

APOSTASY IN THE FENWAY CONGREGATION - PART II

****A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT****

In part one of this announcement, **Apostasy in the Fenway Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Roxbury, Massachusetts**, we exposed the Anti-Christ judicial proceedings brought against one of our brothers in Christ. We published his account of the **Judicial Committee Hearing** and his **Letter of Appeal**. As promised, in this article, we publish the brother's account of the Appeal Hearing and his second Appeal Letter to the Branch Office.

The brothers on the Appeal Committee were **Daniel Sideris**, the Coordinator of the Body of Elders at the **Jamaica Plains Congregation** in Jamaica Plains, Massachusetts, **Anthony Gilmer**, the Coordinator of the Body of Elders at the **South End Congregation** in Roxbury, Massachusetts, and **Lawyer Times**, Coordinator of the Body of Elders in the **Metropolitan Congregation** in Roxbury, Massachusetts. As expected, the Appeal committee affirmed the Judicial Committee's decision to disfellowship our brother as an apostate. They viewed the decision as one that was 'already bound in heaven,' despite the fact that the decision had no scriptural basis.

After publishing part one, we received a few emails that revealed many do not understand what this brother is attempting to accomplish. He is not seeking to remain in association with a group who have turned their backs on the Christ. He is seeking to give a thorough witness of the true hope for Christians and reveal the true spirit that prevails in the Watchtower organization. He is also hoping to give courage to others who are faced with the same circumstances.

In many cases, this is what it will take to wake up the sons of God who remain in the Watchtower organization. They need to know that the problem is systemic and not limited to a rogue body of elders. By taking this matter up on appeal, he revealed that the Fenway Congregation, the Jamaica Plains Congregation, the South End Congregation and the Metropolitan Congregation are likewise being directed by 'hired men' who serve the Governing Body and obey their unsound directives over the plain and open teachings of the Christ. And by now taking the matter up to the Branch Office, he is allowing the men directing the activities of all congregations overseen by the Branch to reveal where they stand on the issue of loyalty to Christ or loyalty to the Governing Body. We will reveal the final decision of the Branch Office when it is made.

In the meantime, here are:

[Our Brother's Account of the Appeal Hearing](#)

[Our Brother's Second Appeal Letter](#)

We also want to acknowledge that this brother's experience is not unique. Many before him have endured similar attacks and many awakened to the true Christian hope as a result. We recently received the following email from another brother who had some very insightful comments to share. On October 15, 2014, he wrote:

"What is crooked cannot be made straight, And what is lacking cannot possibly be counted."(Ecclesiastes 1:15)

"The shrewd one sees the danger and conceals himself, But the inexperienced keep right on going and suffer the consequences." (Proverbs 22:3)

Dear Brothers,

I read with interest your public service announcement, "[Apostasy in the Fenway Congregation](#)" and the followup information. You might say the names are changed and the details a little different, but it's the same old story. I've been through similar experiences during my years as a [Jehovah's Witness] in dealing with elders and the U.S. branch office and there has been no improvement. One can read Ray Franz' "Crisis of Conscience," pages 283-337 and "In Search of Christian Freedom," pages 347-390; Carl Olof Jonsson's "The Gentile Times Reconsidered," pages 1-19; and Ronald Frye's "My Christian Quest," pages 134-140 and see that such experiences have been taking place for many, many years. Brothers from all over the world have tried to bring about scriptural change for the better within the Watchtower Organization and have all failed. Some of these documented experiences show that even a Witness who conscientiously holds divergent views without attempting to spread them is still considered a "vile apostate." Obviously, as Ecclesiastes 3:6 says, there is "a time to give up as lost...and a time to throw away." Why?

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Approved association with Jehovah's Witnesses requires accepting the entire range of the true teachings of the Bible, including those Scriptural beliefs that are unique to Jehovah's Witnesses. What do such beliefs include?

