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## THE SEPARATION QUESTION

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### Everybody Seems Happy

How can Catholics, Jews, Atheists, liberals, neo-evangelicals, evangelicals, hippies, and fundamentalists all attend the Bill Gothard Basic Youth Conflict Seminars and come away satisfied and praising the truth, value, and worth of these sessions? The unsaved and the compromisers give the same praise to this man as do the fundamentalists. How can these things be? This has bothered me for some time; and as I have talked with other pastors and men of God, I have found that others are also very much concerned about the seminars and Bill Gothard's weak position on separation, as well as his unscriptural position on the Chain of Command.

The effect of such union promotes ecumenism whether it is intended or not. Separation is basic to any Scriptural ministry, and that is more than just personal separation. It includes ecclesiastical separation.

Let us look again at II Cor. 6:14-18, one of the Scripture portions basic to the teaching of separation.

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that

This, the 13th Anniversary edition of The PROJECTOR, contains reprints of articles that appeared in past issues of The PROJECTOR. These articles were chosen because the issues they spoke to are still with us today, and are of even more serious proportions than at the time they were written.

believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

### Five Areas of Concern

Notice there are five areas given in which we are not to be unequally yoked:

1. Fellowship (v. 14); partnership, joint interest. Once you attend one seminar and pay your dues, or fees, you then are entitled, as are all the others who attend, to attend any other seminars at no further cost. In other words, you are a member, as are all the others who attend. You have a joint interest, and your fees help provide scholarships for others to attend advanced seminars. Some of these are obviously unbelievers. Once you pay, you are "in," and "in" with all the others who attend.

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## MIXING THINGS THAT ESSENTIALLY DIFFER



REV. FRANK H. SELLS

*Reprint of an article that first appeared in the Feb. 1980 issue of The PROJECTOR.*

Now, we come to the main part of my emphasis, and something that concerns me very deeply in the Fundamentalist movement. The fourth way in which we can mix things which essentially differ is by MIXING PSYCHOLOGY WITH THE TRUTHS OF GOD.

What does the word psychology mean? The word psychology comes from two Greek words, "psuche" -- mind of spirit, and "logos" -- the word. The "word concerning the mind" or "the study of the mind." Psychology is the study of the mind, but it is the study of the mind by man. And as it is commonly used, psychology is man's thoughts about man. Now I believe it is accurate to say that there is no such thing as Bible psychology. You can have your courses on it, and practically all Bible colleges have courses on it, but I am strongly opposed to it, because I believe that when they have their courses on Bible psychology they are trying to mix things which essentially differ. Psychology is man's thoughts about man. The Bible is God's thoughts about God and man, Isaiah 55:9 says, "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." Suppose some freshman is enrolling in a Bible college, and they say they are going to give him a course on Bible psychology. Suppose he has sense enough to ask about it. (Most don't have sense enough. You can't expect them to. They have been brought up

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## Editor's Desk

Dr. Dayton Hobbs

This issue of The PROJECTOR is our Thirteenth Anniversary issue. With this edition, we begin the fourteenth year of publishing The PROJECTOR. Our purpose from the very first issue has been the focusing of attention upon the issues facing the Fundamental Separatist in our times.

Our focus has not been so much upon those issues that are already known to be problems by the vast number of Bible Separatists, but upon those issues that are not being addressed in most of the Fundamental papers making the circuit of Fundamentalism today. These are issues that are either ignored, not understood to be problems, or are just rearing their heads and need to be identified and rejected as soon as possible in order that they do the least possible damage to the cause of Christ.

The articles in this anniversary issue are mainly reprints from past editions of The PROJECTOR. They are being used because they speak to issues that are still very much alive today and, to a great degree, are being ignored by the bulk of Fundamental papers and magazines.

I believe that the number one issue facing the Bible Separatist in our time is Psychology. The article by Frank Sells which first appeared in The PROJECTOR on February, 1980 speaks to this issue which has mushroomed in recent years and is especially dangerous because of its ability to pervade every area of ministry and dilute the power, authority and effectiveness of the Word of God, thereby polluting generations to come. Much space in The PROJECTOR will be dedicated to this issue in the days ahead, should the Lord tarry.

