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[S.L. - emphasis added]

The death of Billy Graham at the age of 99 is the passing of one of the most well-known religious figures of the last hundred years in America. From every conceivable source, praise is flowing for a figure who seems universally admired and whose life seems to be remembered as an uninterrupted march of faithful Christian testimony. His books are numerous, and his public appearances at various evangelistic crusades during his long career made Billy Graham a figure whose voice and physical presence commanded ready recognition around the world. We add our condolences to the members of the Graham family as they mourn the death of one who was dear to them.

But like the displays of the Billy Graham Library and Museum in Charlotte, N.C., the extensive reviews

of Graham's long life and career reveal significant omissions of key events that suggest that **Billy Graham**

was also a powerful threat to the historic orthodoxy and separatist practice of Biblical Christianity.

As demonstrated in the 1957 publication, *A Ministry of Disobedience*, a publication to which some members

of the ACCC contributed, **Graham's introduction of ecumenical compromise into evangelism**, seen in

the decision to open his crusades to sponsorship by liberal and modernist Protestant ministerial associations

beginning with the New York crusade in 1957, showed that he was in lock step with the recently named religious strategy of the New Evangelicalism.

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