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Satanic Ritual Abuse

Until the latter part of the twentieth century, many forms of abuse were never recognized in our society. Unfortunately many children and adults suffered greatly as they waited for scientific studies and advocates to prove what they already knew existed. Domestic violence and sexual abuse is real. In recent years there has been growing concerns about another form of abuse: *satanic or ritual abuse*.

Some people believe its fear mongering and others state that the stories are so bizarre that the claim is not to be believed. Many police forces and psychiatrists across the United States and Canada are taking ritual abuse seriously. The Cincinnati Enquirer reported in March 2002 that Detective J.B. Chase of the Middletown Police Department educates new police recruits in several states about Satanism, cults and deviant behaviours associated with these beliefs. Many states have taken this form of abuse very serious and have passed laws making ritual abuse illegal.

What is Ritual Abuse?

Satanic ritual abuse is repeated physical, emotional, mental and sexual assaults against a child, adult or animal. The belief behind the abuse is to fulfill a prescribed ritual involving worship of Satan.

In a 1992 FBI report titled "Satanic Ritual Abuse" (written by Kenneth V. Lanning), it is recognized that the number of alleged cases over the years has grown with no shortage of victims claiming that there are thousands of offenders abusing and murdering children and adults as part of organized satanic cults.

The physical abuse is severe often including torture and sometimes murder. The sexual abuse is painful, sadistic and humiliating so that the offender gains dominance over the victim. Psychological or mental abuse involves the use of ritual or indoctrination methods such as mind control techniques and mind altering drugs.

Prevalence of Ritual Abuse

This form of abuse is often difficult to confirm. It is a fairly new recognized phenomenon in our society so the prevalence is hard to determine.

In 1987 the Children's Aid Societies of Ontario reported twelve cases of confirmed satanic cults in a three year period. The R.C.M.P. (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) suspects satanic cults being involved with several child abduction cases in Alberta. Over 100 ritual abuse cases a year are investigated in the United States. Almost every state has investigated some form of satanic activity.

In **Martensville**, Saskatchewan in the early 1990s, a police investigation heard stories of torture, sexual abuse, and a Devil Church where humans were sacrificed. Regardless of the satanic panic attack that occurred, Travis Sterling was charged and convicted of eight heinous crimes against children.

The Canadian Panel on Violence Against Women reports hearing from women who claim to be victims of ritual abuse. The Panel says, "There is a clear parallel between the longstanding disbelief of sexual abuse survivors and the present disbelief of ritual survivors."

Are ritual abuse victims in the position where domestic violence and sexual abuse victims were back in the sixties and seventies? Satanic and ritual abuse does exist, but to what degree is unknown.

Regardless, when someone claims they are a victim of satanic or ritual abuse it should be believed.

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Ritual Abuse Books

There have been many books written about the topic of ritual abuse crimes and treatment. This article will focus on five of these.

Ritual Abuse in the Twenty-First Century

This recent book contains articles from two dozen international authors writing about the psychological, forensic, social and political consequences and the ramifications of ritual abuse in modern times.

Cult and Ritual Abuse

This book published in two editions discusses the idea that ritual abuse is an age-old phenomenon and it is found in many cultures throughout the world. It explores the many specific psychiatric symptoms caused by ritual abuse, including dissociative identity disorder. The book was co-authored by James Randall Noblitt, a clinical psychologist and a professor and Director of the Psychology program at Alliant International University.

Treating Survivors of Satanist Abuse

Authors in this book discuss the clinical issues around the treatment of survivors of ritual Satanist abuse. Authors from the United States and the United Kingdom look at the historical foundations of ritual abuse and clinical accounts from children and adults. The editor, Valerie Sinason is the director of the Clinic for Dissociative Studies, London.

Breaking the Circle of Satanic Ritual Abuse

Daniel Ryder wrote this book about satanic cult ritual abuse. The book describes what satanic cult ritual abuse is, how survivors can

recover from it and work being done to fight this problem. Daniel Ryder was a Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor and Licensed Social Worker who had worked with ritual abuse victims for many years.

Forensic Aspects of Dissociative Identity Disorder

This recent book looks at the role of crime in the lives of people that suffer from Dissociative Identity Disorder. The book explores the legal, moral, ethical and clinical questions that psychotherapists and other professionals face while working with those suffering from Dissociative Identity Disorder.

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Voices of Ritual Abuse Survivors

There have been few public awareness campaigns to get ritual abuse recognized as a legitimate form of abuse. There's opposition that claims this form of abuse is nothing more than fear mongering. There are many books and [research papers](#) written by professionals and survivors that say ritual abuse is real. This is another case of history repeating itself; getting a valid form of abuse publicly recognized takes many years of advocating.

Survivors Speak

There's no shortage of web sites that offer information and help to survivors; many of these have guest books and comments.

At [Persons Against Ritual Abuse.org](#), one guest wrote, "My granddaughter is being sexually molested by her stepfather I now I've found out he is part of a cult. I reported them to childrens protective services and they said I was crazy."