We are making every effort to get The PROJECTOR back on its regular bi-monthly track. We need to hear from you if you have not written us lately. We would appreciate the names and addresses of others you feel would be interested in receiving the paper. Remember there is no

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Redding, CA

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Rockford, IL

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Thank you very much for sending us regularly The PROJECTOR. We follow with interest the activities of the School and College. We especially appreciate the articles and the presentation of the problems facing us at the end of the age.

Thank you also for the articles exposing the danger of compromise. Here on the Field we are endeavoring to raise up and maintain a separated fundamental testimony for the glory of God.

May God increase your ministry and continue to make it a fruitful one for the glory of our coming Savior.

In the bonds of the Gospel,  
G. B., Chile, S.A.

## DOCTOR HODGE'S PROPHECY

*Reprint of an article that first appeared in the Jan. 1975 issue of The PROJECTOR.*

In 1880 Dr. A. A. Hodge, famous theologian, prophesied the danger of atheism in the public schools. His prophecy is being fulfilled to the letter today.

"The tendency is to hold that this system must be altogether secular. The atheistic doctrine is gaining currency, even among professed Christians and even among some bewildered Christian ministers, that an education provided by the common government should be entirely emptied of all religious character. The Protestants object to the government schools being used for the purpose of inculcating the doctrines of the Catholic Church, and Romanists object to the use of the Protestant version of the Bible and to the inculcation of the peculiar doctrines of the Protestant churches. The Jews protest against the schools being used to inculcate Christianity in any form, and the atheists and agnostics protest against any teaching that implies the existence and moral government of God. It is capable of exact demonstration that if every party in the State has the right of excluding from the public schools whatever he does not believe to be true, then he that believes most must give way to him that believes least, and then he that believes least must give way to him that believes absolutely nothing, no matter in how small a minority the atheists or the agnostics may be. It is self-evident that on this scheme, if it is consistently and persistently carried out in all parts of the country, the United States system of national popular education will be the most efficient and wide instrument for the propagation of Atheism which the world has ever seen." (A. A. Hodge: Popular Lectures on Theological Themes, p. 280)

"I am sure as I am of the fact of Christ's reign that a comprehensive and centralized system of national education, separated from religion, as is now commonly proposed, will prove the most appalling engine for the propagation of anti-Christian and atheistic unbelief, and of anti-social nihilistic ethics, individual, social and political, which this sin-rent world has ever seen." (A. A. Hodge: Popular Lectures on Theological Themes, p. 283).

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# Stars of the Morning

By "Aunt Carolyn"

## A PICTURE OF GOD'S GRACE



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David had subdued the Philistines, the Moabites, the Syrians, and the countries around him until at last he sat on the throne as king over Israel and the unquestioned ruler of the surrounding lands as well. He reigned in power yet in justice over all the people. God had at last given him victory and rest.

Then it was that David remembered a promise he had made to his dear friend Jonathan, Saul's son. He had promised that no matter what happened he would show kindness to Jonathan's family. So David called Ziba, a former servant of King Saul, and asked, "Is there anyone left of the house of Saul to whom I can show God's kindness?"

Ziba thought a moment, "Why yes, Sire, there is. Jonathan has a son down in Lo-debar. But, I don't know what you could do for him. He's a cripple!"

"Cripple! What do you mean?"

"Yes, poor thing. It happened when he was just a tot. The war had been raging, and when news came that Jonathan had been killed by the Philistines, the child's nurse grabbed him up in her arms and ran to hide him for fear the child would be killed, too. Alas, in her fear and haste, she stumbled and fell with the child. The poor little fellow's feet were so crushed and injured that he was crippled for life. Mephibosheth is his name, Sire!"

"Where is he?"

"He is in Lo-debar, but he is helpless, Sire. He would not be able to come."

"Maybe he is helpless himself, but you can go get him. Take the royal chariot and the best team of horses and go! Make haste!" So the king provided the means for Mephibosheth to be brought to him.

