

Dr. John Stancil and Bill Gothard's Shared Cover-Up of Immorality

This story is about Dr. John Stancil and Curtis Hutson who served together at the ministry of Dr. John R. Rice known as Sword of the Lord. The story also involves Rev. Jack Hyles of Hammond, Indiana (deceased). Dr. Stancil may well have a different account regarding the details of his employment with the Sword of the Lord ministry, a variation of details about the cause for the end of his first marriage, and what events were involved in the selection of and marriage to his second wife. We would be glad to learn from him what might be different or in error about the account below.

Dr. John Stancil is a current Board member of Bill Gothard's organization Institute in Basic Life Principles (IBLP).

The link to Dr. Stancil and his second wife is at <http://iblp.org/about-iblp/corporate-information/board-directors>

It does illustrate Bill Gothard's choice of board members (McLario and now Stancil); or it illustrates the failure of Bill Gothard to check out their moral background; or it precisely supports the very reason Bill Gothard makes these choices, all to obtain staunch support from Board members (with at risk histories) during any times of questioning of his own moral weaknesses, failures and ministerial disqualifications over the years. If this account below is true in its essence it would seem this would make Dr. Stancil incapable of supporting a corrective course for Bill Gothard.

From the written accounts by the 1980 staff of Bill Gothard's organization, and ongoing inquiry regarding the individuals Bill Gothard recruits to work with him, two facts seem quite evident.

1. Bill Gothard had detailed knowledge of gross immorality over at least a 7 year period and had covered it up until the ongoing immorality and damage to staff women was discovered in 1979-1980 and brought to the organization's Board of Directors. They asked Bill Gothard to resign, which he did. Temporarily.
2. John Stancil was asked to become and is currently a Director with the Board of the IBYC organization. If the account below is true, it will be difficult for Dr. Stancil to invite and support a serious and detailed review of all the charges currently outstanding against Bill Gothard and the organization. Could Dr. Stancil be relied upon to make every effort to arrange for a Council to properly hear the evidence for each charge being brought by previous staff and ATI students that protest the continuation of a Christian ministry with such wide ranging disqualifications?

A small summary of the known facts regarding Dr. John Stancil are these:

1. Stancil and Hutson were directors of the Sword of The Lord ministry for Dr. John R. Rice, a great evangelist and director of the Rice Ranch for training and outreach of Deaf and Deaf ministers.
2. In Sword conferences and church meetings, Stancil and Hutson regularly and often pocketed the money from material and book sales.
3. Brenda Stancil (wife of Dr. John Stancil) was also an employee of the Sword ministry, in charge of book keeping.

4. She directly and firmly opposed her husband and Hutson's theft of the ministry's revenues. They both met with her and complained about her making a stink about what they deserved and which she should not consider out of order.
5. Hutson then advised Stancil to get rid of that wife and get another one. In fact, get one that is more subservient to her husband as her authority. In fact, you should get an Oriental woman because they are culturally inclined to be subservient.
6. Stancil agreed and asked Hutson to help him to do just that. They both knew Rev. Jack Hyles very well, he being on the Sword of the Lord Board of Directors.
7. They asked Hyles, who was also chancellor of the Hyles-Anderson College in Hammond, IN. He gladly agreed to offer help! Help in finding a replacement wife while the man was still married. Hyles arranged for the two men to come to Hammond where he had selected 6, 7, or 8 young oriental women/students of the College. Hyles had them paraded past Stancil and Hutson for their review and selection. Stancil picked one and made arrangements to move her to TN and marry her.
8. Stancil then went home and divorced his wife. He then married his second and current wife. Bill Gothard features both Dr. Stancil and his second wife at the IBLP Board Bios at the website. Rev. Jack Hyles officiated their wedding/marriage.

Is the Story of Dr. John Stancil and the history of his Divorce and Remarriage True or False?

It would be good to know if John Stancil ever confessed his sins and reconciled with God, confessed his theft of funds and put things right with the ministry of The Sword of the Lord, with the John R. Rice family members, as well as confessing sin and pursuing reconciliation with his first wife.

It would seem that Bill Gothard and the Board of the Institute in Basic Life Principles would want to make the same inquiry of Dr. John Stancil. It could well be that Dr. John Stancil has acknowledged this sin in his life, God has graciously forgiven him his sins. It could well be Dr. John Stancil has confessed these sins to his wife and family and they have worked through their own forgiveness of him. It could well be that Dr. John Stancil has acknowledged these sins and failures to the IBLP Board of Directors and they have graciously forgiven him and invited him to continue his good work with the organization. These would all be occasions for rejoicing in the forgiveness and mercies of our Lord.

If these sins and wrongs have been covered up they become lies and disqualifications.

The IBLP organization ought to at least consider asking these questions.

We would be glad to know the detail of their inquiry regarding these matters.