

United Church of God

San Francisco Bay Area

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On September 11, 2001, at 8:46 a.m., American Airlines Flight 11 struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center.



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Remember September 11th: A Hero's Story

Canadian Free Press

September 10, 2001

by

Beth Underwood

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Free Press



February 26, 1993
- first responders
evacuating
workers through
snow and ice after
the 1993 World
Trade Center
attack

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« Evacuation plan »

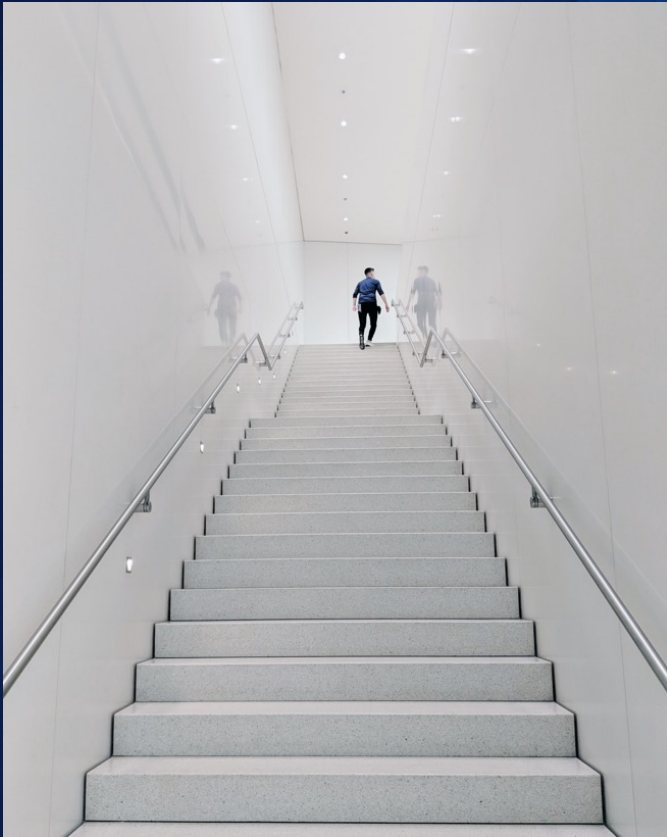


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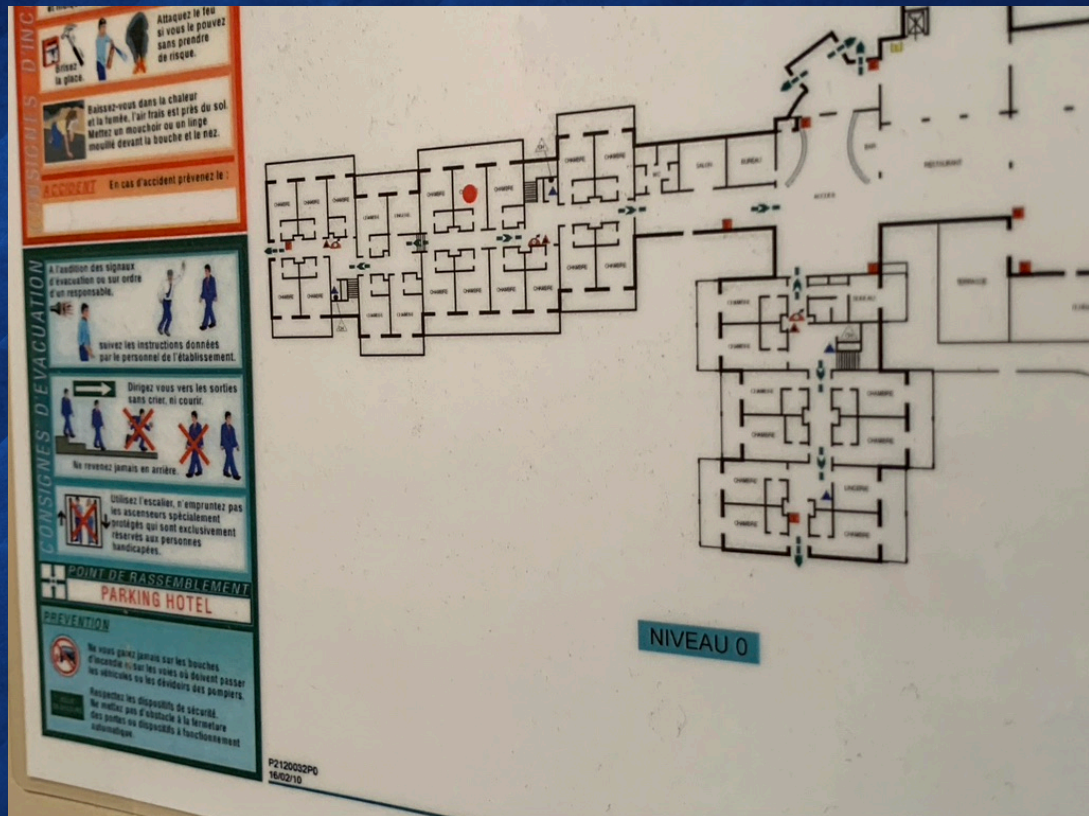