What fearful questions must have flashed thru Mephibosheth's mind when the king's servant stood at his door with the command to come before King David. At the palace he fell in fear and reverence before the

king. In his heart he knew his life was in the king's power. Was this a trap? Had David called him here to put him to death as other conquerors put down any descendants of other enemy kings? Fear gripped his heart, and the silence weighed heavily around him.

"Mephibosheth!" King David called him personally by name! His voice was not filled with hate or pride. There was a kindness in the king's voice such as poor Mephibosheth had not known since a child in the arms of his nurse. He looked up into the kind but searching eyes of the king.

"Behold thy servant," he humbly replied.

Then the words of King David poured like smooth, healing ointment over the crushed heart of the poor cripple.

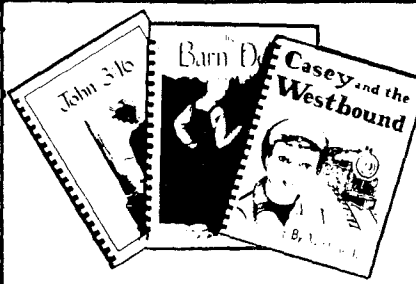
"Mephibosheth, your father and I were dear friends. I want to show you kindness for his sake. I know all your Grandfather Saul's land was confiscated during the war. Now I want to restore it all to you. I am going to send Ziba to work the land for you and then to bring you the profit from it, but I want you to live here in the palace with me and eat at my table always!"

At first such news was more than Mephibosheth could believe! He felt so undeserving that he cried, "Who am I that the king should even look

upon such a dead dog as I?"

But the king insisted and made all the arrangements. Oh, it was a glorious day when Mephibosheth, helpless as he was, moved into the palace permanently. No longer an outcast, he lived with the king. He ate the king's food. He felt the king's warmth and protection. He feasted on the king's provision. Could Mephibosheth pay the king for all this? No. He was a cripple. But David didn't do all of this for pay; he did it because of love.

That is a beautiful picture of what Jesus did for you! Without Jesus Christ, you are a poor hopeless sinner, lost, and unable to save yourself. Yet Jesus knows you personally. He calls you by name to come unto Him. You cannot save yourself, but Jesus provides the means for you to come to God. He Himself made the payment for your sin through His death on the cross. Now you can come and be saved through His redeeming blood. By faith you can abide in the joy of His presence, feast daily in His precious Word and have the care and provision of your Heavenly Father. Won't you trust Christ as your Savior today? "He that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." (John 5:24).



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## Focus On Religion

BY  
PETER J. FOXX

### "SPIRITUAL APATHY IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION"

There is a growing concern over the spiritual condition of teenagers in our Fundamental ministries by parents, pastors and Christian school teachers. It is becoming increasingly clear that the Christian day school movement is not feeding our Bible institutes and Christian colleges with an overwhelming supply of students hungry to learn more of the Word of God and anxious to give their lives to the ministry of the Gospel. The fact of the matter is we are witnessing just the opposite. Far too many graduates of our Christian high schools have no desire to attend Christian colleges and those who do frequently have career oriented motives.

Perhaps we were not that much different from the founders of public education who were going to produce a marvelous human society through education - a garden of good-hearted children void of vice and selfishness. Let's create the perfect spiritual environment for our children and a veritable assembly line of Spurgeons and Moodys will come forth, or so we thought. While Christian education has indeed provided an escape from the hell of public education, it has not produced the heavenly utopia we had so eagerly envisioned. Could it be that we Fundamentalists have forgotten that our children also have sinful human natures and that they have wills of their own.

What kind of product is being produced by Christian day schools? First of all, there are some very fine Christian young people devoted to Christ coming from our schools. They do love the Lord and His Word and are eager for their lives to be pleasing to Him. Furthermore, they have taken good advantage of the Christian training available to them and have prospered academically, spiritually and socially through it. They are ready to enter our Christian colleges fully equipped for the task at hand. However, this kind is too often uncommon among Christian high school students.

Thankfully, drugs, drinking, smoking and immorality are not common problems in our disciplined schools. Our classrooms are filled with decent,

intelligent, attractive, highly capable young people. What then is the problem? The problem is an indifference, almost a coldness, toward the Lord, and His Word and His work. Some Christian educators speak of a spiritual "burnout." Others suggest that Christian school students have been "innoculated" against Christianity, having been exposed to just enough Biblical truth to protect them from becoming controlled and dominated by the Spirit of God.

