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PART 1 THE SEPARATION QUESTION

Bill Gothard's Basic Youth Conflicts Analyzed

By Dr. Dayton Hobbs

How can Catholics, Jews, Atheists, liberals, neo-evan-gelicals, 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 separa-

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 com-munion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that 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."

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 other 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.

2. Communion (v. 14) fellowship, participation. There is certainly a participation ta-gether 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.

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 semi-nars 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 from this article says, "The Institute is not a religious revival and is non-denomina-tional." 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 con-vict 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.

"For the word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the See Page 6

Your Dying Dollar

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Your dollar is worth only 52 cents. The consumer dollar has lost 48 per cent of its purchasing power since 1950. And that is not all—a stable dollar has not yet been provided. This affects business, economy, governments and people, especially those on a fixed income such as some on Social Security. There are plans already made to, once and for all, stabilize the world's currency

MONEY MARKET

The Federal Reserve authorities have influenced the lending and investing activities of the banks which are associated with that system. The percentage of interest paid to the loaner is controlled as is the amount charged to the borrower. All of this may sound very good, but it is not working satisfactorily. This is partially due to the international monetary fund and the World Bank. The United States of America was the strongest



Dr. Arthur W. Allen

nation on earth, economically, only 25 years ago. But men with socialistic and communistic ideas sought to redistri-bute the financial wealth of the world. Deliberate action was taken and today we are under the power of certain men who can, (1) take over all communications media; (2) take charge of all food resources; (3) seize all forms of transportation; (4) commandeer all civilians to work

under Federal supervision: (5) control all activites relating to health, education and welfare, and (6) regulate the amount of your money that you may withdraw from your bank or savings and loan account. MEMORY MACHINE

Banks complain that the millions of checks passing through their facilities and the Federal Reserve System are becoming an impossibility. A new system must be found. And it is actually in use today. It has been named "The Beast." This giant computer takes up three floors at the Administration building of the Common Market Confederacy in Brussels. Here is the way it is described. "This monster is a self-programing unit that has over 100 sensing imput sources. Computer experts have been working on a plan to computerize all world trade. This master plan involves a digital numbering system for

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EDITOR'S DESK

Each year the Summer Institute sponsored by Santa Rosa Christian School proves to be more useful and effective than the previous year's institute. I can say that the one just held was no exception. Teachers, administrators, supervisors, and pastors, according to their own testimonies, have benefited greatly and are much better prepared to enter the 1974-75 school year than they would have been without this opportunity. Dr. Jim Biddle and Dr. George Youstra of the Education Department of Bob Jones University were our guest speakers this year. They did an excellent job.

The challenge of Christian education is tremendous. We have an awesome responsibility to God and to our students. We must not fail as God has given us the opportunity to raise up some young people with character for the difficult days ahead if the Lord delays His coming. Plans are already underway for next year's Institute. We have many ideas and suggestions as to how to make it more effective and beneficial to all involved in the great job of Christian education. great job of Christian education

We live in difficult days. It is becoming more and more difficult to discern the subtle attacks of Satan. It is imperative that we stay in the Word of God and evaluate every man and movement in the light of the Scriptures. We are beginning a series of articles with this issue analyzing the teaching of Bill Gothard and his Institute of Basic Youth Conflicts. I am sure Mr. Gothard is a personable man, and I have no feeling or animosity toward him. I do feel a responsibility to our readers to warn them of certain subtle teachings that I feel are not in line with scriptural principles. I welcome your letters and comments both pro and con.

Last month we sent out letters to all Christian schools who are not paid subscribers to THE PROJECTOR. We appreciate the good response from the schools who have subscribed as a result of this letter. If you have not yet subscribed for your school, please do so as soon as possible.

By the time this issue reaches you the new school year will be underway and thousands of boys and girls will be coming through the doors of our Christian schools. May God help us to be faithful in winning those to Christ who are not saved and in developing Christian character in these students tyhat will stand in the onslaught of Satan that they are sure to face in the days ahead if the Lord tarries.

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An Open Letter To **ELMER TOWNS**

Dear Dr. Elmer Towns, I have listened to a record of a sermon you preached entitled, "As Big As All, As Small As One. Why a Church Should Be Large." I read this same sermon in your book "Church Aflame." It was presented there as being preached by Jerry Falwell. Therefore, I really don't know the origin. I have also read your book, "Ten Largest Sunday Schools." I know of your work in annually present-ing a list of the current largest Sunday Schools. You, probably as much or more than anyone, have promoted the idea of large churches and Sunday Schools as being God's favored and most effective way of doing His work in this age.