At [VictoriousHeartInc.ca](#), a woman who has suffered abuse wrote, "So many people are unaware that it even exists and have no idea how to protect against it. And, they also have no idea what to if they survive the abuse! I survived and there is hope!!!"

Victorious Heart, a pseudonym, authored two books and is disheartened with people in society who are judgmental and are quick to dismiss survivors as insane. In her book, "Unlocking Buried Secrets" she talks about how most survivors suffer mental health illnesses such as depression, anxiety and post traumatic stress

disorder (PTSD) as a result of being abused, yet there are virtually no services to help.

Recognition

Getting recognition for ritual abuse is difficult as many people oppose some of the claims that ritual abuse is linked to Satanism, cults, radical churches and the Freemasons. Ritual abuse is often interchanged with Satanic ritual abuse (SRA) or Satanic abuse. However, back in 1987 the Children's Aid Societies of Ontario reported twelve cases of confirmed satanic cults in a three year period.

Victims of Violence has an extensive web site and reports that in almost every state in the U.S., there have been investigations into Satanic activity. Some states are now attempting to distinguish ritual child abuse as a specific crime. Many police forces are conducting seminars on how to better detect the presence of satanic cults, and how to examine crime scenes where cults are suspected of having been present.

Activities of Ritual Abuse

Human trafficking is reported to many counselors as being very common. Advocates Linda MacDonald, RN, BN, MEd and Jeanne Sarson, RN, BN, MEd agree. They formed a private practice in 1993 and have counseled many women who were tortured and used in human trafficking.

Other activities according to Victims of Violence include:

- Multiple offenders.
- Pornography.
- Giving drugs to children.
- Using children as young as 2 years of age.
- Sadistic and painful sexual abuse.
- Use of weapons (including pins and needles).

- Threats to kill loved ones if the secret is not kept.
- Mind control and hypnosis.
- Guilt and shaming the victim into submission and being silent.
- Use of urine, feces and blood.
- Electric shock.

Ritual abuse is real and those who survive this abuse need to be believed and supported. Anyone who needs immediate help can call the Victims of Violence Crisis Line at 1-888-606-0000. This crisis line is based in Ottawa and anyone who has suffered any form of abuse can call for help.

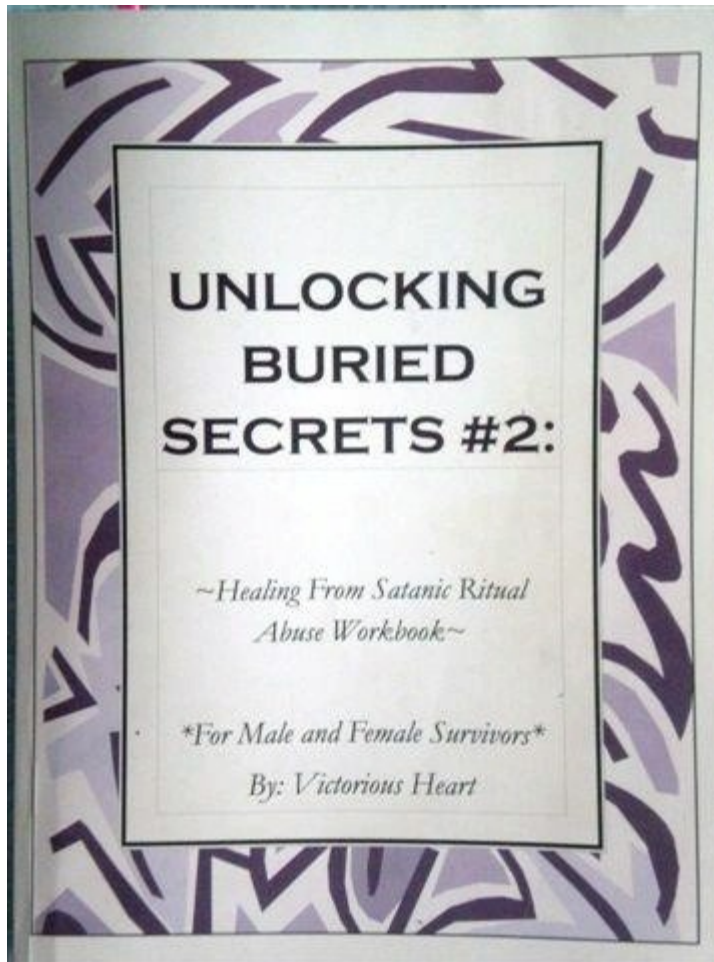
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Unlocking Buried Secrets

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Ritual Abuse Evidence

Ritual abuse has been defined as "a brutal form of abuse of children, adolescents, and adults, consisting of physical, sexual, and psychological abuse, and involving the use of rituals." (*Report of the Ritual Abuse Task Force - Los Angeles County Commission for Women*) and as "the abuse of a child, weaker adult, or animal in a ritual setting or manner....is generally used to mean prolonged, extreme, sadistic abuse, especially of children, within a group setting. The group's ideology is used to justify the abuse, and abuse

is used to teach the group's ideology. The activities are kept secret from society at large, as they violate norms and laws." (*Survivorship - Frequently Asked Questions*)

Lawrence Pazder introduced the term "ritualized abuse" in 1980, describing the experiences of an adult survivor that was disclosing satanic abuse memories. He defined the phenomenon as "repeated physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual assaults combined with a systematic use of symbols, ceremonies, and machinations designed and orchestrated to attain malevolent effects."