There is a subtle, yet devastating worldliness that is common among our best Christian young people. It is alarming and disappointing. Worldliness is simply being human, having normal, ordinary desires and goals. Many are quite willing to go on to Christian colleges as long as there is the carrot of campus fun, athletics, and a full social life, along with the prize of a good paying job at the end of the road. There appears to be very little thought given to the possibility that God may be calling them to a special service. Furthermore, the idea of serving God through a divinely called vocation seems to be overwhelmed with visions of five figure salaries, and all the material rewards that will bring. How to live gives way to how to make a living.

Pointing fingers of blame is not the answer. Negative criticism will only lead to bitterness and increased frustration. It is not the time to give up on our young people nor our schools. Let's look for ways to change the trends which disappoint us all. Here are some positive suggestions:

1. Bible institutes and Christian colleges must be careful not to accommodate the worldliness of young people to attract and keep students. There is a place for a wholesome Christian social life and there is nothing wrong with sound academic programs leading to attractive job offers for graduates. However, let's be careful to keep the emphasis where it belongs. We are training Christians to live effectively for Christ in this world, to be profitable servants in our local churches, and to be fishers of men as Christ has ordained. All else is incidental.
2. Christian day school administrators and teachers must keep in mind that they are working with children and adolescents, not college students. It is important to remain patient and keep loving our students. If we give up on them, it should not surprise us if they give up on themselves. Evangelism is essential to spiritual growth. We

need to look for ways to get our young people involved in actively witnessing for Jesus Christ. Public schools are not enemy territories and public school children are not second class citizens. These schools are filled with young people who need a gospel witness from our young people. Such interaction may give Christian youth an appreciation for what they have in Christ and a deep burden to reach the lost with the message of salvation, and it may give new purpose for their own Christian education.

3. Someone has said, "Evangelism is caught, not taught." It is also true that our students must be motivated by adult leadership. Being told what they should be or do is not enough. God's sheep, even young ones, must be led, not pushed. As preachers, teachers, and parents, let's be all that we should be and trust that our enthusiasm and consistency will inspire those we so deeply want to influence.

It needs to be emphasized that there are no quick, easy solutions to the problems faced in Christian education. We are probably better off now that the bubble has burst and reality has sunk in. It is not time to wring our hands in despair but to attack our task of training young lives for Christ with renewed vigor and enthusiasm.

### "CHAPEL SAYINGS" OF DR. BOB JONES

- Finish the job.
- You can do anything you **ought** to do.
- Go as far as you can on the **right road**.
- No doubt the trouble is with you.
- When in doubt, play safe.
- You can't do wrong and get away with it.
- The **right road** always leads out at the **right place**.
- Don't sacrifice the **permanent** on the altar of the **immediate**.
- The **greatest** ability is **dependability**.
- What you love and what you hate reveal what you are.
- **Simplicity** is truth's most becoming garb.
- It is one thing to know there is a God; it's another thing to know the God that is.
- The test of your character is what it takes to **stop** you.
- The measure of your **responsibilities** is a measure of your **opportunities**.
- The door to the room of success swings on the hinges of opposition.

# A NEW NAME - A NEW LOOK

# SANTA ROSA CHRISTIAN *Campus News*

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"Chapel Sayings"  
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JOSEPH E. SCHMUCK

Grace Fellowship College is the new name of the college ministry of Grace Fellowship Church and reflects some changes made in the college ministry.

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Second, the change in the name reflects the school's attitude toward the varied needs of today's local church ministries and Christians serving them. New programs have been added to include more people, and existing programs have been examined and adapted to student needs.

The proposed programs include one year certificates in Practical Christian Training and Early Childhood Care; two year associate degrees in Bible, Education, Music, General Education, Day Care Management, Early Childhood Education, and Practical Christian Training; and a four year baccalaureate program called a Bachelor of Ministry.

