

nopoly on truth. FA describes the fundamentalist mindset as authoritarian, intolerant, and compulsive about control; one that is unable to tolerate ambiguity and uncertainty in life and inclined to view all matters as black and white, right and wrong, and good and evil.) Offers support to those who feel harmed by the fundamentalist experience; provides guidance to individuals suffering psychological and social difficulties as a result of their experiences with fundamentalism; educates the public on the mental health hazards that FA claims can be posed by fundamentalism. Holds seminars; conducts speaking tours; maintains library. Offers support groups and a national hotline. FA is not considered to be a religious group or anti-Christian. Publications: FA Newsletter, monthly; also publishes: There is a Way Out (booklet).

***16278* INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM FEDERATION (Cults) (IFF)**
P.O. Box 381 Phone: (313) 775-5693
Lathrup Village, MI 48076 Edward M. Mielock, Pres.
Founded: 1975. Members: 5300. Staff: 2. Regional Groups: 60. Individuals united to aid what the federation regards as victims of "destructive" cults and to provide support to victims' friends and families. (According to IFF, a cult is destructive when it uses mind control and psychological coercion to gain and hold converts.) Conducts educational campaign stressing the nature and dangers of "destructive" cults; teaches ways to prevent conversion of susceptible individuals. Maintains library; bestows awards; operates speakers bureau. Computerized Services: List of destructive cults; bibliography of books on destructive cults. Affiliated With: Citizens Freedom Foundation (parent). Formerly: (1979) Individual Freedom Foundation. Convention/Meeting: annual - always October.

***16279* PROJECT YEDID (Cults) (PY)**
c/o Jewish Community Center Phone: (301) 542-4900
5700 Park Heights Ave. Molly Koch, Dir.
Baltimore, MD 21215
Founded: 1980. Staff: 6. Works to prevent young people, particularly young Jews, from becoming involved in cults. Serves as information clearinghouse on cults and acts as resource center. Provides counseling services and early prevention seminars for parents of young children. Presents cult recruitment techniques seminars for high school and college students; conducts weekly discussion groups for high school students as part of an outreach program. Maintains speakers' bureau. Publications: Newsletter, irregular. Also Known As: Project Friend.

***16280* SORTING IT OUT (Cults) (SIO)**
P.O. Box 9446 Phone: (415) 524-3200
Berkeley, CA 94709 Susan Rothbaum, Exec. Dir.
Founded: 1979. Assists individuals who have disassociated themselves from spiritual groups and religions. Neither condemns nor endorses the beliefs of any particular sect, but acts as a platform for questioning and re-evaluating the basic assumptions of the groups, thereby allowing the individual to examine and work through their unresolved feelings about the spiritual groups. Operates on the belief that individuals often feel confused and without purpose after severing ties with such groups.

***16281* SPIRITUAL COUNTERFEITS PROJECT (Cults) (SCP)**
P.O. Box 4308 Phone: (415) 540-0300
Berkeley, CA 94704 Karen Hoyt, Exec. Dir.
Founded: 1975. Staff: 11. Evangelical Christian group that critiques current spiritual trends and movements on the basis of the Bible; exposes modern cults as they arise, with emphasis on those bearing resemblance to or relationships with ancient Oriental religions; alerts others to what is seen as a shift in cultural trend from Judeo-Christian ethics to occultism, mysticism, and denial of the "personal God of the Bible." Was successful in bringing suit against Transcendental Meditation in New Jersey schools. Provides materials on such subjects as Transcendental Meditation, est, Scientology, the New Age movement, Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church, UFOs, and holistic health. Maintains library of 2500 volumes. Telecommunications Services: ACCESS, an information and referral service at (415) 540-5767. Publications: (1) Newsletter, quarterly; (2) Journal, annual; also publishes catalog, books, booklets, and produces tapes.

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***16282* DIVINE SCIENCE FEDERATION INTERNATIONAL (DSFI)**
c/o Jennie S. Goxcochea Phone: (813) 542-1882
170 S.W. 51st Terrace Jennie S. Goxcochea, Pres.
Cape Coral, FL 33914
Founded: 1956. Members: 375. Staff: 3. State Groups: 38. Service organization for members of Divine Science churches and centers. (The Divine Science message emphasizes the importance of individual freedom in matters of religious belief. It stresses that God "is equally present everywhere, is pure Spirit, absolute, changeless, eternal, manifesting in all creation and in every person." These teachings require autonomy for fellowships and churches.)

