Roger J. Morneau Collection
Collection 308

Biographical

Roger J. Morneau (1925-1998) was born in Québec, Canada, into a very devout French Canadian Catholic family. After the death of his mother at an early age he began to question the beliefs of the Roman Catholic Church, eventually turning his back on the church. As a young adult he was introduced to spiritualism by a friend and almost joined a secret society that worshiped Satan.

Through Bible study with Cyril and Cynthia Grossè, and personal spiritual growth from God, Morneau was converted to Seventh-day Adventism. Later in his life he became renown as a prayer warrior with thousands of individuals on his prayer list. Morneau drew on his life experiences to help him write several books about the power of prayer and the realm of the supernatural.

Cyril (1926-2016) and Cynthia Grossè were pivotal in Morneau’s conversion, and also in later life. Sometime after Morneau’s conversion in Montreal, Quebec, the Grossè’s moved to the United States and became teachers in California, losing frequent contact with Morneau. Years later they met Morneau in Toronto and talked through the night reconnecting. They tried to convince Morneau to write a book about his experiences—see the letter of November 30, 1979. The demons had told Morneau that he would always be poor, and this was so. Grossè’s supported Morneau financially many times, including in the publication of his first book.

Scope and Content

The Roger J. Morneau collection consists of letters, stories, testimonies, and writings that Morneau produced through his life. The collection did not come from Morneau or his family. Rather it is materials collected by Cyril and Cynthia Grossè, close personal friends of Morneau, and the ones instrumental in his conversion to Seventh-day Adventism, and in the production of some of his books. As such, the contents reflect somewhat Grossè’s perspective.

The Morneau collection has personal documents, which consists of stories, letters, testimonies, and biographical information about his life as well as his interactions with other people. The collection also contains some original manuscripts and notes for his books.

Arrangement

The Center for Adventist Research organized and described this collection. It was received in several batches so there was no organization to it.
Extent

2 boxes [0.8 linear feet]

Provenance

The collection was donated, in several batches, to the Center for Adventist Research beginning in August 2012 by Cyril Grossè. The last batch came shortly before Grossè's death in 2016.

Use

All users of this collection are required to complete the “Application to Use Unpublished Records,” and to observe the regulation specified in the “Patron Agreement” and “Researcher's Code of Conduct.” All records in this collection are open and available for research. Citation for this collection: Box___, folder___, Roger J. Morneau Collection (collection 308), Center for Adventist Research, James White Library, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI.
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Inventory

I. Personal Documents

Testimonies/Stories by Roger J. Morneau

Box 1 Fld 1 Conversion to Adventism
Box 1 Fld 2 Meeting his book publisher
Box 1 Fld 3 Proposal to his wife
Box 1 Fld 4 Bible Study (Brief Bible Readings for Busy People) that helped in converting Roger J. Morneau to Seventh-day Adventism

Biographical Material

Box 1 Fld 5 Audio recording (CD): Recording of a meeting between Cyril Grossè and Roger Morneau at Grossè’s home in California, 1985
Box 1 Fld 6 Obomsawin, Raymond. “An Interview with Roger”
Box 1 Fld 6a Signed German copy to Grossè of, A Trip into the Supernatural and Incredible Answers to Prayer

Memorial Service of Roger J. Morneau

Box 1 Fld 7 DVD: Roger J. Morneau Memorial Service, Sep 1998
Box 1 Fld 8 Memorial Service Program: Roger J. Morneau, Sep 1998

II. Correspondence

Box 1 Fld 9 5 letters between Morneau and Cyril Grossè, 1979 to 1990
Box 1 Fld 10 Letter to President Reagan, 1986
Box 1 Fld 11 4 other letters, 1978 to 2008
III. Writings

By Roger J. Morneau

Box 1 Fld 12  Beware of Angels (original manuscript)
Box 1 Fld 13  “Mormonism True of False”. Nov 1981
Box 1 Fld 14  A Trip Into the Supernatural (original handwritten copy)
Box 1 Fld 15  A Trip Into the Supernatural: From Satan’s Alter to the Throne of Grace (typed manuscript).
Box 1 Fld 16  Unpublished notes (not used in A Trip into the Supernatural)
Box 1 Fld 17  Glory to God (typed manuscript), 1994.

By Others

Box 2 Fld 1  Court transcript: State of Oregon vs. Sharon Lee Halstead, Sentence hearing, 1989.

IV. Digital Files

Box 2 Fld 2  DVD containing PDF files of the contents of A Trip Into the Supernatural, Glory to God, and State of Oregon vs. Sharon Lee Halstead.

V. Cyril and Cynthia Grossé

Cynthia Grossé
Box 2 Fld 3  Personal documents
  Credentials, tribute, memorial service program and CD

Cyril Grossé
Box 2 Fld 4  Credentials
Box 2 Fld 5  Pictures from schools where he taught
Box 2 Fld 6  Poems written by Grossé
  Miss Manners
  The Singing Grasshoppper
Box 2 Fld 7  Coloring pictures for children drawn by Cyril Grossé

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