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Third, the change in name reflects the school's flexibility in providing programs which help the Christian

train to serve the Lord Jesus Christ to their fullest potential. Instead of trying to provide students training for just one type of Christian service, the programs of Grace Fellowship College allow the student to better prepare to meet the demands of the many different ministries available.

Fourth, the change in name reflects the school's efforts to continue to provide sound academic programs combined with practical applications so that a student will go out not only with the knowledge of the subject matter, but also the ability to put it to use. More practical programs have been added and some individual coursework reviewed and altered to guarantee the student's ability to "do the work."

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- back of God's commands He puts omnipotence.
- **Pride** is the stone over which many people stumble.
- Like it or not, you will have to live **somewhere forever**; so you had better learn how to live.
- It is never right to do **wrong** in order to get a chance to do **right**.
- Beware of unreasonable people. Good men are always reasonable.
- Your character is what God knows you to be; your reputation is what men think you are.
- You and God make a majority in your community.
- It's no disgrace to **fail**; it is a disgrace to do less than your best to keep from failing. ♣

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on man's thinking.) But suppose he has sense enough to ask about it. "What is Bible Psychology?" Now what is the Bible? God's thoughts about God and man. What is Psychology? Man's thoughts about man. If the student has any sense at all, he will go back and forth until he gets dizzy, and then he will fall over into a swoon. I believe that there is only one Scriptural place for studying psychology, and that is to study it negatively. Contrast it with the Bible; that is, to study it as a heresy from beginning to end. Now many today are not doing that, and it may be that some of you dear brethren, without realizing it, have been badly burned by this tendency to mix psychology with the truths of God.

In Christendom today there are several movements that try to mix Bible psychology with the truths of the Bible. Try to imagine, if you will, a drawing on a blackboard of three steps leading downward, and the movement on the second step leading downward is one step more dangerous than the first, because it is one step closer to the truth; and the step on the third part of the ladder is one step more dangerous than the other, because it is one step closer to the truth. The closer you come to the truth without it being the truth, the more dangerous you are.

#### SEMI-HEATHEN PSYCHOLOGY

Now this first movement on the top step I call "Semi-Heathen Psychology." It is represented by the writings of Dr. Norman Vincent Peale. Most fundamentalists would shrug their shoulders at him; most

fundamentalists would not be led astray by Dr. Norman Vincent Peale. It is semi-heathen psychology. The only difference between that and heathen psychology is that every now and then he mentions the name of Jesus, and every now and then he mentions a Bible verse, but it is semi-heathen psychology.

#### GLORIFIED PSYCHOLOGY

Now the second step is one step more dangerous than Dr. Peale - not less dangerous - more dangerous, because it is one step closer to the truth, and I call that "Glorified Psychology". The great representatives of glorified psychology are Dr. Henry Brandt and, more familiarly, Dr. Clyde Narramore. Dr. Clyde Narramore's writings are just filled with this whole thing of glorified psychology, and it is mixing things which essentially differ -- man's thoughts about man and the Bible's thoughts about man.

#### BIBLICIZED PSYCHOLOGY

The third step on the ladder is one step more dangerous - not less dangerous - more dangerous than the ones which I have mentioned, because it is one step closer to the truth, and I call this "Biblicized Psychology." Semi-heathen psychology, glorified psychology, biblicized psychology. A great representative of the third is Dr. Bill Gothard. Dr. Bill Gothard's seminars on Basic Youth Conflicts are making great inroads into the fundamentalist movement. They are crushing the souls of preachers, they are crushing the souls of people in the pew, and I find many fundamentalists

are just being hoodwinked by this movement. They are being pulled into it hook, line, and sinker; and I call it "Biblicized Psychology," because it has so much more Bible in it. I think it is accurate to say that Dr. Narramore's writings and talks on the radio and television are a thimble full of Bible and a barrel full of psychology, but Dr. Gothard's teachings are a barrel full of Bible and a barrel full of psychology, and that is why so many people have fallen for his teachings. And fundamentalists are being badly burned by it.

#### THREE BASIC FALLACIES

I want to mention three basic fallacies in Dr. Gothard's teachings and then in another teaching I will touch on another fallacy of Dr. Gothard and these other writings I have just mentioned.

