

## MEMORIAL

WALTER R. MARTIN

Hendrik H. Hanegraaff, chief executive officer of Christian Research Institute (CRI) in Irvine, California, announced the sudden death of CRI's founder and president, Walter R. Martin, on the morning of June 26, 1989. "We are thankful to God," said Hanegraaff, "that Dr. Martin was able to die peacefully at home, departing from his loved ones to the One he loved most." Martin, age 60, died suddenly and without pain of heart failure. In addition to his wife Darlene, Martin is survived by his children—Bryan, Jill, Danny, Cindy, Elaine, and Debbie—and five grandchildren.

Well known for the definitive work entitled *The Kingdom of the Cults* and "The Bible Answer Man" satellite-radio broadcast, Martin was recognized worldwide for his expertise in the area of Christian theology, comparative religions, cults, and the occult. He is listed in such acknowledged reference works as *Who's Who in Religion* and was a prolific writer and speaker.

Martin founded Christian Research Institute in 1960. As a result of his vision, CRI is now a transdenominational, first-rate, primary research organization that provides in-depth, current information on the cults, the occult, and aberrant Christian theology. Under his pioneering leadership CRI now embraces a wide range of research knowledge and retains a fulltime staff at its international headquarters.

Hanegraaff and the CRI staff are grateful for Martin's wisdom and foresight in preparing the organization for continued growth into the future. Hanegraaff commented that "the existence of the ministry of CRI is more important today in what many have described as the post-Christian era than it was when Dr. Martin founded it almost thirty years ago."