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## **PSYCHOHERESY**

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Our primary objections to the use of Psychotherapy and “Christian psychology” are not based merely on its **confused state of self-contradiction** or its phony scientific facade. (There are over 400 separate and distinct “SCHOOLS” of thought in Psychology) Our primary objections are not even based on the attempts to explain human behavior through personal opinion presented as scientific fact.

The greatest objections to psychotherapy and Christian psychology are that, without proof or justification, psychology has, in numerous ways, compromised the Word of God, the power of the Cross, and the work of the Holy Spirit among Christians.

**One way out of the web of psychological myth and entrapment is to consider the following:**

1. It is detrimental to add psychology to God’s Word or to use psychology in place of the Bible.
2. The Christian psychologizer generally knows less about the Word and its application to problems of living than a pastor.
3. What the Christian psychologizer says about human relationships and problems of living is personal opinion rather than scientific fact.
4. Degrees, licenses, experience, and education in the field of counseling do not make the psychologizers experts on human behavior.
5. When the Christian psychologizer mentions God or His Word, he often does it to give more credibility to his opinions than to promote biblical understanding. Diluted, Polluted, or Pure? 267
6. There is almost no psychological idea that cannot be made to sound biblical.
7. The Christian psychologizer often interprets Scripture from a psychological perspective rather than evaluating psychology from a biblical perspective.
8. What the psychologizer is saying is contrary to what numerous other psychologizers might say.
9. Case histories or successful examples are not generally representative of what normally happens.
10. Successes claimed have less to do with the counselor’s psychological training, licenses, and experience than with factors in the client’s own life.
11. Successes claimed in counseling could easily be matched by persons not receiving psychological counseling.
12. Successes in psychological counseling are often short-term.
13. For every success mentioned there are many failures.
14. If someone is improved or delivered from his problems, competent biblical ministry could have done better.
15. For every psychological solution suggested there is a better biblical solution available.
16. There is definitely a harm rate for every seemingly wonderful idea from the psychological systems of men.

**There is absolutely no scientific justification for using unproven and ungodly psychological speculations, opinions and therapeutic techniques for understanding or treating the nonphysical realm of the soul and spirit. Such an intrusion violates the intention of Scripture and undermines the work of the Holy Spirit. There is no Biblical justification for pastors sending people outside the church to obtain psychological help**