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Request for Appeal on basis of serious error in judgment:

I wish to appeal the decision of the second judicial committee held 7/1/2006 to disfellowship me.

In their eagerness to prove charges of apostasy against me I believe both the initial and second judicial committees failed to take into consideration both Biblical and Watchtower guidelines as how to best deal with the situation.

In this letter I will attempt to highlight;

- Why disfellowshipping is practiced in an unscriptural manner by the Watchtower Society
- In what way my judicial committee meetings were not conducted in line with either Watchtower of Bible guidelines
- Why disfellowshipping me will be extremely damaging to the name of the organisation and the members of numerous congregations
- Proposed solutions

As the Service Committee is made of mature brothers I am sure you are no doubt aware that the manner in which the Watchtower Society practices disfellowshipping is not in line with Christian principles. I believe the bible describes the best way to deal with my situation.

Paul states at 1Co 5:11 "But now I am writing YOU to quit mixing in company with anyone called a brother that is a fornicator or a greedy person or an idolater or a reviler or a drunkard or an extortioner, not even eating with such a man."

In 1 Corinthians it does not say to totally avoid a brother who is a wrong doer, rather it says to quit mixing in company with such a person and not eat with such a man. As the Watchtower itself has at times explained, this scripture indicates that we are not to socialise with these people as friends.

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"God's Word states that we should *'not even eat with such a man.'* (1 Cor. 5:11) Hence, we also avoid social fellowship with an expelled person. This would rule out joining him in a picnic, party, ball game, or trip to the mall or theater or sitting down to a meal with him either in the home or at a restaurant."

This statement does not mean that this type of person must never be spoken to. If they are at a meeting it would be reasonable to talk to and encourage them. Most certainly a polite greeting is acceptable.

Paul and then John gave some stricter advice in regards to a particular type of person.

Romans 16:17 Now I exhort YOU, brothers, to keep your eye on those who cause divisions and occasions for stumbling contrary to the teaching that YOU have learned, and avoid them.

Paul says to avoid those causing divisions, which would indicate he was referring to apostates. Paul is not referring to people that disagree with the Watchtower Society, he refers to people disagreeing with the words of Jesus and those recorded infallibly in the bible, not the fallible words of a human directed organisation.

2 John 7, 9-11 ⁷ Many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist...¹⁰ If anyone comes to YOU and does not bring this teaching, never receive him into YOUR homes or say a greeting to him.

2 John it takes a far harder line than that of either Jesus or Paul, stating not to even greet such a person. But what type of person is it referring to? The Antichrist. This type of person should be totally avoided as they can damage a person's faith. It is only the Antichrist that is stated as the type of person not to even be greeted.

The Watchtower Society uses the statement of that single scripture in 2 John and applies it to every single person that does not follow a long list of Society dictated rules, many of which are never stated as reasons to be shunned. If a witness gambles, smokes, or has a blood transfusion they can be disfellowshipped for life. Every single one of their Witness friends is told not to ever greet them again, unless they repent and return to the Organisation. Parents are directed to shun their own children for life, and I know of many that have. Such extreme shunning is only ever stated once, and was only supposed to apply to the Antichrist. Even then it does not say that this should be extended to family members.

Paul actually warned against the way in which the Watchtower Society practices disfellowshipping when he said at 2 Corinthians 2:5-11; ⁵ Now if anyone has caused sadness, he has saddened, not me, but all of YOU to an extent—not to be too harsh in what I say. ⁶ This rebuke given by the majority is sufficient for such a man, ⁷ so that, on the contrary now, YOU should kindly forgive and comfort [him], that somehow such a man may not be swallowed up by his being overly sad. ⁸ Therefore I exhort YOU to confirm YOUR love for him. ⁹ For to this end also I write to ascertain the proof of YOU, whether YOU are obedient in all things. ¹⁰ Anything YOU kindly forgive anyone, I do too. In fact, as for me, whatever I have kindly forgiven, if I have kindly forgiven anything, it has been for YOUR sakes in Christ's sight; ¹¹ that we may not be overreached by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his designs." The Watchtower procedure leads to a high percentage of disfellowshipped people never returning to the organisation, as these words warn it would.

It would certainly appear that the words of Jesus apply to the practices of the Watchtower Society in this regard. Luke 11:42 states; 'But woe to YOU Pharisees, because YOU give the tenth of the mint and the rue and of every [other] vegetable, but YOU pass by the justice and the love of God! . . .'

The manner of judicial proceedings is also highly unscriptural and illegal by being done in utmost secrecy. Both the Israelites and early Christian congregations kept matters open to ordinary persons. Rather than being done privately in front of elders only, matters were done at the city gates so a fair discussion with onlookers could be made. This prevented the injustice that can take place before small bodies of elders.