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Morgan Stanley's management expressed concern over the disruptive nature of the evacuation drills



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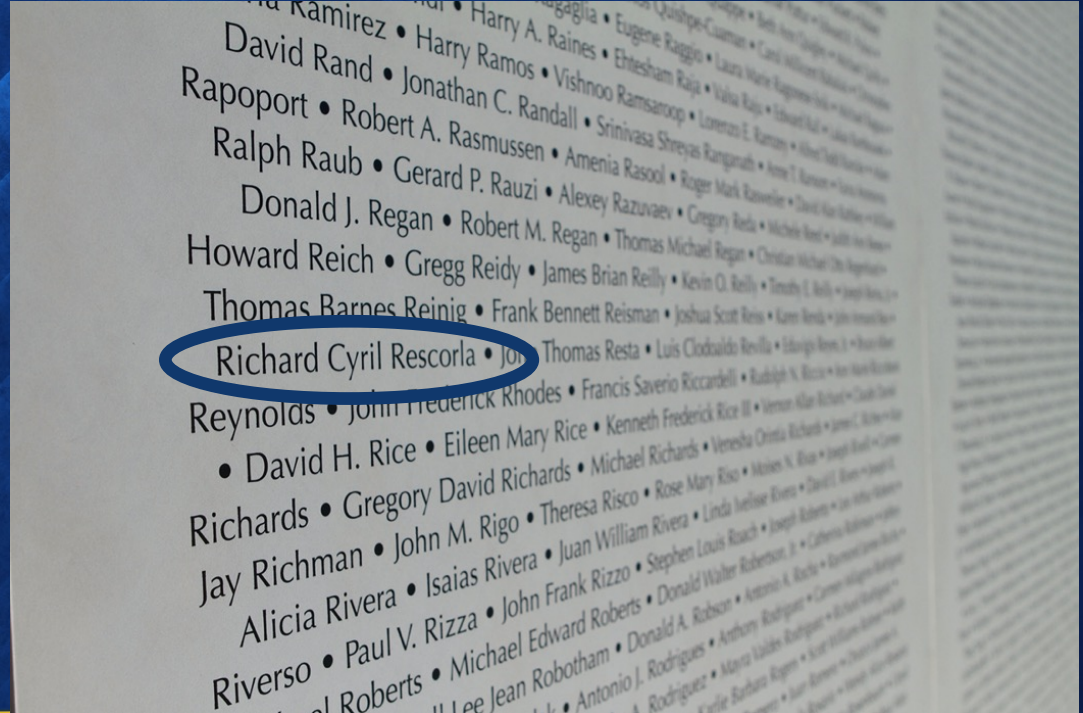


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Richard Rescorla returned to the South Tower and was never seen again.

Nearly 2,700 employees were evacuated from the South Tower.

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Our Future Role in the Kingdom?

Revelation 5:10



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Our Future Role as Priests?



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Greek for « Priest » in
Rev 5:10 is « hierous »
Strong's #2409
« A priest,
One who offers sacrifice
to a god (in Jewish and
pagan religions »

Our Future Role as *Sacrificers*

Revelation 5:10

Sacrificer according to the Oxford dictionary:

« One who offers up a sacrifice. »

Our Future Role as *Sacrificers*

As Christians we are priests today and will be priests tomorrow in that sense that we will make sacrifices – we will be sacrificers.

