

Giving youth a helping hand

Finding a job is not an easy task. Competition is fierce. Employers want qualified, educated, experienced employees. Many young Canadians still face the cycle of "no experience—no job, no job—no experience."

The Liberal government is making a concerted effort to help youth acquire the necessary knowledge and skills to meet the challenges of today's demanding job market.

The Youth Employment Strategy was launched in February 1997. It focuses on preparing youth for the job market by creating work opportunities in promising fields that offer satisfying long-term career prospects. In 1998-1999, \$427 million has been committed to the Strategy. It is estimated that the Youth Employment Strategy, which brings together the efforts of the private sector, non-profit organizations, and community groups, will create at least 95,000 work experience opportunities each year.

The Strategy is made up of four different programs:

- Youth Internship Canada is designed to help integrate youth into the labor market. This program provides wage subsidies to employers to encourage them to offer meaningful work experiences to unemployed and under-employed youth.
- Youth Service Canada funds projects that provide at-risk youth, who have social or economic disadvantages, with valuable life and job skills.
- Summer Student Job Action provides

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wage subsidies to employers who offer jobs to youth, similar to Youth Internship Canada.

• The Youth Information Initiative helps youth gain the information they need to make informed decisions about their education and careers. This initiative funds activities such as Youth Info Fairs and Youth Awareness Initiatives to increase the knowledge and understanding of youth issues.

We know that the Strategy is working. Surveys show that 85-88 per cent of youth participating in the program are employed or in school six to 13 months after completing their placements. The Liberal government is working to provide youth with opportunities to get the education, training and job experience they need to lead us into the new millennium.

For more information about the Youth Employment Strategy call the Youth Info Line at 1-800-935-5555 or visit the website at <http://www.youth.gc.ca>.

Man facing impaired charge after accident

Halton Regional Police have charged a 55-year-old man with impaired driving and breach of recognizance following an accident on Mountainview Rd. S. Monday (Sept. 19) at 8:17 p.m.

After receiving information from a citizen, police charged Angelo Mallozzi of Norval.

He is to appear in court in Milton on Nov. 2.

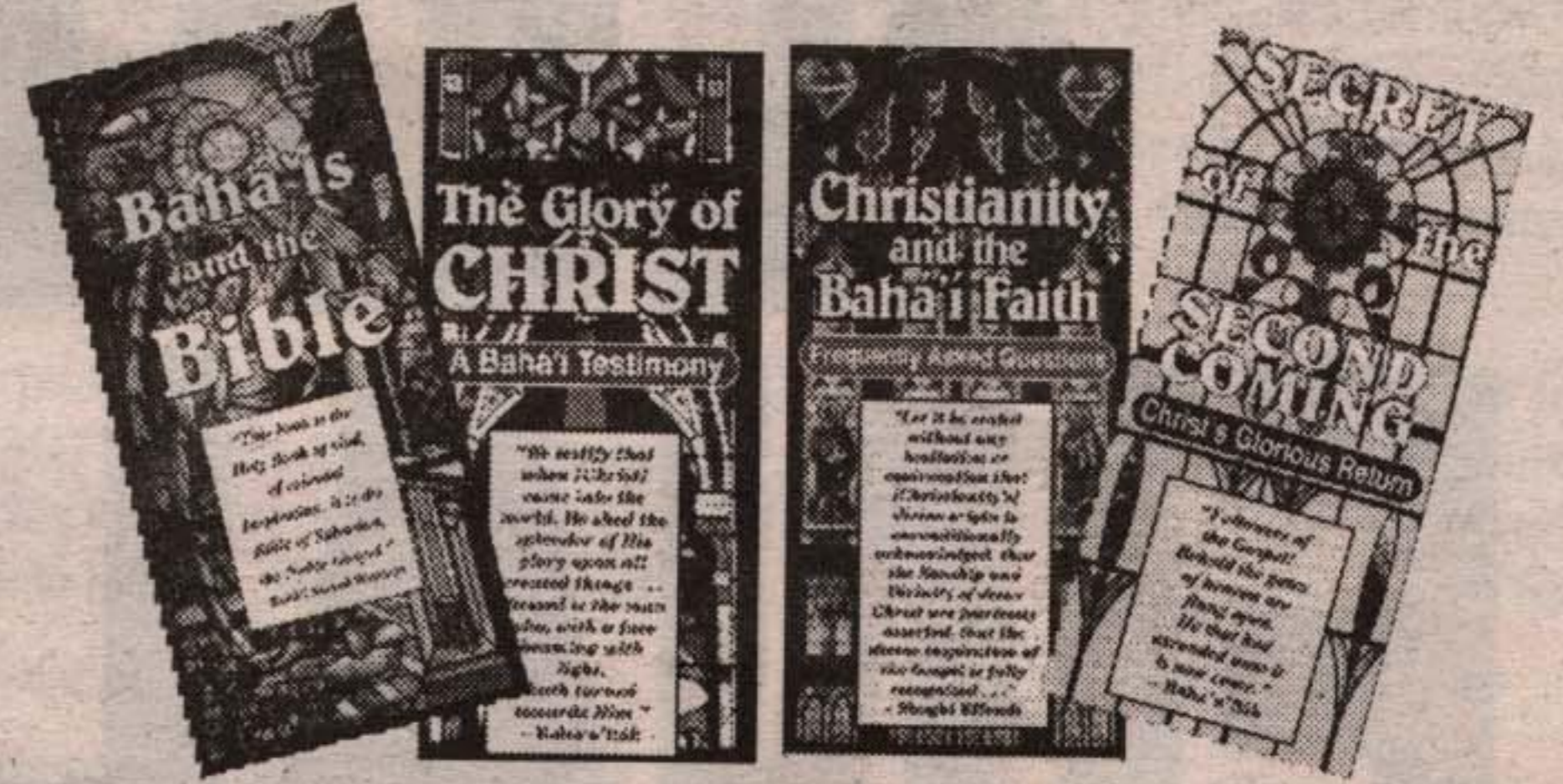
Are you curious about the relationship between Christianity and the Baha'i Faith?

- Do Baha'is believe in the Bible?
- Do Baha'is regard Christ as the Son of God?
- Do Baha'is uphold what the Bible says about Jesus Himself as God?
- Do Baha'is accept the Trinity?

Astonishingly, Baha'is will answer a resounding 'yes' to all the above questions! An independent religion founded in Iran in 1844, the Baha'i Faith exists to establish world unity among all the peoples of God. It's prophet-founder, Baha'u'llah, made significant assertions about the glory of Christ.

You can find out more by calling to receive a free package of four exciting brochures. These brochures are written to explain the divine mysteries which unite these two world religions.

Call 873-1245 to receive your package now!
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Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario

NO ONE WANTS AN ELEMENTARY TEACHERS' STRIKE IN HALTON - ESPECIALLY THE TEACHERS.

The teachers are defending quality education and their Collective Agreement. This is a dispute between the Halton District School Board and the members of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario - Halton Local.

The facts in Halton since 1992:

- 200 elementary teaching positions have been lost while enrolment has risen by over 1200 students
- planning time has been reduced by over 25%
- professional development funding has been reduced
- no salary increases - cost of living has risen 8.8%
- teachers lost salary as a result of the Social Contract
- benefits have been reduced

Halton teachers are determined to negotiate a fair and reasonable Collective Agreement - not one that is imposed by the Board.

Phone your local trustees. Tell them it's time to negotiate a fair collective agreement with the elementary teachers.

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A MESSAGE FROM HALTON ELEMENTARY TEACHERS