Now, Dr. Towns, I am
accepting the fact that your

desire is the same as mine in the sense of wanting to see as many lost sinners saved as possible-both now and in the future, if Jesus tarries. What I am challenging is your con-clusions as to how this goal can best be achieved. It is to this matter that I direct my remarks. It is not my purpose to compare one particular church or pastor to another, but rather to challenge the general premise that you have stated in your sermons and writings on this subject. **Bigness Was Never Criteria**

Of Success! First, you accept and pro-mote humanist rationale that big means success and small means failure. You equate the large church with success and the small church with failure. In your reasoning large means success so every church should be large. You do this despite the fact that the criteria for success in the Bible was never numbers or largeness. There is not one instance in the Bible where a church was presented as being successful because it was large or presented as a failure because it was small. Equating large with success and small with failure is humanistic because invariably a system of how to do it is presented that places the responsibility of becoming large or staying small entirely

There is No New Testament Example of a Large Church Most of my Christian life I accepted the idea that the church at Jerusalem in the New Testament grew to an enormous size and that this was an example for all churches. Only in the last few years did a careful exami-nation reveal to me the error of this assumption. You, like everyone else who promotes

the idea that if a church is

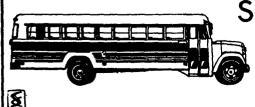


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successful it will be large, follow the same reasoning about the church at Jerusalem. In your recorded sermon on in your recorded sermion on "Why every Church Should Be Large?" and in both books ("Church Aflame" and "Ten Largest Sunday Schools") you follow the same line to establish that the church at larguestern graw until it had Jerusalem grew until it had approximately 100,000 in attendance. I would like to look at the Scriptures you use to establish this conclusion.

The starting place for trying to prove the enormous size of the church at Jerusalem is 1:15 where the first number is given concerning the size of the church. This

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Trouble At A. C. E. Headquarters

A letter entitled WHY I AM NOT ON THE STAFF OF ACE, INC. has come to my attention which indicates pro blems and a trend which will spell trouble for those involved in A.C.E. The letter is from Dr. Lee E. Miles, Ph. D., and was sent out to fellow workers in Christ to clear the air about his relationship with A.C.E. Although I did not receive the letter directly from Dr. Miles, I have spoken with him at length since receiving it and he assures me that his case is not overstated

I quote from portions of the letter:

"Since Jan. 31, 1974, I have not been on the Staff of ACE! Repeatedly, I have asked Dr. Howard to make a public statement regarding my termination, but he has refused. On the contrary, he has misrepre-sented my status in "The Sword of the Lord," printed materials and letters, and in his own public statements. He has glossed over the truth with the false statement that I voluntarily left ACE for the purpose of going into Master Supply services. Since the truth in this matter involves you, and the relationships you and I have had in the past, clarification therefore should be made to you. Many of you have expressed to me great concern over the very issue which precipitated this crisis.

"Simply stated, the overriding issue is the changed philosophy of ACE and Dr. Howard as related to his message, "The Conspiracy." Although Dr. Howard denies any endorsement or promotion of Charismatics and Mormon prophesy, it is obvious that he does. As he has tried to rationalize his philosophy into Scriptural respectability, he has opened the door to a trend of ecumenism, as well as intimidation of Fundamental Bible Believing Pastors and Churches all over America. Many of you have said just this to me, and some of you have already closed your doors to any such involvement. though I tried desperately to "stand in the gap" on these issues, it was when I refused to be decked out in a conspicuous and ostentatious dress code, which Dr. Howard stated to me was his emblem of "protest" against the present economic and political status que, that compatibility became impossible. Please note that Dr. Howard has stated that he will continue his philosophy in part in the Pastors Training Sessions; and please note the new Statement of Faith on the back of the new ACE Magazine, which is a weak generalization of the specifics in the old Statement. Except for those few churches which openly endorse the National Council of Churches, every cult and religious body in America, which even names the Name of Christ, can sign such statement with a clear conscience Already identified with ACE are: The Church of Christ, Tongues-speaking Lutherans, Charismatic Bodies, Mormon Robert L. Preston and his

Prepare for the Coming Crash," Charismatic Willard Cantelon and his unScriptural book, "The Day the Dollar Died." and outright cults located in Dallas, Texas and Abilene, Kansas. Of all cults in existence, surely the Mormon image and that of the blasphemous and wicked cult in Abilene tops them all. Repeatedly, I have carried the anxieties of Kansas Pastors to Dr. Howard, regarding the Abilene Cult, but you will find such ACE School still listed in the ACE Magazine. Dr. Howard, extens in his latest ward states in his latest Newsletter that if any church doesn't like identification with such undesirables, it can remove its ACE identification. It is interesting to note that Dr. Howard has no intentions to withdraw himself or ACE from such identification! "Prior to my coming with

ACE full time, and without my knowledge, Dr. Howard had contracted with a nationally known Charismatic Group in Dallas for carrying national magazine ads and publicly identifying with ACE. Not only did this bring great em-barrassment of Fundamental Baptists in the Dallas Area, but it brought into the ACE National image other charismatic groups which caused concern to Fundamental Baptists in other areas. My protest to such inconsistency came into sharp focus when I pointed out the great contrast of carrying ads with this group, while simultaneously doing the same ad in "The Sword of the Lord." With Charismatic theology embracing churches of the N.C.C.C., N.A.E., Cultism, and Independents, (anybody who speaks in "tongues could see the impossibility of ACE rationalizing such conglomerated dogmas into Christian identification. This continued to persist as a "thorn in the flesh" and as a contributing factor to the situation which precipatated my term-

"During a Pastors Training ession in the Facilities of Miller Road Baptist Church, Dr. Howard heralded the greatness of a certain book written by a tongues-speaking Lutheran Charismatic, recommending it to all the pastors. Pastors from Michigan came to me with a protest, since such ecumenical tendency was a threat to the testimony of Fundamental Baptists, When Dr. Howard was approached on the matter, he quietly backed off promoting the charismatic book. But a trend was taking shape: there seemed to be a struggle in Dr. Howard's mind toward identifying with national figures, regardless of breed.

