



Union Gospel Press Policy Guidelines

1. **NONATTACK POLICY**—Union Gospel Press does not feel called upon to aggressively attack groups or doctrinal beliefs with which it may disagree. Our conviction is that much more can be accomplished by emphasizing the truth of the Word of God positively because the Word of God is laden with so many doctrinal positives that negatives are totally unnecessary to make a point.

However, certain types of factual articles about the contemporary scene, written by reputable authorities may be published. The motive for such articles, which may deal with trends, would be to educate, not to attack or antagonize.

2. **DOCTRINAL BASICS**—Union Gospel Press does not permit in its publications the denial of the virgin birth of Christ, His blood atonement, His bodily resurrection, or any of the foundational truths of our historic Christian faith.
3. **SEPARATION**—The Word of God teaches that born-again believers should not be allied with the world (world system) in its social activities. Rather, they should “love not the world, neither the things that are in the world” (I John 2:15, but be “separate” from it (II Cor. 6:17). They “have in heaven a better and enduring substance” (Heb. 10:34).
4. **BAPTISM**—It is not the purpose of Union Gospel Press to specify in its publications any particular mode of Christian water baptism, regardless of its own particular belief. There are definite examples of the scriptural mode stated in the Word of God, particularly in the book of Acts. In Union Gospel Press publications we prefer to mention only the act and its importance, rather than the mode of baptism.
5. **ETERNAL SECURITY**—Union Gospel Press promotes the teaching that all who are truly born again are “kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation” (I Pet. 1:5) and are secure in Christ (John 10:28-29). This permits no license to sin.

Union Gospel Press has both Arminian and Calvinistic subscribers and does not feel that its main purpose is to unite the beliefs or to settle the conflict between these two or any other groups.

We do not use it in our literature the expression “eternal security” because it is not found in the Bible. We do refer to “eternal salvation” or “eternal life,” which are scriptural terms. Scriptural terms and expressions provide no cause for controversy.

Neither Calvinists nor Arminians object to references to assurances of salvation or to an accurate exegesis of a verse or verses in a positive way. The problem arises when a writer adds negative statements, such as, “A believer cannot be lost,” “A believer cannot lose his salvation,” “Once saved, always saved,” and the like.

6. **IMMORTALITY**—The phrase “immortal soul,” or reference to it, does not appear in God’s Word. When the words “immortal” and “immortality” do appear therein, they refer only to the sovereign God and to the glorified body of the believer. Referring to God: “The King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God” (I Tim. 1:17); “the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; who only hath immortality” (6:15-16). He only has brought it to light “through the gospel” (II Tim. 1:10). Referring to people: It speaks of the corruptible bodies of believers changed into incorruptible bodies (I Cor. 15:52), which must be “put on” (vss. 53-54) when Christ returns to change and receive them to Himself (Phil. 3:20-21).
7. **DIVINE HEALING**—Union Gospel Press believes in divine healing as it is taught in the Word of God. When Jesus was on earth, He healed the sick. He also commissioned and empowered His disciples to do the same (Matt. 10:1, 8; Mark 3:14-15; Luke 9:2; 10:9). After Pentecost some believers were given “the

gifts of healing” (I Cor. 12:9, 28). Even today God heals people who ask Him in faith and according to His will (I John 5:14), meeting the conditions stated in James 5:14-16.

8. **CUTLS AND ISMS**—It is our policy not to name false cults such as Christian Science, Seventh Day Adventism, Jehovah’s Witnesses, etc. These are religions based on Bible perversions, originating in the United States.

It is permissible, however, to refer to heathen religions, such as Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, etc., by name. These have their origins in foreign countries and are based on some human being rather than on the Bible. Furthermore, the worship of idols is a vital part of many heathen religions.

9. **QUESTIONABLE ORGANIZATIONS**—Union Gospel Press does not endorse any individual or organization that promotes modernism and liberalism.

10. **SECRET ORDERS**—Union Gospel Press does not endorse secret orders.

11. **ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT**—Union Gospel Press does not endorse the ecumenical movement, and similar movements, which we understand will ultimately develop into a one-world church that will be under the judgment of God (Rev. 17). The spirit of such a movement is far removed from the unity and oneness of believers spoken of in Ephesians 4:4-7 and Psalm 133:1, which Union Gospel Press teaches in its literature. Union Gospel Press is not ecumenical in the sense that various religious groups use the term in seeking to come together, as, for example, Protestants, Catholics, and Jews holding a joint religious service. Articles which give this impression are not allowed in our publications.

12. **SUNDAY ACTIVITIES**—We believe that the Lord’s Day is the one day in the week which God gave to His born-again children for special public and private worship of Him. On the Lord’s Day Christians should not engage in unnecessary secular activities that can be done the other six days of the week. For example, gasoline and groceries can usually be purchased on weekdays. Recreational activities should not be indulged in on the Lord’s Day. However, it is to be understood that possible exception should be made for emergencies, absolute necessities, and for the welfare of the public.

13. **ALCOHOL**—The Bible condemns drunkenness.

14. **WOMEN PREACHING**—In Acts 2:17-18; 21:8-9 and I Corinthians 11:5, the words “prophesy” and “prophesieth” have the meaning of preaching, or proclaiming, God’s Word. God’s Word does not appear to disapprove of women preaching if they do not “teach, nor . . . usurp authority over the man” (I Tim. 2:12).

15. **TAKE-HOME PAPER ARTICLES**—These papers are not intended to be Bible-lesson teaching aids in the sense that our teacher and class quarterlies are. Instead, take-home papers emphasize the Christian life through the medium of articles about Christians and fiction stories with a Christian emphasis. It is not necessary for each article to contain a multitude of Scripture quotations and references. However, every take-home paper article should be biblically oriented with sound and solid Bible emphasis and teaching. The total thrust of every take-home paper should be such that after reading it, the reader feels that he has been helped in his Christian life. The papers are to be interesting, but their main purpose is more than simply to entertain.