Purposes are to unite all Divine Science churches, fellowships, and centers; to promote Divine Science principles and ideas; to present Divine Science teachings to the world as a Christian religion; to ordain ministers under federation approval. Sponsors retreats; promotes field trips and seminars. Administers Divine Science/Education. Offers placement service; compiles statistics. Publications: (1) *Aspire/Spirit*, monthly; (2) *Divine Science Messenger*, quarterly; also publishes books. Convention/Meeting: biennial conference and retreat (with exhibits) - 1986 October, Birmingham, MI; 1988 September, Birmingham, MI.

***16283* DIVINE SCIENCE MINISTERS ORGANIZATION (DSMA)**
2025 35th St., N.W. Phone: (202) 333-7630
Washington, DC 20007 A. G. Salazar, Ph.D., Pres.
Founded: 1984. Members: 72. Licensed and ordained Divine Science ministers. Purpose is to support and encourage individual ministers to apply and practice the principles of Divine Science in the organization and ministry of individual churches and centers. Convention/Meeting: biennial conference - in conjunction with Divine Science Federation International. 1986 September, Birmingham, AL. Also holds biennial regional meeting.

***16284* ORTHODOX THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY IN AMERICA (Eastern Orthodox) (OTSA)**
c/o Rev. Thomas Fitzgerald
Holy Cross School of Theology
50 Goddard Ave.
Brookline, MA 02146 Rev. Thomas Fitzgerald, Pres.
Founded: 1968. Members: 95. Professors of theology; scholars. Founded to serve the Orthodox Church in America by fostering cooperation among Orthodox theologians, coordinating Orthodox theological activity in the U.S., and providing an opportunity for theological discussions, and encouraging research and writing in the field. Organized under the auspices of the Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in America. Sponsors international conferences. Publications: (1) *Bulletin*, monthly; (2) *Presidents Report*, annual; (3) *Membership Directory*, periodic. Convention/Meeting: annual conference.

***16285* SOCIETY OF ORTHODOX YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS (Eastern Orthodox) (SOYO)**
c/o Office of Youth Coordinator
R.D. #1, Box 307 Phone: (412) 238-2551
Bolivar, PA 15923 David Barr, Coordinator
Founded: 1938. Members: 3500. Regional Groups: 6. Local Groups: 130. Orthodox Catholic youth. Aims to: cultivate the true spirit and understanding of Eastern Orthodoxy; discipline youth for a fuller participation in the life of the church; perpetuate and disseminate the faith of their forefathers. Promotes and participates in religious lectures, conferences, and retreats; distributes religious material, including books to groups, colleges, and universities; sponsors seminarians at various theological schools; cooperates with other Orthodox Catholic youth groups and college student fellowships "for the common welfare and final union of the church in America." A member of the Council of Eastern Orthodox Youth Leaders of the Americas (see separate entry). Committees: Bible Bowl Contest; Campus Ministry; Christian Education; Creative Arts Contest; Creative Writing Contest; Humanitarian; Missionary Activity; Oratorical Contest; Poetry and Photography Festivals; Sacred Music; Social Awareness; Spiritual Involvement. Also Known As: SOYO. Formerly: Syrian Orthodox Youth Organization. Convention/Meeting: semiannual - always January and July.

***16286* STANDING CONFERENCE OF THE CANONICAL ORTHODOX BISHOPS IN THE AMERICAS (Eastern Orthodox) (SCOBA)**
Eight E. 79th St. Phone: (212) 570-3590
New York, NY 10021 Archbishop Iakovos, Chm.
Founded: 1960. Members: 9. Staff: 2. Presiding hierarchs of nine Eastern Orthodox ecclesiastical bodies in the Western Hemisphere. Agency "to centralize and coordinate the mission of the Orthodox Church in the Americas." Acts as a clearinghouse to focus efforts of the church on common concerns and to avoid duplication and overlapping of agencies and services. Committees: Campus; Canonical; Christian Education; Communications; Ecumenical Relations; Liturgical; Military and Other Chaplaincies; Regional Clergy Fellowships; Study and Planning. Publications: (1) *On The Upbeat*, 10/year; (2) *Young Life*, 10/year; also publishes Guidelines for Orthodox Christians in Ecumenical Relations. Affiliated With: Orthodox Theological Society in America. Convention/Meeting: semiannual - 1987 Mar. 10 and Oct. 13, New York City.

***16287* AMERICAN FORUM FOR JEWISH-CHRISTIAN COOPERATION (Ecumenical) (AFJCC)**
1407 Montfort Dr. Phone: (717) 236-0437
Windsor Farms Rabbi David Z. Ben-Ami, Chm.
Harrisburg, PA 17110
Founded: 1980. Clergymen, political leaders, government officials, ambassadors, business leaders, ethnic and religious leaders, congressional members, and others united to engage in a program of interreligious dialogue and education. Fosters understanding between Jews and Christians with the