"Fundamental Baptists complained to me at the Tyler Texas Training Sessions over the tendency of Dr. Howard to blend in with the emotionalism of charismatic philosophy.

.. "Becoming more and more at home with the Charismatic Image, it became increasingly more difficult to deal with extreme, or cult, images of some charismatic groups. I unScriptural book, "How to refer to one such group

Abilene Kansas. Repeated complaints from Kansas pastors came to naught, regarding a wicked and blasphemous crazy cult in Abitene. These pastors even sent Dr. Howard radio scripts and tapes of radio programs to reveal the extent of the wickedness of this cult. Again and again, I approached Dr. Howard to make correction; but he neither gave me the authority nor exercised his own toward even attempting correction. It is interesting to note that there are no ACE Schools in Abilene, although one Abilene Bible Baptist Pastor needed and wanted an ACE School; the presence of an ACE Cult prevented it.

"Having stated previously to me repeatedly, that he was "sitting on a gold mine," there seemed to be developing a relentless drive for more and more schools, with the ACE Statement of Faith and Practice failing to point the way toward Scriptural Separation. A strange holdness, or "chipon - the - shoulder" attitude seemed to be emerging from

"With the charismatic fever running high, complaints of Fundamental Baptist Pastors notwithstanding, the move was natural toward open and overt identification with one of the leading National charismatic figures and prophet, Willard Cantelon. This man appears frequently at tongues-speaking services and rallies, and he is seen participating in ecumen-

ical evangelistic rallies as speaker along with other ecumenists. A self-styled prophet, he published his book, "The Day the Dollar Died," and strategically put that "day" in the middle of the Tribulation. He proved that America's Dollar would die as the German Mark died after each of the World Wars, which is a perversion of both economics and history. Dr. Howard said of this book, "IT IS THE MOST SOBERING VOLUME OF HISTORY AND PROPHETIC FULFILLMENT IN CURRENT LITERA-TURE." He has invited this visionary prophet to speak at a forthcoming ACE Pastors Retreat, and he states he will continue including Cantelon's prophesy in his "The Con-spiracy" and in Pastors Training Sessions. Prior to leaving ACE, I pointed out the historical and unScriptural applications in this book, and

Dr. Howard seemed to be in accord.

"Along with certain administrative deficiencies. I fought these issues down to the wire and lost. You and your images before your churches were at stake, and I was partly responsible for most of you being in ACE. Although a heavy ordeal, I was compelled to write you the truth, and, where I have failed, ask your

Dr. Miles is continuing his service to Christian schools through another organization he helped to organize, Master Supply Association. He is President of this organization whose address is Post Office Box 2477, Garland, Texas

I appreciate the stand Dr. Miles has taken. He is to be commended. It took much courage to take this stand, and I'm sure it was done after much study and prayer.

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It does not take any imagination at all to realize that we now have in the world the possibility of Revelation 13:16-17 which states, "And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." So far, only the products are scanned and the products are scanned and the memory bank applies to inventory price and so forth. One chain grocery system in Minnesota announced the trial testing stage of such a

computer at a suburban Twin City store for December, 1973. Here the product code symbol provides for ten digits. The first five digits are assigned permanently to the manufac-turer. The Red Owl has been assigned the number 222222. The last five digits designate

the product itself.

The Uniform Grocery Produce Code Council lauds this new method of electronic check out. The "check-out slip" will list the price and description of each product.
There should be less chance for error. No prices will appear visibly on the product; they will be marked with a symbol which will be read by a scanner and the information passed to a computer which, in turn, looks up the price in a pre-programed data hook Your check-out girl will merely pass the item over the scanner and bag your goceries with minimum effort and time. (Red Owl Consumer News Publication, Vol. 1, No. 5, Nov.

MOTIVE

We have no objection to saving time, money and energy. However, it is just the beginning of buying with a number. An experiment took place back in 1971 in upper place fack in 1971 in upper Arlington, Ohio, as described in the December 26, 1971, edition of Parade, and we quote: "Each participating person carried a card bearing special magnetic identification. The bearer handed the card to the clerk who inserted it in a slot in a little keyboard and dialed a telephone number which connects the keyboard with the computer. The clerk then punched the amount of sale on the keyboard. Now the computer knows all about this customer and verifies the sale. subtracts the amount from the customer's balance and the transaction has only taken about 15 seconds. This cus-tomer needs no cash or even a checkbook."

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All the participating employee will get in his pay envelope will be the stub. At first it will be voluntary. No corporation or individual will be coerced into the electronic pay day, according to the senior Vice President of Marquette National of Min-neapolis, who heads the Association

How long will this be voluntary? Paper shortage and the energy crisis could quickly force every corporation and employee into the device which eventually would put a manacle, not only upon every individual, but upon every business as well. Soon it would become impossible to buy or sell without the computer mark.

MUTINÝ

Will you object to this computer owning your bank account? How will you object? Better start right now and never get involved. That computer (and the man who controls it) can regulate every step you take - for your investments, your wages, your

credit, your purchases, your sales and your tithe will all be at the mercy of the "Beast." 'And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name" (Rev. 13:16-17).

