# Religion

## Emotional healing needed within our churches

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There is a great need today for emotional healing within the body of Christ. The events which have taken place within large ministries have caused us to focus attention upon the strengths and weaknesses in our own churches.

We have become conscious of two things. The first is that in the days we face, it is essential that we seek the Spirit of the living Jesus more than the spirit of man.

Secondly, we will have to find individual emotional healing if we are to work comfortably together. For too long, because of our sinful hang-ups, we have rubbed salt into one another's wounded

Having spotted our need for emotional healing, where will we turn to get it? Many turn to psychiatry, but this human help was not utilized in the early church. They did, however, have

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a method of healing, but it was God's way - not those of man.

They had a great Counsellor (1) who had been sent into the church body after Jesus left. This Counsellor was the Holy Spirit, His voice available only to those who had accepted the Spirit of the resurrected Lord into their hearts.

Because of the renewal within Christian churches today, more and more people are sitting in the office of Heaven's Counsellor for emotional healing. He can point out to those who want to be healed the areas where they have been wounded in childhood, or even later, and how their past patterns of interaction with parents or siblings can now be broken.

A child who has been rejected will continue to feel rejected by everyone he meets throughout his life until he realizes he is no

longer a child, and that Jesus died to set him free from his sinful reactive pattern. Only when he is capable of discerning the problem, can the greatest Psychiatrist of all time touch and heal him.

Within the church body, many new counsellors are rising up helping church members understand how Jesus' blood sets free as it did in the early church, and more people are learning to listen to the voice from heaven and appropriate heaven's healing.

Very often deep emotional hurts allow the evil one access as well, but as Christians grow in faith and God's annointing comes upon them, this yoke of bondage is broken (2). In other words, the Holy Spirit of the living Jesus is able to break down anything Satan can throw at us.

As we find emotional healing within our churches, we will not need to be afraid to interact with one another. The love of God, not that of man, will bond us together into one great church, the Bride of Jesus Christ. As each member learns to love her Bridegroom, His love will be poured into our churches.

Peter compared the true church to a temple where each stone fits together. We are "as lively stones" (3) and, because we are alive and can hurt one another if our edges are rough, it is time we got rid of our sinful rough edges.

The answer lies in our willingness to pursue the Christian faith and Spirit to the point of being able to hear the voice of our great Counsellor. He is called the "Spirit of Truth" (4), because He tells us the truth about ourselves and about others. He helps us see the good in others rather than their

If we can be healed by God instead of worldly methods, not only will we receive personal healing, but our churches too will be healed of divisiveness and brokeness. Hallelujah! The victory is ours!

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KJV -- Is 10:27; I Pe 2:5; In 16:13 (Dorothy Palmer is a freelance writer and member of Halton Hills Outreach Faith Ministry, 877-4853. She and her

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meetings are July 13 and July 27.

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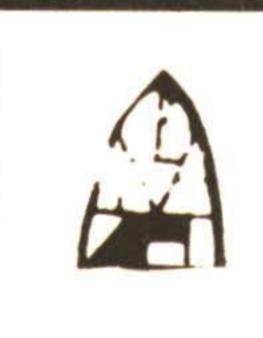
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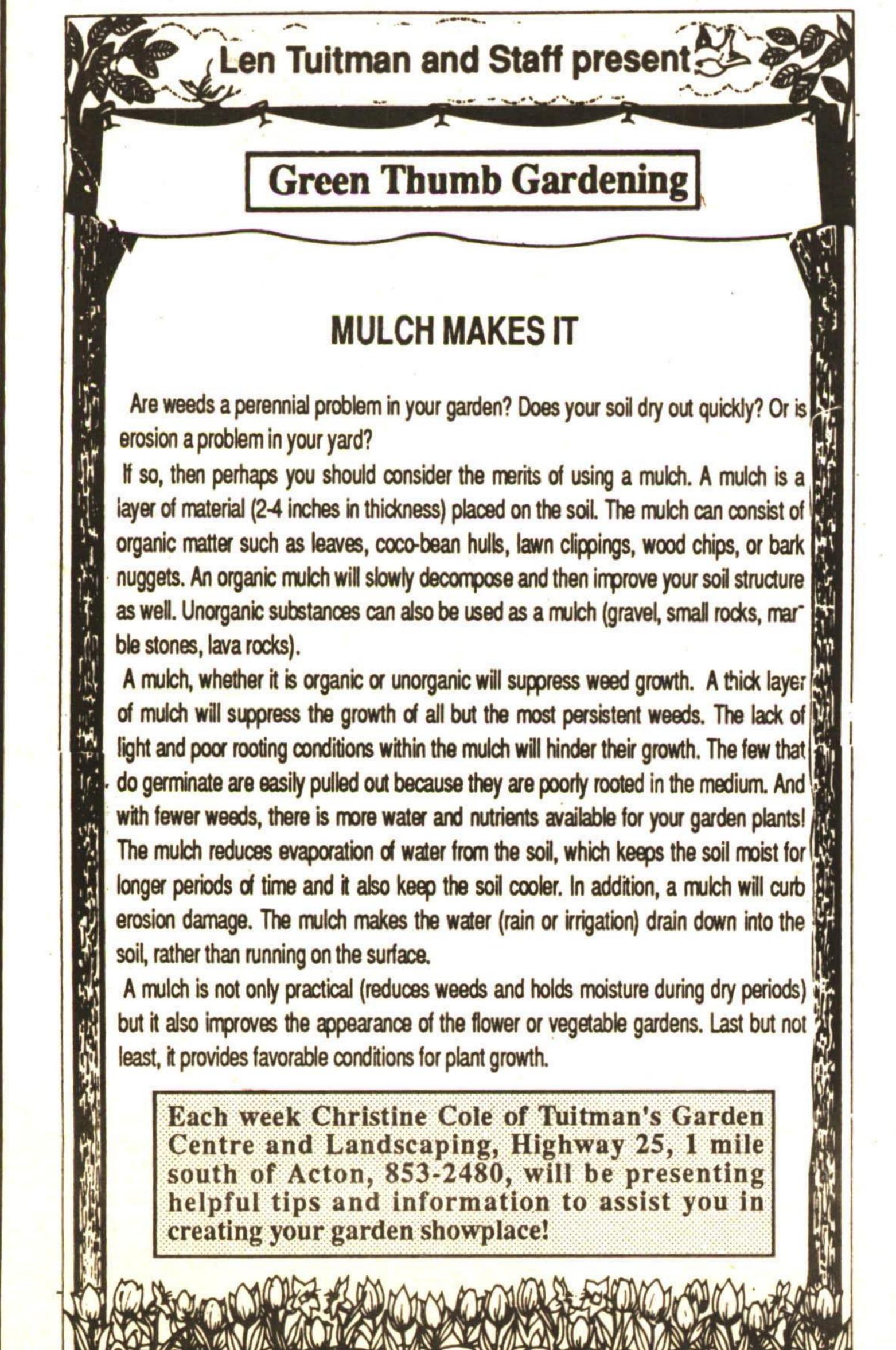
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