

# THE GLITTERING WEB



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- Is Nathan your real family name?

The original family name is Gerundo and not Nathan. The story goes that Richard's father, a known socialist troublemaker but a U.S. citizen, left the country to fight in the Italian underground against Mussolini during WW2. When he tried to return to the U.S., the FBI supposedly refused to allow him to enter because of his socialist connections, so he returned on a forged passport under the name of Julius Nathan and became an American citizen for the second time.

- So, Richard was raised as a Marxist?

Richard's father knew Mao Tse-tung before he became dictator of China. He raised Richard as a Marxist-atheist. Richard viewed drugs and paganism as a great improvement over that upbringing.

- Was Linda from San Francisco, too?

Linda was born in West Seattle. She attended one year at Lewis & Clark College before visiting San Francisco where she met Richard.

- How did you meet?

Richard's father supported a group of radical leftists who ran Ye Olde Anarchiste Bookstore at his storefront home in San Francisco. We met in that group in 1962.

- So, you both were in San Francisco during the '60s?

We lived in the Haight-Ashbury district during the Bay Area counterculture explosion of the 60s, ran a parking lot in the Mission District, and attended UC-Berkeley just before the Free Speech riots broke out. We left for Europe for 6 months and

returned when the hippie “flower power” movement was taking off in 1964 and 1965. We were deeply involved in the green Marxist artsy leftist community.

- You’ve been together – how long?

We’ve had three weddings in our 57 years together, one in a San Francisco courtroom, the second in a spiritualist church, and the third one in an Episcopal church, where we committed our marriage to Christ.

- What is The Glittering Web about?

It’s a futuristic, sci-fi type of thriller based on our own harrowing experiences in the New Age Movement and our rescue. It draws the reader into the world of a fictional Arcane Institute in Seattle and propels our characters through a fiery, fast-paced succession of dangers that threaten their sanity and their lives. The ending is a shock.

- Why did you write The Glittering Web?

We believe the Lord called us to. There are so many people tangled in the occult these days, in the churches and in society. What we experienced in the ‘60s as a localized phenomenon is now mainstream. We bring a unique voice.

- What is the New Age Movement?

It’s a collection of occult metaphysical doctrines heavily influenced by Eastern religious concepts and practices and tolerant of any religious view except biblical Christianity. It promotes moral relativism, oneness with nature, contact with demons masquerading as helpful spirits, and the belief that we are all evolving into godhood and global unity. Seeking psychic powers is encouraged as part of our “evolving godhood.”

- How did you get involved in the New Age Movement?

Psychedelic drugs opened the door to the occult, especially LSD and Mescaline, which we began taking in 1962. Marijuana too. We got into spiritualism, all the Eastern religions, and “white” witchcraft. Linda’s aunt, a spiritualist, strongly influenced her as a child, though Linda also had some Christian teaching. In 1971, Linda became “Lady Linda” in a California New Age spiritualist church. We tried to flee the craziness by moving to Oregon but found it came with us.

- How did you become Christians?

First and foremost, it was completely by the grace and mercy of God working to bring us to faith out of terrible darkness. In 1976, Jesus Christ miraculously healed

Linda of cancer when she was scheduled to have a hysterectomy for uterine cancer, and instead gave her a baby after 15 barren years of marriage. Richard's salvation followed soon afterwards in a very surprising way. You have to read *The Glittering Web!*

- What kind of education do you have?

Richard has a Master of Arts in Religion in Church History and a B.S. in Biology. Since 1992, he's worked in the psychiatric field and has observed thousands of patients in various states of crisis.

Linda has a B.A. in psychology and some master's program work. She also worked 10 years in the legal field. In 1992, she began her business Logos Word Designs, LLC ([www.logosword.com](http://www.logosword.com)) offering professional editing, writing, and publishing consultation. She has helped numerous writers get published and is a freelance staff editor with Redemption Press.

- Are you experienced speakers?

Yes, we have spoken and taught extensively in churches, at conferences, on the radio, and at seminars for over 30 years.

A few details:

- Part-time missionaries, International Students, Inc. (ISI), 1989–1992.
    - 1990: Main speakers for ISI Conference of international students & scholars from 22 countries, Black Lake, WA
    - Workshop teachers, other ISI conferences
  - Taught numerous courses, together and separately, on discerning New Age occultism, at a seminary and at churches in Oregon and Washington.
  - Shared our testimonies
  - Spoken on the radio at least five times
- Do you have any other published works?

Online apologetics articles [here](#)

Linda's published writings include:

- Dozens of articles
- Two devotions for Zondervan's Women's Bible
- *The Dark Side of Karate* (AuthorHouse 2004)
- *The Cross & the Marijuana Leaf* - [Link](#)
- *Dangers & Deceptions of the Martial Arts* - [Link](#)