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## Campus Speaker On Year 2001

Following an outdoor speech in Peralta Plaza at UCLA this week, international radio broadcaster Vern Bennom Grimsley observed that there is an intense reevaluation of religion in process on American campuses.

"While 97 per cent of the general U.S. public claim belief in the existence of God, the figure is closer to 60 per cent among college and university students.

"But campus anti-religious feelings are directed more against large ecclesiastical institutions than against personal spiritual experience," Grimsley says.

One student at UCLA argued that religion is only a crutch. "People who are spiritually lame and limping may need a crutch," Grimsley countered. "But as they grow in strength, they can begin using it as a walking staff and doing pole-vaulting with it.

"Faith in God is more than a prop, it's a power."

Another student asked what lies ahead for religion.

"The religion of 2001," Grimsley predicted, "will center more on the concept of all mankind as one family — the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man."

When one UCLA student commented that he didn't believe that man is a child of God, Grimsley replied, "Then it's interesting that I have a higher concept of you than you have of yourself, because I believe you ARE a child of God."

Grimsley is a Phi Beta Kappa with a university degree in philosophy and is a former psychological researcher for the National Science Foundation in Washington, D.C. His daily radio broadcasts

here on KGBS, 10 A.M. Sunday from various campuses are widely heard across the U.S. as well as India, Australia, Ceylon, the Malay Peninsula, England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Grimsley has been the subject of nationwide CBS news interviews on his campus preaching, and powerful Radio Free Europe has beamed a documentary summarizing his religious views behind the Iron Curtain in six languages.

As president of the non-denominational Family of God Foundation, Grimsley and his Berkeley co-workers are dedicated to a worldwide spiritual renaissance, which he says "will one day make more differences in this planet than any war which has ever been waged, any battle which has ever been fought, any governmental, political, social or economic upheaval in all of human history."

Grimsley distinguishes between the many religions "about" Jesus and the authentic religion "of" Jesus: the simple love of God and man.

"This love can change the world," he said, "because only transformed men and women can create a transformed planet," he says.

His UCLA appearance was part of a west coast campus speaking tour extending from California to Washington state.

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