Bibliography

This section of the journal lists (a) samizdat (self-published material) from or about religious groups in the USSR; (b), significant Soviet press articles on religion and atheism; (c) important Soviet books on religion and atheism, and (d) significant Western books and articles on religion in communist countries.

RCL lists all religious samizdat from the beginning of 1972 as well as important documents of an earlier date which have only recently reached the West. Where no published source is given, a Russian (or other original language) text is available at CSRC unless otherwise stated. Researchers who wish to order copies of these documents are invited to do so, but are asked to observe the following conditions. Where a published source is given, texts should be ordered directly (relevant addresses are given at the end of the Bibliography). Texts ordered from CSRC cost 5p per page; postage and 40p conversion charge on foreign cheques will be added to the bill.

RCL Nos. 1, 1973 to 1, 1974 has covered Soviet press articles from January 1972 to August 1973. The present issue deals with the period September-October 1973. Most of the articles listed are filed at CSRC; those not available are marked with an asterisk. A copying service is again offered at the same rate.

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2. Appeal to Soviet society by V. I. Chernyshov, Leningrad, January. On the imprisonment of dissidents in mental hospital, where he is himself. He also speaks of Christians there and calls on Christians outside to work for their release, and to pray for his soul. Russian in Possev, May 1971, pp. 3-4.

3. Letter to the head of the Russian Orthodox Church from V. N. Chalidze, Moscow, 26 February. The human rights leader appeals on behalf of the Orthodox believers of Narofominsk who are trying to have their church re-opened. Russian: re-typed in the West 1 p. German in Zeit Bild, 25 August 1971, p. 4.

4. Not with Sword and Spear by A. Krasnov (Levitin). The last article he wrote before his trial in April 1971; on the arrest of Vladimir Bukovsky. Russian in Vestnik RSKhD, I-1971, pp. 136-142.

6. Appeal to the Commission on the Local Council from Fr. G. Yakunin, Moscow, 13 May. He appeals for the ban to be lifted from himself and Fr. Eshliman. He is presently serving in the church called “Unexpected Joy”. Russian: Vestnik RSKhD, Nos. 104/5, pp. 149-152. French: Catacombes, May 1973, p. 12.


10. Appeal to His Holiness Patriarch Pimen from Fr. N. Gainov, F. Karelin, L. Regelson, V. Kapitanchuk, 22 September. The writers ask that their letter to the Local Council (see ds/71/0/6) be considered. Fr. Gainov was dismissed on 17 June 1971. Russian: 8 pp. re-typed in the West.

11. Telegram to N. Struve from Fr. G. Yakunin, Moscow, 15 November. He refutes the report in the last Vestnik RSKhD that he had gone to the mountains to await the Second Coming and that he was influenced towards fanaticism by Karelin, who is a level-headed and sincere believer. Russian: Vestnik RSKhD, No. 100, p. 326.


DS/74/0/


Evangelical Christians and Baptists

DS/68/B/

1. Open Letter to Brezhnev, Podgorny and Kosygin from the Barnaul church, undated, probably end of 1968. A review of the difficult history of this

DS/71/B/
1. **Declaration** to Mr. Kosygin from the publishing agency “The Christian”, 5 June. The Church has been short of religious literature for decades, it cannot be imported, nor has permission been granted to print it in state establishments. They have therefore been forced to build their own presses. “The Christian” is a voluntary association and cannot divulge names of participants because of inevitable persecution. Russian: Possev, October 1971, p. 12. German: Glaubenskampf im Osten und Wir, No. 1, p. 16. Italian: Russia Cristiana, No. 121, pp. 77-8. Dutch: Internationale Spectator, 22 April 1973, pp. 270-1.


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22. **Appeal** to Mr. Brezhnev et al. from ECB Christians of Moscow and region, 30 May. Continuing and increasing persecution, although the law is on their side. Unsuccessful attempts to register. Russian: 7 pp. Carbon copy.

23. **Complaint** to Mr. Brezhnev from believers in Perm, undated. They have unsuccessfully applied for registration; instances of harassment. Russian: 1 page handwritten.


25. **Fraternal Leaflet** No. 4, 1973 (July-August). Harvest time; there are new converts in almost all congregations, especially some 1,500 young people. Success of the printing work. Russia: 2 sides, printed.

26. **Complaint** to Mr. Brezhnev from the believers of Perm, undated. In support of Mrs. Radygina who has lost two children (see DS/73/B/14, 15). Russian: 1 p. handwritten.

27. **Letter** to Mr. Kosygin from 65 out of some 100 members of the church in Kazan, undated. Appeal on behalf of Mrs. Radygina. Surnames of signatories not given because of possible reprisals. Russian: 1 p. typed.

28. **Declaration** to Mr. Brezhnev from the church in Chelyabinsk, 8 September. An appeal for Mrs. Radygina makes reference to the Bible and the Declaration of Human Rights. Russian: 1 p. carbon.

29. **Declaration** to Mr. Podgorny from the CCCECB, 17 September. They speak of Pastor Baturin (see RCL 2/73/ p. 17) and the whole work of the Church.
Demand for normalisation of their legal position. Russian: text in *Fraternal Leaflet*, No. 4, 1973 (see ds/73/b/25).


31. Official documents from Perm mainly to G. P. Okunev, dated variously 23 January-9 October. Details of fines, receipts, court summonses. Okunev is 78 and fines are subtracted from his pension. Russian: 15 items.

32. Declaration to Mr. Brezhnev from believers of Magnitogorsk, 16 October. In support of Mrs. Radygina. Russian: 2 pp. handwritten.

33. Declaration to Mr. Podgorny from church in Cheboksary, Chuvash ASSR, 26 October. On believers’ rights, especially Mrs. Radygina. Russian; 1 p. carbon copy.