#### MAKING A GOAL OUT OF A BY-PRODUCT

The first basic fallacy in Dr. Gothard's teachings is the fallacy of MAKING A GOAL OUT OF A BY-PRODUCT. Don't make a goal out of a by-product. If you make a goal out of a by-product, you either weaken the by-product or you destroy it completely. Oh, Dr. Gothard is filled with this urge of trying to solve the problems of youth and taking care of basic youth conflicts. He is making a goal out of a by-product. One illustration of this is the great appeal he makes for the desire for success. I heard him some years ago, and he taught then what he still teaches at the present time. Somebody wants to be successful, therefore you teach him how to be successful. Brother, don't you go around trying to teach anybody how to be successful! I want to tell you I had to take my desire for success to the Cross and let Jesus Christ drive His Cross through it, because the desire for success doesn't need to be glorified, it needs to be crucified! And if it is crucified, then God will give the kind of success that is His kind, but it is an entirely different thing. When I heard Dr. Gothard speak, he was speaking from Joshua 1, verses 7 and 8 concerning meditating on the law. Verse 8: "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." And the whole appeal of the message was, "Do you want to be successful? -- then meditate upon God's law." I want to tell you that is making a goal out of

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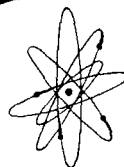
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a by-product. Suppose somebody comes to me and says, "I want to be successful." "Oh, " I think, "Good, I have a point of contact with him." I tell you, you can be led astray by trying to get a lot of these points of contact. I find Jesus Christ is better than all of these points of contact. You want to be successful? Let the Lord crucify that desire, old buddy. I want to tell you I have simply told the Lord sometimes that I am going to stand true to Him if He closes every door of service for me. I am going on for Him, success or not. I want to be obedient to the Lord Jesus Christ, and I think one of the greatest passages against the success appeal is the call of Isaiah. Usually we stop in the middle of Isaiah's call, "Who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me" (Isa. 6:8b). Usually we stop there, but you know what comes after that. "Go and tell this people... make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy." I know how he did it. By giving them the full message of God. When you give the full message of God, you will make many hearts fat, because they won't respond to the message. You will make a lot of people hard of hearing, because they won't respond to it. I heard a man say one time that God blesses all tithers except those who tithe in order to be blessed. Do you see what he meant? I wonder if you have ever fallen into that fallacy. People, do you want to be blessed? I am going to tell you how to be blessed. No! God blesses tithers except those who tithe to be blessed, because if you tithe to be blessed, you aren't really tithing; because the tithe doesn't really come from your heart. You are just using God to put across your own little selfish desires.

Dr. Gothard has that brochure which advertises his lectures on Basic Youth Conflicts. One of the subjects listed is, "Eight Qualities Essential to Success." I say, "Skip it all!" He couldn't possibly preach a Scriptural sermon on that, because the subject is unscriptural. You can't preach a Scriptural sermon on an unscriptural subject. The Bible doesn't tell me how to be successful. The Bible tells me how to be OBEDIENT, and if I am obedient, the by-product is success. But oh, it's different from what is going on in Dr. Gothard's movement today.

Then one of his subjects is, "Pre-requisite For Successful Dating." Oh, that goes over with young people, doesn't it? Young people like to date. They want to be successful in the dating and all that. Oh, no, skip it! Skip it! A lot of this complex about dating is not a complex. It is really sinful. Oh, a girl is just crushed if she doesn't have a date. One of the most precious testimonies

I ever heard a young lady give was when I used to teach down in Columbia, South Carolina. She said, "I enjoy dating fellows when they ask me for a date, but sometimes Friday night comes and nobody asks me for a date." She said, "I just enjoy going to my room. I may read my Bible, pray, or have fellowship with some of the girls. I enjoy that, too." She wasn't sour grapes, not at all. She is happily married now and has a good-size family of children. But the idea is not how to have success in dating. Skip it! Skip it! The important thing is to obey the Lord in your love affairs. If you will obey the Lord in your love affairs, then God will pick up the pieces, and God will give the things you need as by-products.