The little identification card

can then be eliminated by having a small tatoo on your right hand or on your forehead. That would certify that no one else could ever use your credit in a cashless, checkless society

Should a Christian accept a tattooed number on his or her body? Turn to your Bible and read as follows: "You shall not make any cuts in your body for the dead, nor make any tattoo marks on yourselves: I am the Lord" (Lev. 19:28 NASB).

METRIC SYSTEM The Agricultural Extension Service of the University of Minnesota - U.S. Department of Agriculture mimeographed a paper and distributed it in October, 1973. Here are some quotes from this paper: "If the United States changes over to the Metric system what would your reaction be? The United States, England and Canada are the only major countries that are not using the metric system. England and Canada are now in the process of

conversion." This continues by listing advantages and dis-advantages of the system and then explains how a change could be brought about. On August 9, 1968, the Metric Systems Study Bill, Public Law 90-472 authorized the Secretary of Commerce "To conduct a program of investigation, research, and survey to determine the impact of increasing worldwide use of the metric system on the United States." In 1972 a bill was introduced into Congress and it was expected to be passed by the end of the year (1973). "The House has passed a bill which provides for instruction of the metric system of weights and mea-sures to all elementary, middle, secondary, vocational and vocational-technical school pupils in the state to begin in 1974-75. The bill also provides for gradual implementation and full conversion of the commerce of the state when the system has been fully adopted as national standards by the Congress of the United States. The bill is on General Order in the Senate."

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verse states, ". .. (the numbers of names together were about an hundred and Jesus himself had established and it had an assembly of about one hundred and twenty people after His death. I cannot resist saying that the model church that Jesus left was small and by your standards would have been classified as a failure.

The next step taken in the effort to show that the church at Jerusalem was a large church is Acts 2:41, where it says, ". . . And the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." You then take the one hundred and twenty (Acts 1:15) and add this three thousand and con-clude the church at Jerusalem had an assembly of three thousand one hundred and twenty. You fail to take into account the fact that this event occurred on the day of Pentecost when Jerusalem was overflowing with Jews "out of every nation under heaven. (Acts 2:5.) The crowd present when the 3000 were saved was made up of these out of towners because it is said, "that every man heard them speak in his own tongue." (Acts 2:6.) It is natural to accept that most (if not all) of these returned to their homes after Pentecost and never did become a part of the assembly at Jerusalem. This would have left the assembled church at Jerusalem still numbering

Acts 2:47 is generally the next Scripture used to prove the church at Jerusalem reached great numbers. Here it is stated, ". . . And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Since the church at Jerusalem was at that time the only church in existence, everyone who was saved and baptized would have been members of the church at Jerusalem, but would have left Jerusalem to return home after Pentecost. In all pro-bability, other churches in other towns were started by these folks.

The familiar path of those who are trying to find a Scriptural example of a large church next leads to Acts 4:4 where it says, "Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand." You use the following arithmetic. Acts 4:4 says 5,000 men. Each of these would have had a wife and two children. Thus the number at which you arrive is 20,000. You add this to the 3,000 (Acts 2:41) and the 120 (Acts 1:5) and reach the figure of 23,120. The truth is that the 5,000 of Acts 4:4 were a part of the crowd of out of towners in Jerusalem because of Pentecost and like the 3,000 of Acts 2:41 would be returning home after Pente-cost. They would not have brought about a great increase in the assembled church at Jerusalem.

You call attention to Acts 5:14, "And believers were the added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)" You conclude that "multitude" meant thousands; you fail to note that this "multitude" was, all with one accord in Solomon's porch," (Acts 5:12) hardly a place big enough for an assembly of

Acts 6:1 says, "the number of the disciples was multiplied," and Acts 6:7 says, "the number of the disciples multiplied," and Acts 6:7 says, "the number of the disciples multiplied," the disciples multiplied in the same and the same acts of the plied." Nothing is said in these verses to justify the assump-tion that the assembly of the church at Jerusalem reached

the thousands as you state.

In your book, "Church
Aflame," it is stated, "at the end of the first seven years of the church, history tells us that the church in Jerusalem exceeded 100,000 in number." Now I don't know what history you are using. The Bible account in the Book of Acts covers the first 32 years of the history of the church at Jerusalem and not one indication is given that substantiates the assumption that it grew in size to number in thousands.

The logical conclusion from the Book of Acts is that the church at Jerusalem finally decreased in numbers. In Acts 8 (about two years after the establishment of the church) we find in the first verse, "...And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusa-lem and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles." If I wanted to use it I could assume that in two years the church at Jerusalem had dropped from 120 down to 12! result of the tremendous soulwinning of the church at Jerusalem was not the growing of a single large church at Jerusalem but the multiplying of churches all over the then known world. This was the New Testament way.

The conclusion I want to establish is that there is no New Testament example that proves "every church should be large." Neither is there any New Testament teaching that justifies this statment! This does away with your first argument that the large church is Biblical Numbers are never made the criteria of success or failure in the New Testament record of the

Your next argument to prove that every church should be large is that large churches reflect evangelism and put emphasis on evangelism.

