

ATTEMPT TO DUMP **MENTAL SCREENING FAILS**

Rep. Ron Paul hoped to stop mandatory federal program for children

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Note from Pastor Kevin: The voting down of Ron Paul's amendment is a very ominous sign of things to come. There are increasing cases in the U.S. where parents are being told that they must put their children on Ritalin (a form of Methamphetamine – and very addicting) or they will be taken away.

It is certain that if my parents had been raising me in the 60s with the same drug pushing mentality that exists in America today, they would have been encouraged to put me on Ritalin. However, what I really needed was discipline and a Jesus centered home. Lacking these I was an unruly delinquent who was kicked out of the house the summer before my senior year of High School.

I am thankful to Jesus that over time He brought others into my life to allow me to see Jesus. I wonder if I could have even listened to the gospel message if I was being doped up on Ritalin or one of its equivalent mind numbing cousins. Will your children find Jesus while on Ritalin, or will they grow up to be adult Methamphetamine users like so many have.

We must realize that billions of dollars are wrapped up in the mind control drug industry in this country. It is not just our children that the drug pushers want to make their millions on. I have heard of many examples where adults will tell their doctors they are having difficulty sleeping, feel discouraged, etc. and are instantly given a diagnosis, and offered an assortment of mind drugs.

As a pastor, I have see radical changes in people's personality and obedience to God's Word and later find out that they have gone on some form of mind control drug. Some tell me without the drug they loose their ability to remain spiritual. It amazes me that when I became a Christian 30 years ago, people had the Word of God, the indwelling Holy Spirit and the comfort of fellow believers during times of great stress and anxiety, and mind control pills were not even an option. Today, pill pushing is THE solution to all trials of life, and the Lord Jesus must be weeping.

I plead with you Christians to resist this drug pushing. As reported on various news shows like 60 Minutes, many doctors get kickbacks for pushing drugs. They are also overloaded, making it easy to say, "Take a pill and go."

Those who seek more information about this issue are encouraged to read Psychology Debunked subtitled, Revealing the Overcoming Life, by Lisa and Ryan Bazler.

2 Chr 16:12 And in the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa became diseased in his feet, and his malady was severe; yet in his disease he did not seek the LORD, but the physicians. (NKJ)

An amendment offered by Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, in the House of Representatives yesterday that would have remove from an appropriations bill a new mandatory mental-health screening program for America's children failed by a vote of 95-315.

Paul's amendment would have removed the program from the Labor, HHS and Education Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2005. Ninety-four Republicans and one Democrat sided with Paul, while 118 Republicans, 196 Democrats and one Independent voted against the amendment.

As WorldNetDaily reported, the New Freedom Initiative recommends screening not only for children but eventually for every American. The initiative came out of the New Freedom Commission on Mental Health, which President Bush established in 2002.

Critics of the plan say it is a thinly veiled attempt by drug companies to provide a wider market for high-priced antidepressants and antipsychotic medication, and puts government in areas of Americans' lives where it does not belong.

As WND reported yesterday, Kent Snyder of the Paul-founded Liberty Committee argued strongly against the program:

"The real payoff for the drug companies is the forced drugging of children that will result - as we learned tragically with Ritalin - even when parents refuse."

The congressman, who is known for his strict adherence to the Constitution, wrote in a letter to his colleagues before the vote: "As you know, psychotropic drugs are increasingly prescribed for children who show nothing more than children's typical rambunctious behavior. Many children have suffered harmful effects from these drugs. Yet some parents have even been charged with child abuse for refusing to drug their children. The federal government should not promote national mental-health screening programs that will force the use of these psychotropic drugs such as Ritalin."

The New Freedom Commission found that "despite their prevalence, mental disorders often go undiagnosed" and recommended comprehensive mental-health screening for "consumers of all ages," including preschool children.

The commission said, "Each year, young children are expelled from preschools and childcare facilities for severely disruptive behaviors and emotional disorders."

Schools, the panel concluded, are in a "key position" to screen the 52 million students and 6 million adults who work at the schools.