#### MIXING DISCOVERY WITH REVELATION

The second basic fallacy in Dr. Gothard's teachings is the fallacy in MIXING DISCOVERY WITH REVELATION. There are many ways in which this is done in the churches today. Before I apply it to the Gothard movement, let me show you how this often comes in in the field of Bible study. Often people will recommend to you, as one particular seminary up north does, "The Thrill of Original Discovery of Bible Truth." Don't get it from anybody else, now. Get the thrill of original discovery. That isn't the real thrill. That kind of thing leads to pride. "Oh, I didn't get that from Dr. G. Campbell Morgan. I got that from myself! I tell you I am better than old Campbell Morgan any day." This kind of thing leads to pride. No, the contrast is not the contrast between original discovery of Bible truths and non-original discovery. The difference is between original discovery and non-original discovery on one hand and revelation of truth on the other hand. "Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 16:17). Sometimes, God reveals these things to us through books. I have heard people say, "You are 66 years old now, and I guess you have reached the place where you don't use commentaries anymore." My answer is, "I need commentaries more all the time, because when I get up to give a message, I want to be sure I have checked by qualified authorities and that I am not basing my application on some erroneous interpretation." If you go basing your application on erroneous interpretation of Scripture, you will get into all sorts of difficulty.

Now, let me show you how Dr. Gothard tries to mix discovery with revelation. The idea in his brochure is, he says, that he has 15 years of

working with teenagers, and his 15 years of working with teenagers have shown him what are the problems of teenagers. Then he takes the problems that he has discovered, and he answers them from the Bible. He is mixing discovery with revelation. What is the fallacy of that? The fallacy of that is that Dr. Gothard or Frank Sells or anybody else is no better prepared to discover the need than he is to solve it. I need the statement of the need from the Bible, and I need the answer from the Bible. The Bible gives me both! That is what Dr. Gothard does in those brochures and in those lectures. Oh, he has dealt with teenagers. He says, "Don't tell me anything about their problems. I know about the problems." The answer is, he doesn't! God has to tell me what the need is just as much as He needs to tell me what the answer to the need is. And if I don't get them both from God's precious Word, then I am in all sorts of trouble and difficulty. That's the second basic fallacy -- the fallacy of mixing discovery with revelation. Oh, I want to tell you brethren, it is a common sin in the pastorate today.

#### MAN-CENTEREDNESS

The third basic fallacy in Dr. Gothard's teaching is in the fallacy of MAN-CENTEREDNESS. In his entire brochure from beginning to end, there is not a single mention of the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. He mentions God a couple of times. There isn't a single mention of the name of Jesus Christ in the whole thing. There are 22 subjects which are listed under the heading, "Seminar Contents." Only two mention the name of God, but that doesn't mean much. God is never known apart from Christ, the Revelation of Himself to man. God has made Jesus Christ central in the Godhead.

Here are two recommendations of the seminar which were printed at the end of the brochure. The first recommendation is from a superintendent of schools. *This seminar has been all and more than others assured me it would be. I have spent 39 years in the field of education, 37 as superintendent of schools. My university training has been in the field of guidance and counseling. Having now completed the seminar, I can unreservedly say it has done more to give me insight and information and inspiration than any university course I have ever taken. (That wouldn't be much, would it?) I would heartily recommend this course to anyone seeking basic insights in working with today's youth. Where does the precious Saviour come in? He*

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didn't come in at all in that testimony, and, you see, he had a lot of testimonials. One reason I know it is because I have heard a lot of them.

One reason I don't go along with him is because I don't believe he affects people the way a man of God affects people. He ties people to himself too much. I tell you some would just about crucify you if you don't think he is sprouting wings. I have heard some of my former students. Oh, have they ever turned away from me when I have warned them about Bill Gothard. He is splitting some churches wide open. It is just a part of man-centeredness. Part of it is, "Oh, what that seminar did for me." I would like to hear a little bit more about Jesus and "what the Lord Jesus Christ has done for me."