34. *Open Letter* to Brezhnev and Podgorny, also the World Youth Federation, from Baptist young people in Gomel, 27 October. There is continuing repression of Christian youth; a birthday party was broken up. Russian; 5 pages handwritten.

35. *Fraternal Leaflet* No. 5, 1973 (September-October). The official Baptist Church has failed to submit to the Lordship of Christ. Persecutions in Moscow, Omsk, the Crimea, Kharkov. Russian: 2 sides, printed.

36. Declaration to Mr. Brezhnev from believers in Kizner district, Udmurt ASSR, 4 November. In support of Mrs. Radygina. Russian: 2 sides, handwritten.

37. Declaration to Kosygin, Brezhnev, Podgorny and Rudenko from believers in V.-Polyana, Kirov region, 4 November. Appeal for Mrs. Radygina. Russian: 1 p. typed.

38. Declaration to Mr. Brezhnev from believers in Kukmor district, Tatar ASSR, 5 November. In support of Mrs. Radygina. Russian: 1 p. handwritten.

39. Letter to friends in Germany from David Klassen, Frunze, Kirgizia, 13 November. He came home after release from labour camp on 3 November. He thanks friends for their prayer support. German in *Bruderblatt*, December 1973, p. 3.

40. Declaration to Dr. Waldheim with request to forward it to the Soviet Government and others; signed by 42 German members of the Barnaul church, 12 December. This is the third year they have been without civil documents. Vladimir Müller applied for permission to emigrate to Germany (see ds/73/b/20) and has been arrested. Mikhalkov’s case has not been properly reviewed. They all appeal for permission to emigrate to Germany. Russian: 3 pp. photocopy. English: to be published in *Open Doors*, February-March 1974.

41. Declaration from the Leningrad church to Mr. Brezhnev et al., 30 December. Paper found in believers’ flats during searches was stamped and it was forbidden to use it for church purposes. Lukas’ and Makhovitsky’s homes searched twice. Russian: 2 pp. typed.


ROMAN CATHOLIC AND EASTERN-RITE CATHOLIC


MISCELLANEOUS

1. Destruction of the face of Moscow, anon., 1970. List of 143 churches, 6 chapels and 12 historical monuments removed or destroyed in Moscow. Russian: 9 pp. re-typed in the West.


Soviet Press Articles

Date September 1973
1 Sovetskaya Kirgizia “Propaganda of scientific atheism”. There are 32 atheist councils in one region of the capital (Frunze) alone.
5 Freundschaft “The way back to life”. German-language version of the interview between Prof. Brazhnik and Maria Braun, former reform Baptist. First printed in Nauka i religia, July 1973 (see RCL No. 1, 1974).
14 Kommunist Tadzhikistana “Treasures of Adzhina-Tepa”. Discovery of a Buddhist monastery dating from the 6th/7th century.
18 Znamya yunosti “Young obscurantists”. An anti-communist demonstration in the West is said to have consisted mainly of students from religious colleges.
18 Sovetskaya Latvia “Caution: paramedicine”. Doctor warns against folk remedies from the quack to the occult.
*27 Trud “Scoundrel in a surplice”. A seminarist is accused of theft from Vladimir museum and assault.
28 Znamya yunosti “The frontier passes through the heart”. First of three articles on ideological diversion, this deals with religious smuggling.
*28 Sovetskaya Kirgizia “Anti-scientific predictions”. The theme of the Second Coming in Baptist sermons.
- *Nauka i religia* No. 9, pp. 10-11. “Personal authority”. An atheist worker converted a young priest to atheism through her club.
- *Ditto*, pp. 14-15. “Something to think about”. A school headmaster talks about a child who is religious, and misses lessons; his home life.
- *Ditto*, pp. 22-5. “On young people’s reading and the problems of education”. Young people’s reading must be carefully guided to prevent harmful influences.
- *Ditto*, pp. 87-91. “Jesus Christ Superstar”. Reason for success of this musical; the hippy movement in general.

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4 *Pravda* “On foot through Zaonezhye”. On the preservation of monuments including churches such as the one at Kizhi.
10 *Sovetskaya Rossiya* “Know our own”. On the preservation of national monuments including the Annunciation church in Tula.
12 *Pravda Ukrainy* “Raise the role of the local press”. Central Committee of the Ukrainian Communist Party mentions the weakening of atheist propaganda in the press.
12 *Molodezh Estonii* “Lessons from one incident”. A woman is branded as a witch.
25 *Sovetskaya Rossiya* “To the Peace Fund”. The Russian Orthodox Church gives 3 million roubles.
25 *Znamya yunosti* “Smoke in the eyes”. On the fashion for icons, etc. among young people.
30 *Molodezh Moldavii* “An intellectual in the village”. Atheist work among sectarian, possibly Adventist children.
— *Agitator* No. 20. “Who are the Old Believers?” Short history of this group in Russia – contemporary decline.
— *Bratsky vestnik* No. 5, pp. 17-21. “Two weeks in the FRG”. A Russian Baptist delegation to West Germany meets Russian émigrés and appears on Hamburg TV.
— *Ditto*, pp. 53-8. “The Holy Scriptures on marriage and divorce”. By request from readers; based on treatise by I. S. Prokhanov. The state regulates these matters for citizens.
— *Ditto*, 58-60. “Warning to those who consider themselves pious”. Some church workers do not know Christ; false brethren consider themselves more pure after bringing division into the church.
— *Nauka i religia* No. 10, pp. 41-3. “What can be done here?” Investigation of so-called holy places.
— *Ditto*, pp. 48-50. “Getting to know atheism”. Schoolchildren draw pictures on atheist themes.
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(published in 1973)

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