There is a lot of evidence supporting the existence of ritual abuse crimes as a worldwide phenomenon. Bottoms, Shaver and Goodman found in their 1993 study evaluating ritual abuse claims that in 2,292 alleged ritual abuse cases, 15% of the perpetrators in adult cases and 30% of the perpetrators in child cases confessed to the abuse.

Anne Johnson Davis in her book *Hell Minus One* reported that her parents confessed to her abuse in writing and verbally to clergymen, and to the detectives from the Utah Attorney General's Office. Her suppressed memories started when she was in her mid-30s, which were fully substantiated by her mother and stepfather.

Recently an online survey of over one thousand people (the Extreme Abuse Survey) answered questions about ritual abuse and extreme abuse crimes. In a summary of the survey, it was found that ritual abuse/mind control is a global phenomenon. Fifty-five percent stated they were abused in a Satanic cult.

Many scientific journal articles have discussed the reality of ritual abuse. A study which identified 270 cases of sexual abuse in day care settings found that allegations of ritual abuse occurred in thirteen percent of the cases. Additional evidence of ritual abuse in day care and child abuse cases has been found in news reports, journal articles and legal transcripts.

Ritual abuse occurrences have also been found in other places in the world besides the United States. Reports of ritual abuse have also been found in multiple personality disorder sufferers. Sociologist Stephen Kent believes that intergenerational satanic accounts are possible and that rituals related to them may come from a deviant interpretation of religious texts. Others have stated that the theories and research around recovered memory strongly confirm the reality of the ritual abuse of ritual abuse survivors.

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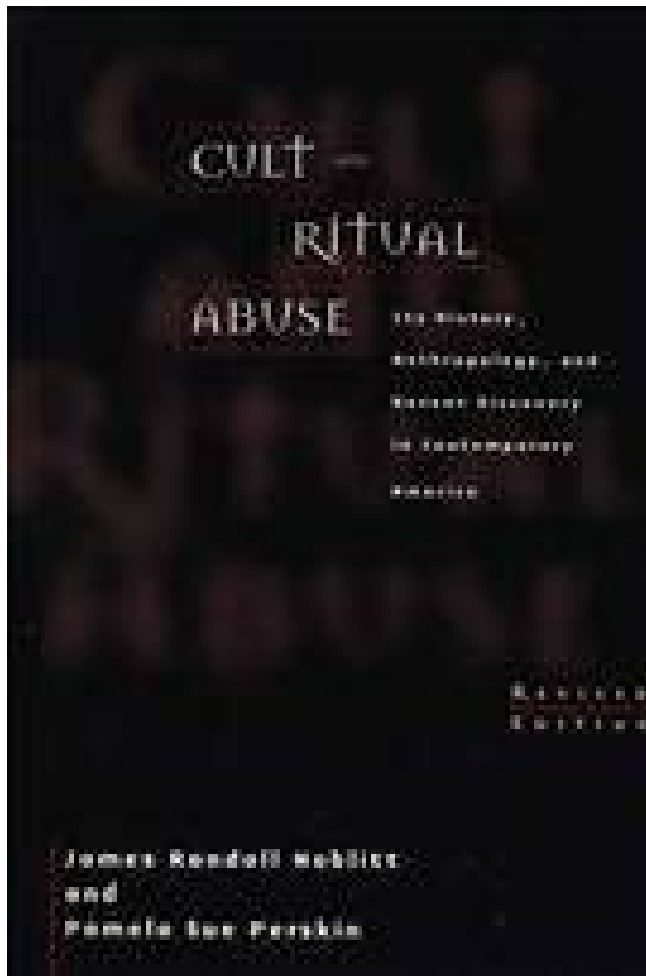
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Child Abuse Crimes

Posted on Oct 11, 2009 Children may not want to disclose their abuse due to embarrassment, fear, or the desire to protect their perpetrator, who is usually someone known by the family or a family member.

Extreme Abuse Surveys

Posted on Sep 27, 2009 Researchers from the United States and Germany, Wanda Karriker, Carol Rutz, Thorsten Becker and, Bettina Overcamp worked together to develop the three surveys.

Recovered Memories

Posted on Sep 13, 2009 It has been shown in several scientific studies that there is strong scientific evidence that recovered memories exist . The content of these memories have been shown to have relatively high corroboration rates. Evidence

Dissociative Identity Disorder or DID

Posted on Sep 7, 2009 Dissociative identity disorder (formerly called Multiple Personality Disorder or MPD) is defined in the DSM-IV-TR as the presence of two or more personality states or distinct identities that repeatedly take control of one's behavior. The person has an inability to recall personal information.

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