That the great issue before humankind is the rightfulness of Jehovah's sovereignty, which is why he has allowed wickedness so long. (Ezekiel 25:17) That Jesus Christ had a prehuman existence and is subordinate to his heavenly Father. (John 14:28) That there is a "faithful and discreet slave" upon earth today 'entrusted with all of Jesus' earthly interests,' which slave is associated with the Governing Body of Jehovah's Witnesses. (Matthew 24:45-47) That 1914 marked the end of the Gentile Times and the establishment of the Kingdom of God in the heavens, as well as the time for Christ's foretold presence. (Luke 21:7-24; Revelation 11:15-12:10) That only 144,000 Christians will receive the heavenly reward. (Revelation 14:1, 3) That Armageddon, referring to the battle of the great day of God the Almighty, is near. (Revelation 16:14, 16; 19:11-21) That it will be followed by Christ's Millennial Reign, which will restore an earth-wide

paradise. That the first to enjoy it will be the present "great crowd" of Jesus' "other sheep."—John 10:16; Revelation 7:9-17; 21:3, 4.

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Following such Scriptural patterns, if a Christian (who claims belief in God, the Bible, and Jesus) unrepentantly promotes false teachings, it may be necessary for him to be expelled from the congregation.

Obviously, any [Jehovah's Witness] who "unrepentantly" rejects "beliefs that are unique to Jehovah's Witnesses" will be "expelled." This has been and will continue to be both the official and the "de facto" position taken by the Jehovah's Witness organization. Anyone who thinks otherwise is deluded.

I really admire anyone who firmly takes a position like Stephen did in Acts 6:8-7:60 in giving a bold witness even unto "death" (from the JW organization). However, there are other Bible principles and examples that a Christian could consider or follow and take a somewhat different course. For example, Jesus said that we should be "cautious as serpents and yet innocent as doves." (Matthew 10:16)

"Therefore his brothers said to him: "Pass on over from here and go into Judea, in order that your disciples also may behold the works you do. For nobody does anything in secret while himself seeking to be known publicly. If you do these things, manifest yourself to the world." His brothers were, in fact, not exercising faith in him. Therefore Jesus said to them: "My due time is not yet present, but YOUR due time is always at hand. The world has no reason to hate YOU, but it hates me, because I bear witness concerning it that its works are wicked. YOU go up to the festival; I am not yet going up to this festival, because my due time has not yet fully come." So after he told them these things, he remained in Galilee." (John 7:3-9)

"So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid and went out of the temple." (John 8:59)

You may want to share this information with the brothers so they will have their "eyes wide open" before they attempt to reason with JW elders. Again, not discouraging anyone from doing so, but it would be good for them to know that they will be facing a "kangaroo court."

Your Brother,

We acknowledge and appreciate this brother's comments. We believe, for the most part, he is correct in his assessment of the situation. For many, remaining silent may be the wise course. But for those who are willing to 'pour themselves out like a drink offering' (*Philippians 2:17*), much can be accomplished by allowing the men taking the lead in the Watchtower organization to continue to reveal themselves for who they truly are and who they truly represent.

We believe that by this type of persistent effort, Jehovah's Witnesses can continue to be awakened to their true relationship with God and their true destiny. Just as Stephen's stoning (*Acts 6:8-7:60*) led to growth in the sons of the kingdom in his day, and just as the brothers mentioned in the email above made a powerful impression on many in their day, so our brothers in these recent years and into the future will have a positive effect on Jehovah's Witnesses until the Anti-Christ activities of the Watchtower organization are finally ended. This effect is evident in an email we received as we were writing this article:

October 16, 2014 - Greetings to all at Anointedjw, I wanted to show support for the trials the brother is experiencing at this time. I've expressed to you in the past that I have relatives who are [Jehovah's Witnesses] and they express anger at the way he is being treated. So although someone is going through hell, it's opening my family in ways I tried to for years. It's amazing how Jehovah can take a situation that's suppose to frighten into a blessing. So thank you and May God bless your efforts.

As long as the Father's children remain blinded and imprisoned in the servitude of men, voices must continue to cry out for their release. The Watchtower organization may not be able to be reformed, but our brothers and sisters within the organization can wake up and exit as victors, not as victims. If we continue to work toward the release of our brothers, we will awaken some. If we don't, we can be certain that we will awaken none! The baton of courageous faith must be passed from generation to generation and our brothers must be able to see living examples of the Christ in their own time. Our brother in the Fenway Congregation is just such an example and we admire his courage and willingness to be used for the greater good.

We pray that others understand, appreciate and support this brother's journey, along with many others like him who are waking up and standing up. And as always, we welcome your comments.

“Elaia Luchnia”