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Open Letter

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Hello Dr. Boring,

On December 30, 2014 I mailed to you and the members of your Board the materials that Rev. Bill Gothard had requested of me by two phone calls and three letters. In the package I requested a specific response from you and your Board. As of Feb. 3, 2014 I have not received any letter from you, or email, a phone call, or a request to meet together. That is a large disappointment and a missed opportunity to work together to resolve a significant set of problems your Organization faces.

It should be noted that I have not received any response from Rev. Bill Gothard, the person who requested the materials be prepared and assembled from warehouse records long stored away and forgotten. In the materials sent to Bill Gothard and copied to you, specific letters were presented outlining very specific and practical ways that Bill Gothard could fully and cleanly address these wrongs and yet unconfessed sins. In his phone calls and letters over the past four months, he expressed what seemed to be genuine spiritual interest to have the truth examined and to seek reconciliation with me and others he has deeply damaged over the years.

Bill Gothard, by his silence, has confirmed that his expressed interest to acknowledge wrong and put things back right (Matt. 5:23-26) were not as genuine or ready as he had stated. By his silence, and yours, you have both...

...confirmed your alliance and commitment to continue the cover up of sins of the past and the continuation in sin by Bill Gothard.

...confirmed your rejection of the offer from me (and others) of grace, forgiveness and cooperation in working through very real offenses and damage to the church of Jesus Christ. I have prayed for decades for such an opportunity as this and it was rejected by you and Bill Gothard.

...confirmed your willingness to continue your support of an obviously disqualified man for the ministry of the Gospel, disregarding his continued ungodly behavior and his continued teaching of a distorted gospel which does so much damage in 1,000s of families and churches across our nation.

Dr. Boring, we do not know each other. I was hoping that we might actually make that attempt over our common desires to honor Christ and address some very real troubles in the church and in this particular ministry. I would have gladly driven to your city to meet with you, or at any other location convenient to you.

As you well know, a number of those who have communicated with you have of this date proceeded to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ (Matthew 18:17) and the Apostle Paul (I Timothy 5:17-25) in warning the church and every family possible in our nation. You and each of your Board will be forever historically linked to your participation in the cover up of unconfessed sin and the continuation in sin of Rev. Bill Gothard. Your direct rejection of requests to participate in a hearing to address and seek

correction of these charges against Rev. Bill Gothard will make you equally culpable in the damage to the church of Jesus Christ.

You are aware I know of Bill Gothard's recent charges in January, made against me (he has announced to many) that I am "seeking money and working to close down the ministry." Dr. Boring, depending upon how well you know Bill Gothard, you might already guess those charges are unfounded and false, fraudulent and a lie. I am copying to you with this email my letter to Bill Gothard asking him to stop "bearing false witness." He has not responded, which is no surprise. It does illustrate the teaching of Christ perfectly, that it is not the pork sandwich and BBQ sauce that defile you, but what comes OUT of your mouth that defiles, makes you unclean and unacceptable to a holy God.

"Then Jesus called to the crowd to come and hear. "Listen," he said, "and try to understand. ¹¹ It's not what goes into your mouth that defiles you; you are defiled by the words that come out of your mouth."
¹² Then the disciples came to him and asked, "Do you realize you offended the Pharisees by what you just said?" ¹³ Jesus replied, "Every plant not planted by my heavenly Father will be uprooted, ¹⁴ so ignore them. They are blind guides leading the blind, and if one blind person guides another, they will both fall into a ditch."
¹⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Explain to us the parable that says people aren't defiled by what they eat."
¹⁶ "Don't you understand yet?" Jesus asked. ¹⁷ "Anything you eat passes through the stomach and then goes into the sewer. ¹⁸ But the words you speak come from the heart—that's what defiles you. ¹⁹ For from the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, all sexual immorality, theft, lying, and slander. ²⁰ These are what defile you. Eating with unwashed hands will never defile you." Matthew 15:10-20

Sir, I do pity your situation and the new church history you are writing and in which you will be featured.

As this continued rejection of reproofs and rebuke and instruction continues, it may be that God would yet grant repentance to Rev. Gothard and possibly to yourself. We pray that it will yet occur, if God permits it. If God does not grant repentance to him or to you, Rev. Gothard and you will be held in his Judgment before the Holy One for the Last Day.

There is nothing to negotiate. Ezekiel 14:1-11

I simply want you to know, along with the other members of your Board that we had prayed and hoped for a professional and spiritual response to our requests to you.

Sincerely,

Tony G

Attachment: "Bill Gothard's Decisions to 'Close Down' His Ministry"