Again you are basing your assumption on a false premise. You conclude that if a church is large it's evangelistic; if it's small it is not evangelistic. Again it must be said there is no New Testament example or teaching that justifies this

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Haman's Plot

When Esther was brought to the throne her heart must have been thrilled with this new opportunity that God had given her. But you know, boys and girls, with every opportunity you have there also goes responsibility. And that re-sponsibility was to come to Esther sooner than she ever

There was a man in the kingdom named Haman, who was one of the king's highest officers. The king depended on him more and more and finally promoted him to the highest office next to the king himself. Oh, Haman was overjoyed! Being second in command was just wonderful! The power and honor of the office went straight to Haman's head. straight to Haman's head. Instead of being humble and careful how he carried out the tremendous responsibility, he was so proud you could have stuck him with a pin. He even demanded that everyone bow demanded that everyone bow to him when he went out the palace gate and down the street. Oh, how his heart swelled with pride when the people fell on their knees with their faces to the ground as

Haman rode by. That is, they all bowed except one man. Haman was infuriated. There was one lonely man who wouldn't bow when he came by. "There must have been some mistake," Haman thought. "He will bow tomorrow." But the will bow tomorrow." But the next day came, and still that strange man didn't bow. The third day the same thing happened and Haman was exasperated! He insisted on finding out who that man was To his amazement he learned the stiffnecked man's name was Mordecai. You remember, he was that Jew who took Esther in and raised her as his own child from the time she was just a little girl. Mordecai was a strong Jew who loved the God of heaven and served and praised Him. He had raised Esther right, too, because he had taught her to be an obedient girl. He taught her to be kind, loving, and honorable. He stayed outside the king's gate every day so that he could hear some word of how Esther was doing and perhaps just get a glimpse of her through the gates. It must have thrilled his heart to know "his little Esther" was queen of all Persia. But when Haman rode out daily, Mordecai didn't bow. All of the joys seemed to turn to bitterness when Haman saw one man who defied him. Finally he sent for an explanation from Mordecai. "Why do you defy Haman? Why don't you bow?" Mordecai wasn't smarty or

haughty about it, but he said, "I bow only to the God of heaven; I don't bow to man. Man is sinful and human just as I am, but the God of heaven is whom I honor; He is my Ruler and Guide. I cannot bow to Haman." And he wouldn't bow. He just wouldn't bow. It crossed his conscience; it disobeyed his God, and he would not bow.

Haman couldn't stand it. He just couldn't accept it that one man wouldn't bow in his honor and obey his command.
Finally Haman determined,
"I'll get Mordecai; I'll get.
him I'll show him he won't get by with defying me. I'll show him who is great and who has power. I'll rid the earth of him and his kind. I'll have to think up a smooth plan though, so I can pawn it off on the king." And he came up with an idea

such as you have never heard before. One day he said to the king, "Oh, live forever!" He was buttering him up real good and trying to fool him. Then he said, "King, you know there are certain people out here who don't do what you say do; they don't worship you or your gods; they are a detriment to our whole country. Why, they will be the ruination of us all if you don't do something about it. King, I think we ought to clean them out and get rid of the whole bunch of them before they do more damage. In fact, King, if you will set a day and grant your permission, we will just exterminate all of those Jews. I'll even add a great amount of money to the king's treasury myself if you will do treasury myser it you will do
it." The king thought, "If
Haman feels that strongly
about this, it must be
important. Also more shekels
in the treasury would certainly
add to my honer and security." add to my honor and security. As dollar signs danced before his eyes, and depending on the word of his trusted premier, the king signed the decree, stamped it with his seal, and sent it out across the country, The dreadful writing said that on a certain day every Jew was to be put to death. The news was like a death blow itself. The whole land was stunned; everyone was per-plexed. The Jews were frightened and didn't know what to do. Mordecai, along with many others, put on sack cloth to show sorrow, humility, and terrible trouble.

Soon word reached Esther that Mordecai was outside the gate in sackcloth. Not realizing what happened, Esther immediately gathered up the best clothes she could find and sent them to Mordecai. She didn't want him going around in shabby garments. But Mor-

decai rejected the beautiful clothes. "No, I'll not have them," he said. "Go back and Esther what has happened!" In great distress he explained the whole situation. He even sent her a copy of the decree commanding that every Jew was to be destroyed. And he added, "By the way, my dear, don't think your life will be spared or that you will get out of this. Remember you are a Jew, too!"
Esther's heart fairly stopped

in shock and fear. Her thoughts were serious and deep. She sent word back, "I understand, Mordecai, but what can I do?" The process of sending word back and forth by messengers, through the iron gates, and past palace guards without anyone suspecting trouble was slow and nerve-wracking, but it was the only way. Trembling, Esther unfolded Mordecai's answer.
"There's one thing you can do, my dear. You can go before the king and plead for the lives of your people!" Had Mordecai lost his mind?

In the terror of this great trouble had he lost his reason? Did he realize what he was asking? Surely he knew that no one was allowed to enter the king's presence except by His Highness' command. To go before the king uninvited was to chance death. If the king saw such an assuming subject, he could raise his sceptre and permit him to enter, but if that one did not find favor in the king's sight or his visit was untimely to the king's plea-sure, one swift downward sign of the sceptre and the poor wretch would be hauled out and killed immediately.

"O Mordecai," she returned word, "How can I do that? You know the law is that nobody, not even the queen herself may go before the king without being called." Mordecai said, 'Well, that is a chance you will have to take if you are going to stand up for your people. It may be that this is the very reason God allowed you to be queen and to be queen at this particular time." Esther's heart was humble and she sought God's favor. She sent word back to Mordecai,"Oh, Mordecai, please have all the people pray and fast for me three days; I and my ladies in the palace will do the same thing. Then I will go before the king. I'll go, and if I perish, I perish."