The second recommendation is from a parent. *This has been the most thrilling week of my life. The personal benefits are really beyond description. It has given me a wealth of practical insight.* Yes, that is what it has done! I want to know what Christ has done! The Apostle Paul doesn't tell you what he has done. The Apostle Paul tells you what Jesus has done! Now I am very sure that Dr. Gothard would admit, "Oh, yes" that "Christ must have all the glory," but you see, it is one thing to admit it like that casually, and it is another thing to gear your ministry so Christ will have all the glory. I don't care how many times he stands and says, "I give all the glory to the Lord for this." He couldn't, because his ministry isn't geared that way. I tell you it's a heart-searching thing for me to ask that question over and over again -- "Is my ministry geared so it gives Jesus Christ all the glory?" He is a jealous Lord! Have you ever preached on the jealousy of God? Oh, I tell you that is a tremendous truth. Take your concordance and run it down. Preach on it, brethren. Everything the Bible teaches about the unchanging character of God teaches that God is just as jealous today as He was in Old Testament times. He's the same yesterday, today, and forever! What is jealousy? Well, the dictionary says jealousy means insistence upon exclusive affection. God is jealous. He's insistent upon exclusive affection, but I tell you that Dr. Gothard's movement violates the jealousy of God. Dr. Gothard can't give God all the glory. I don't care how many times he says it. I don't care how sincere he is in saying it. He can't because his ministry isn't geared that way. His ministry is a man-centered ministry.

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2. Communion (v. 14); fellowship, participation. There is certainly a participation together with the other members of the seminars.

3. Concord (v. 15); harmony, a sounding together, union in opinion, sentiments, views and interests. The harmony or union of opinion about the seminars suggests concord.

4. Taking part with (v. 15); in common with. Unbelievers are certainly "taking part with" believers in these seminars.

5. Agreement (to be in accord). There must of necessity be accord in the participants of these seminars for them to praise them as most all who attend seem to do.

#### Success For All

Notice, we are to "come out from among them" and "be ye separate." We are not to touch the unclean thing. I firmly believe the spirit and principle of these verses are violated in the union of believers and unbelievers in Bill Gothard's Basic Youth Conflicts Seminars. How can both groups leave the seminars satisfied? God's man should separate the holy and the profane. I realize this is not a church and the seminars are not restricted to believers, and I would have no objection to this arrangement if the unbelievers or those believers who are living in sin and compromise are led to a position of salvation and/or separation. If the seminars were simply evangelistic and the unsaved were pointed to Christ, there would be no problem; however, the seminars are aimed at helping people be more successful where they are. Bill Gothard seems to be using the Bible for a success course for all people. In literature sent out by the Institute of Basic Youth Conflicts to advertise the seminars there is a photocopy of an article that appeared in the St. Paul Dispatch of Friday, April 26, 1974. A quote from this article says, "The Institute is not a religious revival, and is non-denominational." He further states, "These principals apply to all: Jews, Christians, and Atheists." The fact that Jews and Atheists attend these seminars is not what bothers me. It is that they leave thrilled and excited about the sessions, able to take the things learned and incorporate them into their unchristian situations and obviously continue as Jews and Atheists. The Word of God, if presented correctly, will convict of error. Gothard seems to be able to present his lectures without offending anyone. It takes a great deal of work at taking the cutting edge off the Word of God to do this. Heb. 4:12, 13:

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two

edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do."

It doesn't seem to me that this is the same sword wielded by Gothard.

#### The Word - Our Search Light

The days we live in are so subtle. We must be very careful in examining everything in the light of the Word of God. Movements stand or fall on the basis of their faithfulness to the Scriptures. The Word of God alone is our "sure word of prophecy"; let us examine every man or movement by the infallible and unchanging Word of God.

Some will think I'm just being contentious and have an unchristian spirit because I warn about a movement as popular as the Bill Gothard seminars. The first question I'll be asked is "Have you attended the seminars?" The answer is "No, I have not." Many will then say I am not qualified to speak on the matter. I believe, however, that I am no less qualified because I have not attended, but probably able to be more objective about the seminars. I have no biases or axes to grind. My responsibility under God is to "project the light of the Word of God on the issues of the day" as the heading of every issue of THE PROJECTOR states. I have no personal animosity toward anyone. I simply have a responsibility to God and our readers to present the truth as I see it.