At each of the meetings I have had there has been strong resistance to telling me in advance the details of the meeting, the elders have refused to put the details of the meeting in writing, refused to allow me to tape record the proceedings or to have an observer with me. Meanwhile six elders were present at one meeting to act as witnesses for each other. You must be able to understand that this is highly biased and illegal by all standards. For instance, corporate law insists that all proceedings be done transparently. How can an organisation that claims to represent God act at a lower standard than the so called commercial systems of Satan? It certainly indicated to me that there was no intention for things to be done scripturally, honestly or justly.

When a person was disfellowshipped the congregation was to know why. Paul openly told the congregation of the wrong conduct of Peter, Hy-me-nae'us, Alexander and Di-ot're-phanes. To avoid legal problems, the Society warns against following God's direction in this area. The extent of the disfellowshipping announcement is now stated in *Organised to do Jehovah's Will (2005)* p.154 to be restricted to;

"[Name of person] is no longer one of Jehovah's Witnesses."

Finally, both Paul and Jesus applied the process of shunning to people professing to be brothers only. 1Co 5:11 says not to eat with "anyone calling themselves a brother" who commits certain sins. (See also Matthew 18:15-17)

As my disfellowshipping relate to none of the reasons the scriptures list as offences there are no grounds to disfellowship me scripturally. My only issue is with a self confessed fallible organisation, not the bible or Jesus. (I understand that the Watchtower Society attempts to say that speaking against the Watchtower Society is being referred to by Paul and John as it is the same as speaking against the words of the bible. This is apparently supported by a vague parable about a faithful and discreet slave. That is certainly a misrepresentation of scripture, but would take a book to debate and beyond the scope of this document.) As I do not call myself a brother then shunning can not be applied to me in any case.

The Watchtower Society has made a highly legislative arrangement that ignores the effectiveness of the simple process described in the bible, a process that is working satisfactorily in my current situation. The bible does not describe judicial committees or the need to announce each situation. I am already shunned by most of my so called friends that are Jehovah's Witnesses because they have personally come to the conclusion that I am no longer

following the Watchtower Society. In other words, the process is currently working as described in the bible; I am recognised now as one of the world and treated as such.

When compared with Watchtower procedure I also believe the judicial committees are both in error. *Pay Attention to Yourselves and all the Flock* states on page 99 that the following criteria need to be considered;

“Baptized persons who have not associated for some time.

If you learn of serious wrongdoing on the part of such a person, the matter should be investigated if it poses a threat to the congregation's cleanness and welfare or causes a public scandal.

Consider the following:

- Does he still profess to be a Witness?
- Is he generally recognized as such in the congregation and/or the community?
- Does the person have a measure of contact or association with the congregation so that a leavening, or corrupting, influence exists?
- How did the matter become known to the elders?
- Is the person willing to meet with a committee, thus admitting accountability to the Christian congregation? “

Consider my situation:

- I have not associated for some time,
- I do not profess to be a Witness
- I am not recognised as one in the community (I have not actively preached for several years)
- I am not a corrupting influence in the congregation
- I made it quite clear to Luc and Peter that I was not willing to meet with the committee.
- The matter became known due to a person from another state insisting I tell her what I now believe, despite me repeatedly warning her it would be better if I did not, as I do not want to cause trouble. The situation became known to the elders by her husband, a man raised a Witness who is a violent, adulterous, previously disfellowshipped person who had been inactive at the time.

Therefore, on every ground listed above I should not have been disfellowshipped.

After Luc summoned me to a judicial committee I had expected to either be left alone due to the legal letter I sent, or I expected to be possibly disassociated. It was only due to Luc's incorrect decision that I should be disfellowshipped that opened the way for me to appeal. The reason I appeared before the second committee was not to admit accountability to the Christian congregation, as I made very clear that I do not believe the Watchtower Society represents the Christian congregation. I appeared purely to uncover what was known by the committee and advise of my intention to pursue legal avenues if I am further defamed or harassed. However the second appeal committee did not attempt to uncover the motives for my appearance or whether I fit the criteria above, their only interest was whether I believe in the Watchtower Society. For this reason they too came to the incorrect conclusion that I should be disfellowshipped rather than that I should be left alone or that my actions show that I have disassociated myself.

Peter Price made clear that the criteria the committee used to consider whether to disfellowship me was if it was necessary to:

1. Prevent further reproach on Jehovah's name
2. Prevent me from corrupting the congregation
3. Bring me back to the Watchtower Society.

I can assure you that disfellowshipping me will achieve none of the above; the way to achieve those three points is to cease all further contact and harassment of me. In fact to disfellowship me will have an extremely counter productive result. Rather than holding my tongue as I have attempted to do in order to avoid trouble up to this point, if any announcement is made to the congregation about me being disfellowshipped or disassociated I will do everything in my power to alert people to the unchristian operations of this organisation, be that by legal means, print or electronic media.

