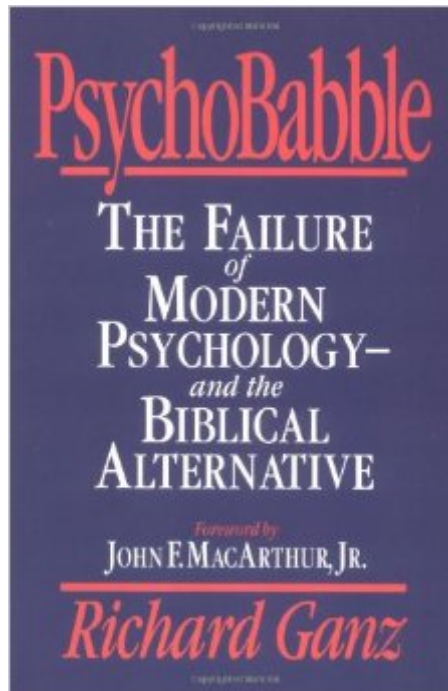


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PsychoBabble: The Failure Of Modern Psychology--and The Biblical Alternative



Synopsis

Why is it many evangelical preachers shout from the pulpit about God's power, but they shuffle their emotionally troubled members off to the closest therapist? Both church leaders and laypersons seem to believe that the psychological "experts" have the answers for the wounded hearts and souls of God's people. And when churches do offer counseling, it often is tinged with the secular psychology and psychotherapy that have infiltrated the church. Psychobabble explains the dichotomy between secular and Biblical counseling and shows the danger of incorporating secular techniques into a Christian approach. This book will arm believers looking for Scriptural answers to the hurts of a broken world. As anti-Christian bias becomes increasingly pervasive in secular psychology, the church must look to the true source of all healing. This book will point the way. "Dr. Ganz threads through all the sticky issues as he confronts the psychological demigods of the Christian integrationists' pantheon and exposes their feet of clay. For those who have wondered whether the integration of secular psychotherapy with the revelation of God in the Bible is possible--here is your answer." --Dr. Jay Adams, professor, Westminster Theological Seminary "Here is a solid Biblical approach to counseling from somebody who has seen it from both the psychological and Biblical sides. Anyone who does Biblical counseling should read this book." --Dr. John F. MacArthur, Jr., pastor, author of *Ashamed of the Gospel* "A vivid book by a Bible-believing Jewish-Christian ex-psychotherapist, full of precious wisdom as to how God's power transforms troubled lives." --Dr. J. I. Packer, Professor of Theology, Regent College "At a time when much of the modern church seems to have replaced repentance with recovery, sanctification with serenity, and piety with therapy, Psychobabble is especially welcome--and needed. I pray that it will receive a wide reading." --George Grant, author, Executive Director, Legacy Communications

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Customer Reviews

Great book! After reading *Competent to Counsel* by Jay Adams followed by this book, I finally made the leap of faith to abandon psychology forever. I thank God for people like Ganz who are willing to speak out the unpopular truth--my life has been set straight, and I believe I was spared several more years of anguish that would have occurred had I continued to try to deal with my problems through the counsel of the world rather than the counsel of God. All of you who have been horribly disappointed with secular counseling, or psychology dressed as Christian counseling, you need to get this book! It will help you understand why you've been so let down, and where the real answers lie

I've been on both sides of the fence concerning integration (Psychology and Christianity), and I've always believed that the two could coexist; however, I was wrong despite my sincerity.

Psychobabble: The Failure of Modern Psychology and the Biblical Alternative opened my eyes. Richard Ganz shows his readers that Psychology and Christianity cannot be united. Throughout this book Ganz shares insights from his own personal journey, and encourages his readers to take a bold stance for Christ. This is a book that confronts modern psychotherapy with the Word of God. Within its pages we see Ganz cutting away the fluff of this "feel good" theology that has crept into our homes and churches; he reveals the "Psycho..." fields true motives. Armed with only the Bible he successfully confronts many of societies crutches (self-esteem, etc.). I would highly recommend this book for those who truly believe God's Word is sufficient for ever need.

"A reader from Ohio" calls *PSYCHOBABBLE* "Typical work from those who view psychology as the tool of Satan." That is simply a mischaracterization of the book, for it misses the important point that Ganz comes at his topic not as an outsider, but as a former psychologist himself who became disillusioned and found that the gospel of Jesus Christ creates real transformation in people.

Ganz's book has shown me that pursuing a higher degree in the field in which I already have an undergraduate degree, namely psychology, would be futile. I always felt that the line between "Christian" psychology and secular psychology was very blurred; nevertheless, Ganz has confirmed my belief that God's Word is sufficient for such needs. Why run to the world for answers when we

serve the Prince of Peace? There is so much in God's Word that confirms Ganz's position about Biblical counseling. I feel that his position on this subject is timely as many Christians have compromised with the world in this area. It is time for us to believe what God says in His Word. "Do not be anxious for anything..." (Phil. 4:6-7)

Dr. Ganz has the credentials to speak loud and strong in exposing the deceptive world of psychoanalysis. One of the greatest threats in our society today is the proliferation of legally prescribed mood and mind altering drugs. They do far more harm than good. Dr. Ganz shows that there are far better alternatives that actually set people free from their illness.

This was required reading for some training in progress and I applaud Ganz for his work. He hits the nail on the head for why man's wisdom of psychology does not mix with biblical counseling which is based on God's wisdom as revealed in the inspired Word of God. It is a quick read but it presented me with some things to really consider as I evaluate my own ministry and how I disciple others. I ended up purchasing a second copy to loan out to others. Buy it, it's good!

This is a powerful testimony and urgent message from a man who has been on both sides of the psychology and Biblical counseling world views. As a trained psychotherapist he saw the failure of psychology to change lives and yet continued in it because of the financial rewards in such a practice. After his conversion, God opened his eyes when he saw two men who were hopeless cases in the mental hospital where he worked. Both of these men trusted in Jesus Christ as their savior and were totally changed and left the institution with Dr. Ganz when his position was terminated because of his witness to these men. Dr. Ganz later made the transition from psychology to Biblical counseling and is a leading advocate for the truth that psychology and Christian counseling can not be mixed.

As a psychologist AND Christian, I was troubled by trying to see mental illness and psychotic behavior from both a psychology and Christian perspective. Many Christians think all mental illness (depression, anxiety, psychotic behavior, etc) is spiritual attacks from the devil or demons. There is the story about Jesus casting evil spirits out of a man who was cutting himself and the evil spirits were cast into swine/pigs. However, there are so many Christians who are suffering with depression, anxiety, psychosis etc who aren't being treated because they refuse to see the psychology component to these illnesses. Reading this book helped me formulate a better perspective on this

topic. A must have for any therapist who is Christian. Good to read books from both arguments then develop your own conclusion. This was my favorite book of the 10+ I bought on the topic! If this was helpful, please let me know by selecting below. Thanks!

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