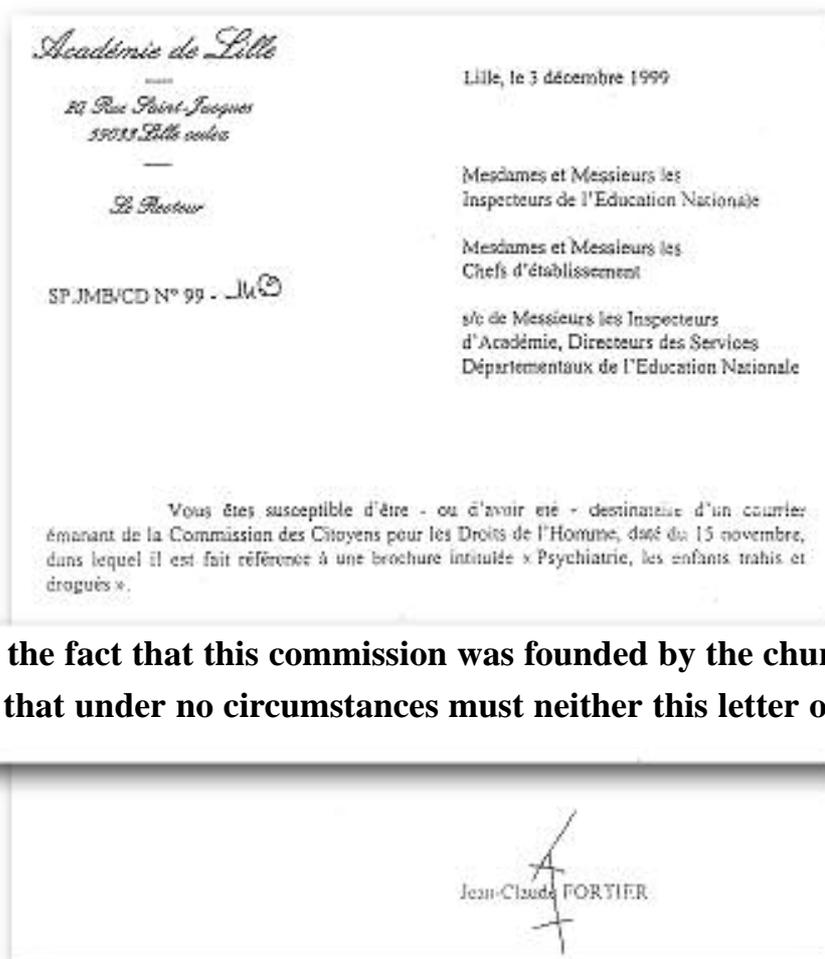


“Given the unclear, obscure and anti-educational nature of these books, containing statements which render them suspect of cult activity. They, therefore, don't have any right to be in a library.”

This is a letter from the person in charge of education matters in the region of Lille to the different officials of the education ministry dated December 3 1999.

This document "mentioned" that a brochure entitled "Psychiatry, children betrayed" published by the Citizens' Commission for Human Rights, on the pretext that this commission is a subsidiary of a new religious movement. The content of the document and likely usefulness are completely ignored.

What would people think of such a warning against magazines such as "Children's magazine", "Panorama" or "Phosphore" simply because they are offshoots of the Catholic Church? Should a civil "imprimatur" be established?



“Given the fact that this commission was founded by the church of scientology, it goes without saying that under no circumstances must neither this letter or this brochure be published.”

VIII - “GUIDE FOR THE EDUCATOR AGAINST CONTEMPORARY SECTARIANISM” EDITED BY THE INTER-MINISTERIAL MISSION AGAINST CULTS

Introduction written by the MILS President: Mr. Alain Vivien.

Is it taking a side to say that this text is especially offensive towards the new religious movements, but as well toward the fundamental values of Human Rights and the basic concepts of democracy?

We are witnessing an abusive generalization: all the movements that are attacked bear only one name: “*the cults*”. All of the 172 different movements are depicted as a whole that are defined by a large number of harmful characteristics, while no tangible evidence supports the theory. Mr. Vivien uses the terms of “*New totalitarianism*”, “*fundamentalist violence*” “*civil war*”, “*crime*”, “*assassination*” and “*new barbarism*”.

In his description of the members of new religions, Mr. Vivien uses the terms “*fanaticism, defamation, swindle or fraud*”. One has to realize that we are talking about simple French citizens just as honest as the national average, and often of a great morality, that are this way targeted in

one block simply because they belong to a religious or philosophical movement.

The militant fight of Mr. Vivien has no right to be within the National Education System.

Main part of the guide

Here we find, against this theoretical unity called “*cults*”, with no proof or tangible facts, the accusation of “*pre-programming of children for future use*”, “*not registering their children, even with the registry office*”, “*punishments, but also insufficient or unbalanced food*”, “*exploiting of children through work*”, cutting family ties, willingness to make “*convinced followers*” and not autonomous adults, etc, etc. These charges could be brought before tribunal courts for slander if they were being namely made by name.

The bad influence supposedly played by “*the spiritual and pacific image of the Dalai Lama*” is also to be noted.

“Thus little by little a new totalitarianism has settled in, of which the paroxysmal expressions appear in fundamentalist violence, the unconditional condemnation of he who contest them, the negation of any idea of Universalism and at the same time the return of Communauterism (acceptance of minorities) under its form of Ethnicism, religious fundamentalism and civil war.”



