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Deceptive Diagnosis: When Sin is Called Sickness by Drs. Tyler and Grady

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I remember the first time I met Dr. David Tyler. We were both lecturing at a Biblical counseling conference in Alabama, and as I sat in the auditorium I watched as Dave electrified the audience when he spoke on the consequences of turning sin into sickness. I was impressed, not only with his message, but especially with his passion for the Word of God. I knew I had found a fellow soldier in the battle for Biblical sufficiency.

At the same conference I also met Kurt Grady, a Christian pharmacist with strong convictions that psychotropic medications are over-prescribed for conditions that are primarily spiritual rather than organic. What a joy to find a medical professional who understands the consequences of psychological indoctrination and is willing to share his insights!

Since our initial meeting, I have been privileged to share time with these two gentlemen in a variety of settings and I have found that my admiration continues to grow. I have visited their Gateway Biblical Counseling Center near St. Louis and wish their ministries could be replicated across the globe as they train Biblical counselors in cooperation with Master's Divinity School and the International Association of Biblical Counselors.

I believe you will find their book helpful as you examine the Church's growing tendency to pathologize every form of spiritual discomfort. It is written for pastors and laymen alike, and here's the reason: instead of seeking God's definitions and explanations of human behavior, more and more pastors, elders, and congregations are accepting a secular world-view which is based on humanistic psychology rather than the Bible. The result is an increasingly weakened Church, no longer certain of its message, mission and calling. Paul anticipated our day when he wrote, "See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ," (Colossians 2:8).

I encourage you to read this important book with an open mind. Ask yourself whether you really believe the Bible and are willing to trust our Heavenly Father, or if you have more confidence in the latest "findings" of psychology. Ask yourself whether you believe that sin is an actual problem that must be dealt with through the principles found in God's Word or whether all of life is a struggle with dysfunctions that must be solved therapeutically. Examine what is happening to the Church across America and around the world when people accept the disease model of human behavior. Learn how the mental health and pharmaceutical industries have joined hands to enslave mankind to a psychological world-view. Find out whether sin is caused by chemical imbalance or whether chemical imbalance and the resulting problems may be caused by sin. Ask yourself honestly, do I actually want to know? Your answers may well determine whether you will find lasting healing for your soul or a weak and miserable counterfeit that ultimately produces even more confusion.

I believe that if you will examine the arguments and evidence that Dave and Kurt provide in this book, your faith in God's Word and His power to transform lives will be strengthened. Your

confidence to help others with their problems of living will be enhanced as you realize that our Lord is more than able to heal confused minds and wounded hearts. Remember, “His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue” 2 Peter 1:3 (KJV)