One Mediator between God and man

I Timothy 2:5



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What does it mean to be a sacrificer? Three Points:

1. What is a sacrifice?
2. What kind of sacrifices are we going to make?
3. What are the five specific spiritual sacrifices we are called to make now?



Sacrificers for our God

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1. What is a sacrifice?

Oxford English Dictionary:

Primarily, the slaughter of an animal (often including the subsequent consumption of it by fire) as an offering to God or a deity. Hence, in wider sense, the surrender to God or a deity, for the purpose of propitiation or homage, of some object of possession.

1. What is a sacrifice?

II Samuel 24:24

John 15:13

Oxford English Dictionary:
The destruction or surrender of something valued or desired for the sake of something having, or regarded as having, a higher or a more pressing claim; the loss entailed by devotion to some other interest; also, the thing so devoted or surrendered.

2. What kind of sacrifice are we going to make?

I Peter 2:4-5



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"The sacrifices will not be animal sacrifices, but spiritual sacrifices."

2. What kind of sacrifice are we going to make?

I Peter 2:9



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2. What kind of sacrifice are we going to make?

Psalms 51:16-17



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"...you do not take pleasure in
burnt offerings.
My sacrifice, O God, is a broken
spirit;"

Psalms 51:16-17

3. Five sacrifices that we will guide others to make during the millennium

Hebrews 13:10-15

1. Praise to God



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3. Five sacrifices that we will guide others to make during the millennium

Hebrews 13:16

2. Giving ourselves to the service of others



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"But whosoever shall deny me
before men, him will I also deny
before my Father who is in
heaven. »

Matthew 10:33

3. Five sacrifices that we will guide others to make during the millennium

Philippians 4:18

3. Our financial support of God's work



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3. Five sacrifices that we will guide others to make during the millennium

Revelation 8:2-4

4. Our Prayers



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"Let my prayer be set before
You *as* incense,
The lifting up of my
hands *as* the evening sacrifice."

Psalms 141:2

The next time we close our bedroom door to kneel down and pray, we should think about those prayers that are gathered and then offered before the throne of God.

3. Five sacrifices that we will guide others to make during the millennium

Romans 12:1

5. Our Life



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What are your life sacrifice goals
for the coming year?

Cyril Richard Rescorla
lived every day thinking
about how to protect the
employees of Morgan
Stanley.

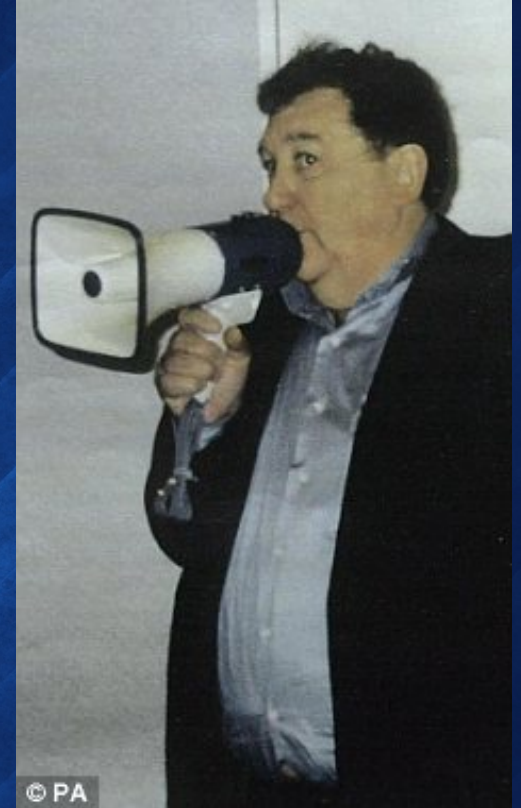


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We have been called to a royal priesthood through which we will offer spiritual sacrifices.



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1. Our praise to God
2. Our Time
3. Our financial resources
4. Our Prayers
5. Our Life

Let's put these into
practice today!