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Greg,

I've been saddened to note that Moody has continued its relationship with Dr. James MacDonald, by releasing his new book "Authentic" continuing to broadcast "Walk In The Word" and also presenting him as a featured speaker in the 2013 Founder's Week celebration.

As I said during our conversation on November 21st, relying too on the statements of Dr. MacDonald and Robert Jones to determine whether or not Dr. MacDonald's conduct is consistent with the heritage of the Moody Bible Institute was wholly inadequate "due diligence".

As nearly as I can ascertain, the only person outside of Harvest Bible Chapel that you contacted was Dr. Joseph Stowell. To date, none of the other former elders that are identified on the blog sites, nor the men producing the "Elephant's Debt" and Bloodstained Ink blogs (Ryan and Scott) were contacted to verify the truth of their allegations.

Consequently, a large number of people who are currently affiliated with, employed by, are being, or have been injured by James MacDonald, or who only have been watching this matter play out now can reasonably conclude that Moody was more concerned with its financial interests in Dr. MacDonald, than matters of biblical standards and integrity.

The best comparison that I've heard was that of the British Admiral Lord Nelson who at times when battles weren't going well would raise his telescope to his glass eye.

I also find it very sad, that many people that I know who are aware of this matter weren't surprised by Moody's silence. Instead, these people, perhaps cynically, concluded in advance that Moody would rather bankrupt its corporate integrity and reputation than confront what would certainly be a messy and expensive problem.

Greg, you'll never know the extent of the damage to Moody's reputation apart from perhaps a small number of people who contact you to say that they'll no longer financially support MBI, but please rest assured that the damage is considerable and will be long term.

If you had decided differently, you could have obtained an accurate picture of Dr. MacDonald and his ministry, but to do so would have required that MBI "bite the bullet" and sever relations with this man and his ministries. If you had diligently sought the truth of the matter, you would be as saddened and may I say disgusted as I am. Instead, MBI took the easy way out and did nothing, to the harm of Christ's Church and very many people who have been and will in the future be damaged.