

October 13, 2009

Dear Ron,

As you know, I called your home Memorial Day weekend this year and asked your wife to request of you to return my call. My objective was that we might have meaningful dialogue and fellowship related to your statements and concern about me expressed in Ambato, Ecuador, in 2008.

I did not hear back from you, however, and I would now like to address your comments and concern and give you an opportunity to respond.

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A responsible brother in one of the LSM churches brought to my attention a tape of the meeting you had with South American leaders in which you called me (by first and last name) a "man of death" and "one of the most evil speakers on the internet". I wonder why you have done this, and why in a secretive way in a faraway place. Interestingly, you didn't call me a man of lies, and you have not yet denied anything I have said, which leads me to believe you do not challenge the veracity of my reporting. Rather, you seem to simply not like what I have to say, though I am speaking the truth to you based on well-documented evidence from many sources. Contrariwise, the writings you endorse on local church history are based on fiction.

Please explain to me and to others, publicly, from the content of my writings, exactly where I have been wrong in any point I have made. I have addressed 18 points in your book alone - your careless portrayal of the motives and intentions of John Ingalls during the late 1980s turmoil. I also addressed Andrew Yu's book on deputy authority that surpassed yours in ineptitude and careless assessment of brothers in Christ. It was truly an evil book, full of slander and the serpent's tracks. Surpassing even Andrew's book in its own form and nature of evil was *The Fermentation of the Present Rebellion*, which is a comprehensive book of lies and misrepresentations that has caused widespread devastation and death in the local churches to this day. Several brothers in the book aligned themselves to give their one-sided views of so-called "rebellious ones" without revealing "the other side of the story" and true cause of "rebellion". My writings address what some of them deceptively left out of their accounts in their misguided effort to condemn their brothers in Christ.

It must be said, then, if I am "a man of death", as you claim that I am, how much more so the brothers I have alluded to, including you. I have told the *whole story*, you brothers have not. The disingenuous reporting by some of the brothers, such as, Witness Lee, Dan Towle, Gene Gruhler, and John Little have misrepresented the brothers they condemned, both by the word they gave and pertinent information they did not explain.

John So summed up the problem in the recovery in a short letter that described what he and others had suffered at the hands of LSM in its inordinate promotions of a man, a ministry, and a ministry office. Their reckless abandonment to the Cause of establishing "ministry churches" and

the universal leadership of Witness Lee destroyed the ground of oneness and created a sectarian movement. Committing the sin of division and covering over the sins in the office by the office manager were the essential and incendiary elements causing turmoil and great concern of conscientious ones who stood against these offenses in the Body of Christ. *Condemning these conscientious ones for causing division* is untenable and bearing false witness, which is sin. Continuing to do so perennially is to continue this sin.

These undealt-with and hidden sins need to be addressed by our leadership that the churches might benefit from repentances "unto life" in the Body of Christ. It is not good to call me a "man of death". I am doing what we all should do: speak and represent the truth and deal with sin.

"I would like to draw your attention to the basis of our oneness. This is fundamental. The basis of our oneness is the forsaking of sins. Please bear in mind that God's children are divided today because of the problem of sins. The matter of sins is always implicated. Because of many sins, there are many divisions. Many of God's children have a basic misunderstanding; they think that patience and forbearance are the basis of oneness. There is no such thing as this. The Bible never takes patience or forbearance as the basis of our oneness. The Bible always takes the forsaking of sins as the basis of our oneness.

If anyone wants to have fellowship with God today, he must walk in the light. We will have fellowship with one another when we are in the light. We may say that fellowship is the basis of our oneness, but the basis of fellowship is our dealing with sin and our removal of sin. When all of us are in God's light, we have fellowship one with another. Other than this, there is no fellowship.

...So, the basis of oneness is not in **tolerating sin** but in **judging sin**. There is no possibility of oneness between those who judge and those who do not judge. If anyone desires to seek oneness with God's children, he must judge sin with all the children of God. If some judge sin and others do not, can there be oneness? But it is right to judge sin. He who judges sin is one with all who judge sin. May God be merciful to him who does not judge sin that he too may rise up and judge."

**(Watchman Nee, *Love One Another*, pp. 148-151)**

Ron, we must take care of a proper oneness in the Body by judging sin. If there is anything you can conscientiously refute in my writings, please do it for *all* the saints to see; so that all might know that I sin by bearing false witness. You should rise up to judge this sin. To date, you have offered nothing, and your silence has been speaking *for* you, and *for* me.