Oh, what a touching story, but what a thrill it was to find a young woman who was so dedicated to her God and to His people that she would even put her life on the line for His sake. Say, I wonder what kind

of a Christian you are. Are you afraid, are you selfish? Are you dodging responsibility and seeking your own pleasure and welfare? Or are you like Esther, willing to put your life Jesus Christ, who loved you and gave Himself for you? Are you willing to dedicate yourself 100 percent to the cause of Christ and to the will of God? That is the way of real blessing, happiness, and re-

ward Jesus said "Whosnever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it." (Mark 8:34,35).

(What will happen when Esther stands uninvited before the King? Be watching next month.)

Basic

From Page 1

Youth Conflicts

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."

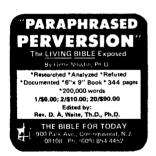
It doesn't seem to me that this is the same sword weilded by Gothard.

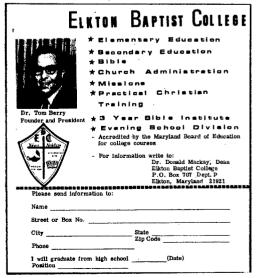
The days we live in are so subtle. We must be very careful in examining every-thing in the light of the Word of God. Movements stand or fall on the basis of their faithfulness to the Scriptures. The Word of God alone is our "sure word of God alone is our sure word of prophecy"; let us examine every man or move-ment by the infallible and unchanging Word of God. Some will think I'm just

being contentious and have an unchristian spirit because 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." 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 PRO-JECTOR states. I have no personal animosity toward anyone. I simply have a responsibility to God and our readers to present the truth as

In later issues we will take up other aspects of the Bill Gothard Institute of Basic Youth Conflicts, which I believe are unscriptural. In the next issue we plan to analyze the "Chain of Command" as presented by Gothard.







The Other Side

with Dave Johnson

History

As a history teacher in a Christian Academy, I have become aware of the fact that all history text books contain the events which are primarily of importance to the secular world. Obviously, a history book cannot record all events which take place but only the important events. The author each book must decide which events are most important to him as well as to the rest of the world. Since fundamental Christians are a minority group, most books fail to record the events which would be of interest to born-again believers.

I have always been a believer in "going by the book" in most areas of life. For example, we play organized sports "by the book" to avoid arguments and controversy. History is an area in which the Christian teacher can and must deviate from the text book if a Christian perspective is to be maintained in the school

A history class should include the dates and events surrounding the establishment of the various cults. When young people see these events and understand why and how the cult was founded, they will be aware of the subtlety of Satan and will be able to warn others of his devices.

To illustrate this point, I call your attention to the year 1827, the city of Batavia, New York, and the man named Captain William Morgan. (The book from which I teach contains none of these three items in the index.) Captain Morgan was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Batavia who felt compelled to break his Masonic oath by publishing the secret oaths of the first three degrees of Masonry. As a result of Morgan's exposure of the Masonic oaths, he was kidnapped and drowned in the Niagara River in New York. Several people were charged with the abduction conspiracy and the scandal resulted in approximately 45,000 masons leaving their lodges. Furthermore, masons were barred from practically every church in the nation.

It is at this point that we find a Master Mason named Joseph Smith revealing his meeting with the resurrected angel Maroni near Palmyra, New York. The fact that this event followed Morgan's exposure of Masonry is more than a coincidence. 45,000 men who left their lodge were in need of an organization to join and Joseph Smith provided his "shelter in the time of storm."

A book titled Mormonism-Shadow or Reality by Jerald and Sandra Tanner, published in 1972 by Modern Microfilm Company contains a detailed account of the similarities in Masonry and Mormonism. Without giving the details of the "secret" similarities, I will list the headings from the Tanner's book:

1. Both the Masons and the Mormons have what is called "the five points of fellowship." 2 When the candidate

received "The First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood" he makes a promise similar to the oath taken in the "First Degree" of the Masonic ritual. 3. In both ceremonies the thumb is drawn across the

throat to show the penalty.

4. Those who receive the "First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood" give a grip that is similar to that used by the Masons in the "First Degree" of their ritual.

5. Some of the wording concerning the "grip" is similar.

6. The oath of the "Second Token of the Aaronic Priest-hood" is similar to that taken in the second degree of Masonry.

7. Both have a similar sign. 8. Both have a similar grip. 9. In both cases a "name" is

10. The promise made when receiving the "First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, resembles the oath given by the Masons in the third or 'Master Mason's Degree.

11. The sign of the penalty is similar in both cases

12. In both cases a "name"

13. The conversation at the "veil" in the temple ceremony is very similar to that of the "Fellow Craft Mason" when he is questioned concerning the 'grip''

14. Both the Masons and the Mormons have a vow regarding "chastity."

15. The grip known as "The Sign of the Nail" seems to be similar to one given by Masons in one of their higher degrees.

16. The "Oath of Vengeance" which used to be used in the Mormon Temple ceremony resembles an oath in one of the higher degrees of Masonry.

17. Both Mormons and Masons change clothing before going through their rituals.

18. Both Mormons and Masons use an apron.

19. In one of the higher degrees the Masons anoint the candidate. This is somewhat similar to the anointing ceremony in the Mormon Temple ritual.