Premier ministre

MISSION INTERMINISTÉRIELLE DE LUTTE CONTRE LES SECTES

INTRODUCTION

Les sectes ont bien compris qu'un immense boulevard s'était ainsi ouvert à leurs ambitions, elles qui ont toujours une réponse à proposer, elles qui réfléchissent au futur, au respect des personnes.

Ainsi elles tentent peu à peu un rapprochement volontariste dans les dispositions parvenues à leur connaissance dans la violence des manifestations, la condamnation sans appel de celui qui les contestent, la négation de tout universalisme et, finalement, la régression du

“All the guru practices tend toward the same phenomena (even if all the gurus listed only use a part of what has been mentioned above): reinforce the direct link with the follower and make him by any means and in all aspects of his life and of his psychology, an unconditional submitted person.”

Guide for the teacher confronted with today's cult.

1.6.1 - Very young children

“The first target is of course the parents, at least in the countries where the protection of minors is one of the first concerns of the State. However in France too, the children are a target because of their great ability to learn and to conform, it makes them an interesting prey that can be pre-programmed for future use; thus the creation of extra-curricular activities, with or of after-school teaching groups.”

Alain VIVIEN
Former minister

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gestion patrimoniale, des rapports avec les ascendants ou descendants, et éventuellement des croyances et de l'éthique, rien n'échappe aux prescriptions du gourou. L'emprise est totale, et il n'y a plus pour l'adepte aucune parcelle de vie privée.

Toutes les pratiques du gourou (même si tous les gourous reconnus n'utilisent qu'une partie de ce qui est décrit plus haut) tendent au même phénomène : renforcer le lien direct avec l'adepte et en faire, par tous les moyens et psychologie, un sectaire inconditionnel.

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“However some youth are expecting ready-made answers, their quest for meaning must be fast. Cult groups know that, they hang around high schools and student meeting places. The most important groups of a “religious type” are The Church of Christ (called of Boston), the Jehovah Witnesses, for pupils on a short curriculum and the groups said to be Charismatic or Pentecostal where faith is expressed in collective passions with songs, the reiteration of prayers, etc. These groups are sometimes recognized by established Churches, but not always.”

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groupes traditionnels (publics des parents, communautés et jeunes adultes) et les autres des sectes sont dans une situation délicate selon les motifs de celui-ci entre 30 000 et 70 000.

1.6.1 - Les très jeunes enfants

“For them the risks are then to be cut off from society, no education, disturbed family links, bad treatment (insufficient or unbalanced food, disrupted sleep because of prayers or periods of wakefulness).”

1.6.2 - Les thèmes attractifs pour les jeunes

Il faut avoir en permanence à l'esprit que les jeunes de 16 à 18 ans et plus sont en âge de changer souvent d'avis. Le tournant de formation de leur personnalité, de leur

“The spiritual and pacific image of the Dalai-Lama often reinforces our youth's erratic searches as well as the practice of yoga.”

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IX - "PREVENTION OF RISKS OF SECTARIAN PROSELYTISM" A GUIDE EDITED BY THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL DOCUMENTATION

(1ST QUARTER 2002)

This guide is the product of the collaboration between the Ministry of National Education and of the MILS.

Several ministers have contributed to its writing. In spite of the diversity of the contributions, the characteristics of what has been written by the MILS can be well perceived: severe indictment to its utmost, lack of proof for the facts revealed, general accusations against an identity named *"the cults"*, contradictory remarks.

The making of and the propagation of a rumor.

One finds a virulent attack against the group called *"the cults"*, followed by a *"commented typology"* about the new religious movements, amongst which the *"Evangelists"*.

Pastor Jean-Arnold de Clermont, President of the protestant federation of France, has many times publicly denounced the discrimination that some spiritual groups and benevolent asso-

ciations were facing for the simple reason that their name included the word *"Évangelic"*.

In the qualification of the different groups pejorative remarks are to be noted which are made with mockery and irony, this could be understood in a satirical and partisan writing, but can they be pertinent in an official text? e.g. *"This family ... has the wind in its sails"* *"organizations having a large contingent of followers"*, *"They look to be very active"*, *"neo-religious zapping"* *"... mix, depending on the recipe of their guru..."* *"emblematic church of Scientology"*, *"the peculiar Mandar'Om"*, *"a more kafkaien organization, Anthroposophy"*, *"flirting with apocalyptic themes"*.

What is one supposed to think of the expression *"the pastor is playing the role of a guru"* (The Evangelists)?

X - MEDIA CAMPAIGNS

National & regional newspapers and audiovisual media, relay information from the MILS and the UNADFI. On the other hand religious movements have little or no chance to express themselves via the media. Therefore the public hear only one voice which has all the latitude to propagate partial information.

Here are a few examples of articles about children or the National Education.

Le Pays de Franche-Comté, November 3, 2001: "Childhood at great risk"

Photo, M. Alain Vivien.

Promotion of the Hayat El Mountacir book that spread controversial information about the way children are treated in the new religious movement. This general information is to be noticed: *"Because they are children, if their parents are members of a cult, then they must follow the precepts"*: which movement, which children, which parents, which precepts? Is it meant to the Catholic parents who have their children baptized in their very early childhood and who have them enrolled for catechism, or to the parents who relay materialistic concepts to their children? A teenager who leaves a movement *"will have to face a society that he doesn't know or that he has been taught to always hate"*: by whom? Which teenager, which movement? How many cases that contradict this assumption? What could be said about violent and sometimes murderous 13 to 14 year-old teenagers, or those that indulge drugs, in what movement have they been educated?