If you cannot conscientiously refute points made in my writings, then turn and judge yourself for your false witness against me and for your toleration of the hidden sins in the Body. The recovery needs such righteous men as tenders of the flock who do not promote lies or hide sins but rather who judge sin in care for the truth and proper oneness of the Body.

Let us tell people the whole story, Ron, and have much repentance unto life by the leaders, saints, and churches, based on their proper understanding of local church history, which has thus far been carefully kept hidden and pressed down in unrighteousness by its leaders.

I am not an "evil person" on the internet, as you falsely stated; rather, I have been addressing facts that bring light to LSM's carefully guarded places, so that darkness might be dispersed and death swallowed up in life. If you take the time to study the facts, your spirit will rise up to join me and to carry out "the ministry of reconciliation" (2Cor 5:18) that you have surely been given as a fellow worker of His, one with Him for building up the Body.

Then, *you* will be a man of life; *I* will be a man of life; and the churches will be swallowed up in life and the oneness of the Body will be manifested. And, you and I can have fellowship in the light as brothers, and reign in life with all those who judge sin.

I hope to hear from you, Ron, in a spirit of genuine fellowship.

Steve Isitt

### **Post Script**

#### **The Ministry of Reconciliation**

Ron Kangas, Nov 2003, Bellevue, WA

I happened to listen to a very good, life-giving ministry of the word by you last night, Ron, concerning having "the ministry of reconciliation". You encouraged the reconciling of others to God. You said, "As you are maturing, you will be able to carry out the ministry of reconciliation. As you are learning the truth, you will be able to pass on the truth. We must be one with the Lord and our work must be for the Body. You go into God through them (those one with God), through their care, their love to reconcile others to God. By experiencing the crucified Christ, their 'being' is broken open, their heart is enlarged, *they* are a way for the seeking saint to go on."

I like this sharing very much, but there is a huge discrepancy. Until you yourself "learn the truth" and "pass it on" concerning mistakes in the past in receiving people according to Christ, your words will be found wanting for fulfillment, for the record of our leadership shows that they would rather cut off people, churches, and regions, than to reconcile them to God and keep the oneness of the Body on a proper ground. Currently, some recently quarantined brothers, mainly in the Far East, are on another 4-week trip into China to visit many other quarantined brothers to encourage them in the Lord for the building up of the Body. This is not you who is going in to China with the heart-burden to reconcile these brothers, and their wives and families to God in the Body of Christ; you are busy driving the wedge of division today that creates these nightmarish scenes around the world, similar to what was executed by LSM in the late 1980s. I feel you need a big dip in reality, brother Ron, as do the words you speak.

## **Websites for learning actual local church history**

[www.HidingHistoryintheLordsRecovery.us](http://www.HidingHistoryintheLordsRecovery.us)

[www.MakingStraighttheWayoftheLord.com](http://www.MakingStraighttheWayoftheLord.com)

## **Disassociation letter by John So and European brothers**

[www.Lordsrecovery.us/EuropeanChurchesDepart1989.pdf](http://www.Lordsrecovery.us/EuropeanChurchesDepart1989.pdf)

## **Witness Lee Exhortation to Study our Past and Learn from Our Mistakes of Not Receiving Others According to Christ, given in his Final Message**

Video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Dw4W65MFpw>

Transcription:

[www.HidingHistoryintheLordsRecovery.us/ChargeByWitnessLeetoExamineOurselves.pdf](http://www.HidingHistoryintheLordsRecovery.us/ChargeByWitnessLeetoExamineOurselves.pdf)

## **"Every saint must be a policeman" -W. Lee**

**"I have heard that some brothers notice things happening that are not right, but they dare not say anything. To avoid getting involved, they stay silent and let the suffering go on. To do this is to play politics. This is what some of you have been practicing. Dear brothers, change your mind. Repent. Let us have no more such thing."** (*Practical Talks to the Elders, No. 2* - Feb 14, 1983 - pg 23, Witness Lee, Living Stream Ministry)

**"Now we realize that every local church must be a police station and that every saint must be a policeman. Many have been reluctant to act as policemen for fear they might cause trouble. If someone claims to be for the ministry and yet goes about stealing and deceiving, we need to fulfill our function as policemen by checking him out according to the truth... If we see evil deeds but do not function as policemen, then we are not practicing the truth... Someone has even said that we should care only for the Spirit, not for principles. How subtle! ...If we all had practiced the truth, certain sayings and practices would have been questioned a long time ago."** (*Truth Messages, Ch 1, Section 2, Witness Lee, Living Stream Ministry*)

## **Book referred to in this letter**

*Response to Recent Accusations*, by Ron Kangas and Kerry Robichaux, 1989