

February 8, 2014

Open Letter

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Dear Bill,

Re: IBLP Board Member Inquiries

If it would be encouragement to you, please know that 1,000s of alumni of the Basic Seminar and ATI program are praying for you during these days, and that is growing quickly. It is clear to me that God's mercy has been experienced by millions of believers in Christ and are quick to express that same mercy of God to you and to me to the degree we humbly acknowledge all wrong and sin. The early church passed the test even with a man Saul of Tarsus. Failing to come clean foils the opportunity entirely. God wants our whole heart. Anything less retains the practice of idolatry in one form or another.

As the church of Jesus Christ begins an examination of your personal life and your teachings contrary to the Word of God, the church and the public will also be reviewing the Board of Directions you have selected and approved to oversee and direct your ministry. For that purpose it is important to ask you questions about certain of the men you have selected to oversee your ministry and to advise you spiritually regarding the present important matters.

If per chance you choose to not respond in a timely fashion, these questions and related accounts will be made known to a wider audience so the church can understand and review the spiritual life and condition of their lives as well as appraise the quality of the men you so carefully select to oversee and direct your ministry.

I have attempted to communicate with your Board on these time sensitive matters during the past month, though I have not heard from them. It occurs to me they would certainly have no interest in working to resolve questions and issues related to your life if they have similar unresolved issues in their own lives. And they know well you are fully aware of their own failures and yet unconfessed sins of the past.

It is very clear to many who know you well and know you the longest, that you quickly learn the history of the relationships and history of failures in the lives of those you counsel and especially those you intend to employ. It is the experience of many of your past staff, committee members, and volunteers that you use/abuse this knowledge of their failures to press them into service to you. You also communicate with them, with your implied or explicit threats of recrimination and exposure of their secret sins, if they fail to meet your expectation that they will not challenge you or confront you about your own yet unconfessed sins, questionable teachings, and related disqualifications.

Each of your board members now have in their hands a clear and powerful example of your willingness to write a malicious letter of 19 pages of libel, false and twisted in every way, purposely destructive of another Christian, your bearing false witness, all in violation of Christ Jesus and His careful explanation of how to resolve conflicts, and publish it nationwide under Institute authority, funds and endorsement. Their only hope is to resign and flee the scene before they do something righteous and you punish them mercilessly for it. Until then they stand with you as public figures in whom 10s of 1,000s of pastors and

their congregations trust to make righteous and Biblical decisions regarding the integrity of its teacher(s) and operations.

Can you confirm these men can stand with full integrity on the matters outlined below and attached in summary to this letter?

**Dr. John Stancil, IBLP Board Member**

Bill, when you selected and supported Dr. John Stancil for a position on your IBLP Board of Directors...

1. Did you interview him carefully about his qualifications to serve on your Board?
2. In your becoming acquainted with him over the years, did you examine with him the history of his divorce of his first wife?
3. In your discussions with him about his family, did you learn the details of how Dr. Stancil met his present wife and the history of how they met, and how Dr. Stancil resolved his relationship with his first wife to become free to marry his second wife?
4. Bill, were you able to confirm and have testimony from Dr. Stancil that he has acknowledged these and any related wrongs and sins against God, against his first wife, against his children, against the ministry he was serving at the time?
5. Bill, I have attached to this letter to you and your Board a summary of a set of accounts that describe decisions and behavior of Dr. John Stancil which are public record and have been confirmed again in recent months with direct witnesses to these events. Would you confirm to us whether or not the details of his actions and great offenses described in this summary are true or false? And if these accounts are true in part or in whole, can you confirm to us with his testimony that he acknowledges these sins and has made every effort to acknowledge these sins publicly and has made every effort to put things back right with his first wife, with his family, with the Sword of Lord ministry and associated family members?

**Dr. John McLario, Past Chairman of the Board and President of the IBYC (now IBLP) Corporation**

Bill, it seems that this Board Chairman and the man who took your place as President of your organization, was recommended to you by your good and close friend Dr. Bob Jones III of Bob Jones University.

The attached summary of the involvement by Dr. John McLario in your organization at the most powerful positions of authority would necessarily require careful and knowledgeable inquiry about his spiritual life and history of relationships, as well as recommendations from such trusted sources as Dr. Bob Jones III.

1. Did you interview him carefully about his qualifications to serve on your Board in your recruiting and selection of Dr. McLario for these important positions?
2. In your becoming acquainted with him over the years, did you examine with him the history of his relationship with his wife and family?
3. In your discussions with him about his spiritual life and any history of failures that might disqualify him for such public Christian ministry, did you learn of any ongoing secret immorality by him?

4. When Dr. Bob Jones III recommended Dr. McLario to you and the IBYC Board, did Dr. Jones disclose to you his own knowledge of Dr. McLario's ongoing immorality?
5. When the account of Dr. McLario's unconfessed and continuing immorality with a prostitute was told to you in July of 1980, did you meet with him to ask him directly and specifically if this account was true or false?
6. Dr. Bob Jones III flew to Chicago sometime in or near the week of July 24, 1980 and took you and Dr. John McLario to lunch to meet together. Before, during or after lunch, did you discuss with Dr. Bob Jones III your and his knowledge of Dr. McLario's immorality and disqualifications to serve in any Christian ministry post?

When Dr. John McLario suddenly tendered his resignation after less than three weeks on the job as President and Chairman of the Board of the IBYC ministry organization, and with your being notified of the matter of his being discovered in his unconfessed immorality, why would you and the Board of your ministry re-employ him as "General legal Counsel" on July 25, 1980 (Board notes reference)?

Why would the Board of your ministry make a special motion and vote unanimously in favor of commending Dr. McLario "for his sensitive handling of the Institute ministry" once you knew of his acknowledged immorality and disqualification from this service? See Board notes of July 25, 1980.

7. Bill, were you able to confirm and have testimony from Dr. McLario that he has publicly acknowledged these and any related wrongs and sins against God, against his wife, against his daughters? Were you able to discuss this failure with your friend Dr. Bob Jones III, who was then utilizing Dr. McLario's services at the University and is today having Dr. McLario serve on the Board of Trustees of Bob Jones University?
8. Bill, I have attached to this letter to you and your Board a summary of this account and the history that describe the involvement and behavior of Dr. John McLario which have become public record through IBYC Board meeting notes as well as notes published by IBYC department directors who took notes at the time. Would you confirm to us whether or not the details of his actions and great offenses described in this summary are true or false? And if these accounts are true in part or in whole, can you confirm to us with his personal testimony that he acknowledges these sins and has made every effort to acknowledge these sins publicly and has made every effort to put things back right with his wife, with his family, with the Bob Jones University which currently has him in a most powerful and trusted office as Trustee?

The important and basic issue of the Board members you recruit and employ is such an important consideration it will be very soon presented as one of the core issues for the church at large. It may be of help to you if we would set a date for a response from you on both of these men and the related questions by March 1, 2014. If per chance you choose to not respond in a timely fashion, these questions and related accounts will be made known to a wider audience so the church of Jesus Christ can understand and review for themselves the spiritual life and condition of their lives as well as appraise the quality of the men you carefully select to oversee and direct your ministry. The publication of these questions will include public sources that report these concerns about each of these men so that anyone concerned about your life and ministry can begin their own review of the public record and where they might desire, to contact you and each of these men directly.

I trust we will hear from you very soon.

With many prayers.

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C: Dr. Billy Boring and IBLP Board Members

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