

The Pied Piper (Gothardism)

--The First in a series, "We Never Learn"--



Bill Gothard, Founder of Basic Youth Conflicts, was one of the gurus our churches followed like the Pied Piper.

His legalistic (not Bible legalism but Gothard legalism), his cultic following, his perverted heresies on marriage,

divorce, birth control, and writings on a variety of subjects caused division in our churches.

His followers were Church splitters and Pharisees of the worst rank. Once a Church was infiltrated with one or two of his adherents, division was sure to result.

I personally saw churches, families, and friendships torn asunder. These were not divisions over what the Bible said, but divisions over what Gothard added to the Word.

Few subjects were out of his domain. One older renowned preacher among us went on the bus to a Promise Keepers rally he never wanted to attend. He stood in front of the bus and said there would be no literature brought home from Promise Keepers or any Promise Keepers' clubs allowed in the Church.

He said, "I went through the Bill Gothard mess and no one is going to introduce another such cult into our congregation." All the preachers listening knew exactly what he meant.

Google the Bill Gothard scandal and see how he practiced hypocrisy concerning the immorality in his home office. Observe all the heresies he taught and introduced in our churches. His "umbrella doctrine" and his "chain of authority", his "ancestral transfer of guilt" and other Gothard speculation led many people into spiritual, psychological, and physical sickness. It led some to suicide and maybe murder.

Google is a possible connection between Bill Gothard and Matthew Murray.

Gothard's sermons broke down the denominational barrier between Catholics, Protestants, Pentecostal, Evangelicals, Neo-evangelicals, and Fundamentalists.

In other words, Gothardism broke down doctrinal distinctions and substituted "Gothard's" principles and assumptions in denominational dogmas place.

But we never learn...You sleep with the dogs, you wake up with fleas!!