20. Both Mormons and Masons give what they call a "new name" to the candidate.

21. In the Mormon Temple ceremony the candidate cannot pass through the veil until he has given certain signs and words. In the Royal Arch

marks of the square and the compass appear on the Mormon temple garments and on the veil

25. In the Masonic ritual the point of the compass is pressed against the left breast of the candidate. The Mormon temple garment has the mark of the compass on the left breast.

26. The angle of the square is pressed against the right breast in the Masonic ritual. The mark of the square appears on the right breast of the Mormon temple garment.

Degree the Masons use veils.

22. In the Mormon temple ceremony a man represents Adam. The Masons also have a man who personates Adam in the degree of "Knight of the

23. In the Mormon temple ceremony a man represents God. In the Mason's Royal Arch Degree a man "per-sonates the Deity."

24. Both the Mormons and the Masons consider the square and the compass to be extremely important. The

27. A mallet is used by both the Masons and the Me in their ceremonies.

Although most history text books make mention of the anti-Masonic party and the religion of Mormonism, none of the two tie together in any way. These events are important to Christians, and we in Christian education need to insert these events in our history curriculums. If we simply go "by the book" in history, we are missing the important events.

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Your Dying Dollar

November '73, p. 222.
Robert F. Preston writes in "The New World Monetary system" - "There will be an economic crash which is about to destroy the financial struc-ture of the United States." He further adds, "When will it happen? It has already start-ed." He predicts this econimic crash before 1975. Dr. Pick says that it is not only the dollar which is in trouble but the whole world currency system and further adds, "Overnight, a new currency will appear."

One report is that the metric system "the new dollar" is already printed and stockpiled. Americans will be given one for each ten they now have. Thus to hoard our money in or out of the banks will do no good. What better way to save it than to use it in the Lord's work while there is still time.
MARE'S NEST

Webster defines "mare's nest" as "some fancy dis-covery which proves to be a hoax." The "Beast" in action today in Brussels will be able to give every man, woman and child in all the world a number, and without that number no one would be able to buy or sell. In this present day society, the man who controls the beast will control the world. How many people could raise their own food, make their own clothes, and obtain their own fuel for

warmth? MYSTERY

"For the mystery of iniquity doth already work; only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way" (II Thess. 2:7). No doubt but what this mystery of iniquity is already active. How long will he be hindered? The Bible says "until he (the Holy Spirit) be taken out of the way." "And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteous-ness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved" (II Thess. 2.8-10)

MAMMON

The President of the United States has the power, right now, to declare a national emergency which would regulate the amount of money that you could withdraw from your bank or savings account. Ten Federal Regional Councils have been set up. The birth of the "Beast" in Brussels was explained in a secular children's magazine before we adults ever imagined it to be true. Money must not be our main purpose, for we read, man can serve masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other: or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon" (Luke 16:13)

Now is the time to turn to the Lord. If you, dear reader, are not sure of going to heaven, here is how you can be sure.

1. You need salvation For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us ail" (Isaiah 53:6).

2. You are unable to save yourself

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

3. Salvation has been provided for you through Jesus

For God so loved the world. that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John

4. You will receive this salvation if you will place your trust in Christ

"...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved..." (Acts 16:31). "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12).

may not have much time left to make this decision. We now have a world bank and the "Beast" in Belgium which could control the monetary system. We have a World Council of Churches which will control the religious system. We are on the verge of a one-world government. One man will be able to control your money, your religion, and your life. One man, who has been flying around the world been flying around the work during the past year, has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, and it is said that his mother introduces him, "My can the Prince of Peace." Now son, the Prince of Peace. there will come one, one day, who will claim that, and we read of him as follows: Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in temple of God, showing himself that he is God" (II Thess. 2:3-4).

The poet writes, "I do not know the future, but I know Who holds the future in His hand." You can know my Sayior and you can trust Him for everything forever.

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An Open Letter To ELMER TOWNS

conclusion. The truth is that a small church can be just as evangelistic as a large one numbers are never the test of faithfulness in evangelism. Dr. Bob Jones has well "There is a tendency to make soul-winning the prime evi-dence of spirituality and Christian dedication. This is dangerous, deceptive, and un-scriptural."

You belittle small churches by inferring they are not interested in winning souls but get sidetracked in worship, Bible study, etc. The only trouble with this is that it is a generalization that just is not true! Churches and pastors of churches in sparsely populated areas can be just as zealous for souls as the churches and pastors in heavily populated areas but surely should not be counted as failures because they do not reach the same numbers. This is ridiculous! A church in a solid Catholic area with generations of solid Catholic teaching and influence is surely in a different situation than a church in a solid Baptist area with generations of Baptist teaching and influence.

You say in your book, "Church Aflame," "This book is written to reverse some of the defeatism and pessimism in the church world." I want to say to you that the philosophy you are promoting is the greatest single cause for defeatism and pessimism in the church world today. All over this country for the past 40 years or so there have been hundreds and even thousands of pastors and churches who feel defeated and pessimistic because by your standards (and others like you) they feel that they are utter failures. Pastors and churches with a great zeal for lost souls and who are faithfully and diligently seeking to win them are discouraged and sometimes give up thinking themselves failures because they do not measure up to the false criteria of success - numbers! It occurs to me that the hundreds of small churches that struggled through the 12 centuries of the Dark Ages would be classified as failures by your standard. The most Christian and Baptistic section of the world one generation ago was our own southland with its thousands of small churches. Were these churches failures? If they were I say give us some more failures like this for today!

I remember many years ago in a fellowship meeting in my church when Dr. Dallas Billington, pastor of the world's largest church sat and listened to a country preacher from Kentucky give his testi-mony. This country preacher was dressed in a shabby, outdated suit and his shoes were scuffed from walking over unpaved roads and plowed fields. He drove a ten-year-old car that showed the wear and tear of driving up

dry creek beds to get to his folks. He told how he pastored four small country churches scattered out in the hills of Kentucky. When he finished, Dr. Billington rose, put his arm around the country preacher and with tears streaming down his face, said, This man is doing a greater work for the Lord than I will ever do!" By your standards, he would have been classed as a failure

By Bible standards, the successful preacher is not one that turns his back on a country church and cries for a big one in the city but rather is the man who serves faithfully wherever God leads.

You say that the day of the small church is past because there are no men to pastor the small church. I say to you that the reason for this is that you and others like you have convinced pastors that a small church is a failure.

Your third argument is that a large church can evangelize the large metropolitan area and a small church cannot. Again I have to say this reasoning is ridiculous. In a metropolitan area of 1,000,000 vould it be better to have one live evangelistic church ministering to this million or thousand, live, evangelistic churches ministering to a thousand each? Which is the better goal?

You make what I feel are foolish statements like, "A small church cannot adapt to increase in population." heaven's sake, why not? How did your super churches get started? Did they hatch out full grown?

You say, "God will evangelize America through large churches." Let us examine this statement. In the last 40 years or so, paralleling the growth of the large, super, churches, America has experienced the greatest decline in Christian influence we have ever known. We have passed from Christian anti-Christian. I do not believe this is accidental but rather it is because we have deserted God's way. Compare America in the day of many, small churches to today America of the centralized. super church.

You ridicule the pastor of the small church as being an ineffective "Jack of all ineffective "Jack of all trades." You say a large church can afford big preachers and specialists and thus are more successful. This is pure humanism.
Your worship of success is

obvious in the statement, "Everything else is big, why not the churches." You say everyone worships success so why not take advantage of it. Again, pure humanism. You say the average Christian does not want to come to a small church and become involved, but would rather lose themselves in a big church. I agree! They have so lost themselves

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An Open Letter To ELMER TOWNS

as to go out of sight.
I would like to give a summation as to why I think the ideas and conclusions presented in your sermons and books are so dangerous and need to be challenged.

1. You are certainly giving the impression that the United States is experiencing some kind of a booming religious revival as a result of the growth of the big, centralized, super churches. The truth is that paralleling the time of the growth of these super churches we have had the fastest spiritual and moral decline any nation has ever known. A smaller percentage of the population is being saved than ever before. The danger in what you are doing is that God's people are lulled into a false sense of well-being and are kept unaware of the crisis

that really exists.

2. The backbone of the real evangelistic thrust of this age

is the thousands of churches that you classify as small and hold up as failures. You are note up as tatures. You are thus destroying the faith and confidence of God's people in doing God's work in God's way. If you accomplish your goal it will be a disaster!

3. You are equating largeness in numbers with success and smallness in numbers with failure. This results in Godly, dedicated, evangelistic, pastors and churches who are faithfully serving the Lord to become discouraged and defeated because they are not measuring up to your human-istic standard of success.

4. The manner in which you belittle the pastor of a small church as an ineffective "jack of all trades, master of none" is bound to undermine the confidence and respect the church member should have for their pastor. No estimate could be made of the damage done to the cause of Christ

because of this false characterization.

THE PROJECTOR

5. Irresponsible use of the Scriptures to justify your false conclusions can hardly be marked off as ignorance. For instance, if your conclusion that large churches are the way established and approved in the Scriptures then some additional rather startling conclusions would have to be examined. Since the large, centralized, super church is of modern origin are we to conclude that for 18 centuries or so God's way was ignored and churches were failures? This sounds like Armstrongism saying the truth only got here in this generation.

6. You clearly state that the day of the small church is past because they cannot adapt to the increase in population. To suggest it would be better for these churches to close and consolidate with a large church is to set yourself up as an opponent of God's work. You are guilty I believe in setting up false goals as to how the largest number of lost souls can be won. The way you are promoting would lead directly to a smaller percentage of lost

sinners being saved.
7. You are aware I'm sure of the danger of today's great emphasis upon ecumenicism: Denominationalism is a step in that direction. The World Council of Churches is another. I believe that centralization of God's people in large, super churches is potentially headed in the same direction.

God's way has never changed. True evangelism means sinners being saved and this is to result in churches being started. A greater number of churches was always the New Testament goal - not the consolidation into one super church.

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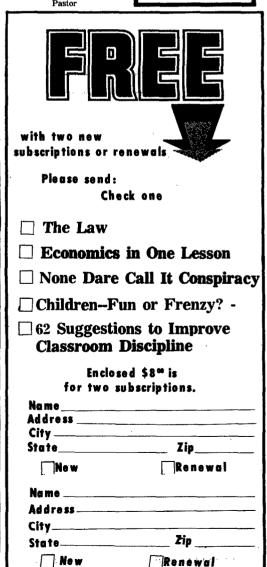
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