As I mentioned in my judicial committee, if you are concerned that a person may lose their faith after spending an hour reading information that I may have supplied about the Watchtower Society, despite many years of ongoing indoctrination, you must have grave concerns yourself as to whether you have the truth, and the power of God's Word and his Holy Spirit in the lives of Jehovah's Witnesses. Up to this point that is all that has occurred. I have predominately submitted anonymous information to various internet sites. This has not been to mislead active Jehovah's Witnesses, as such people should not be reviewing the sites I submit to. The people that would be reading any information I provide are showing disrespect for the Societies guidelines and so therefore must be looking for

other viewpoints.

However, because of the detrimental effect on how I am treated by my family for the remainder of my life, should any announcements be made about me to the congregation, I am willing to do all in my power to stop other people being affected by the same evil system. I will begin to spend money on directing people to information I believe can prevent interested people becoming entangled within the organisations indoctrination. There are 10'000's of active Jehovah's Witnesses that are currently searching the internet for answers to the doubts they are having and I will pay money to ensure I reach as many of these as possible.

My step children are a good example of how disfellowshipping will be counter productive, and will bring considerable damage to the congregation and the Watchtower Society. My 19 year old son is inactive but believed the Watchtower Society to be the truth, and my 13 year old daughter was too young to really know. Neither wanted me to talk to them about it. However the harassment of the last weeks and statements from various members of my family that they will no longer talk to me if I am disfellowshipped have firmly convinced them that the Watchtower Society is a cult. My son finally asked me to discuss my concerns about the Watchtower with him. I then overheard him for the first time discussing religion with his friends and actively preaching against the Watchtower organisation.

I have discussed my situation with various lawyers and also feel that I do have what will amount to a successful case against Luc Kikkert personally, the person that announces any decision in regards to my standing in the congregation and possibly the other brothers involved in my committee meetings and the Service Committee.

Luc's inability to follow the law and also Watchtower guidelines have certainly opened the way for me to sue him personally. During Luc's years in the Parramatta congregation I have heard ongoing complaints about his actions by elders, active witnesses and previous Jehovah's Witnesses alike. In his eagerness to enforce the letter of the Watchtower Society law he has failed to appreciate that Christians should be guided foremost for love of God and neighbour. In my own situation he has consistently harassed me over the past year, demanding appointments at his own convenience, turning up at my door in the dark unannounced, stating he is not subject to the laws of the land when dealing with me, conference calling me without advising me there were other people listening in and calling me three times even after I advised him any further contact other than in writing would result in legal action or an Apprehended Violence Order, doing so both verbally and in writing from my lawyer. This has resulted in me needing to seek medical treatment, and currently being on Aropax and referrals to a psychologist. On one occasion Luc demanded to see me on a certain night without being willing to say what for. This was despite me saying I would be forced to rearrange an engagement with family that were here on holidays, and the resultant stress and my behaviour afterwards has caused a huge and un-repaired rift in my family. With the current judicial proceedings he went ahead with the first judicial committee within a week of contacting me about the need to have one. I made clear to him that I have an exceptionally busy life, was heading off on holidays and asked for scriptural reason why things could not wait till a convenient time for all. Of course he could offer none. By going ahead with the judicial committee without giving me a suitable option to be present he failed to follow the guidelines on page 110 of *Pay Attention to Yourselves and all the Flock* that "Suitable arrangements should be made as to the time and place of the hearing." I believe this is has led to him subsequently making the wrong decision in my situation.

I also have a case against any person involved in an announcement against me on the grounds of defamation. Defamation is "an act of communication that causes someone to be shamed, ridiculed, held in contempt, lowered in the estimation of the community, or to lose employment status or earnings or otherwise suffer a damaged reputation." I can prove that the statement "Paul Grundy is no longer one of Jehovah's Witnesses" is not a factual assertion. I am more a Jehovah's Witness than I have ever been. Studying the bible rather than being guided by misinformation supplied in Watchtower publications has given me more respect for it's contents and a far greater love of Jehovah than I ever had believing the assertions invented by Rutherford in the late 1920's that God would kill all but the small band of people following his man made organisation. I also have far greater love of Jesus now that I know he is my mediator and the New Testament was written for me, not a small number of anointed followers of the Watchtower Society. (*Insight on the Scriptures*, Vol. 2, pp. 360-362 shows that Jesus is the Mediator of the new covenant and that those who are in the covenant number only 144,000 and states, "Jesus' mediatorship operates solely toward those in the new covenant"). I also find it highly offensive at how regularly Watchtower publications attempt to indicate the Watchtower organisation between us and Jehovah in place of what was written to apply to Jesus.

I can prove that from any statements about my standing as one of Jehovah's Witnesses I will suffer financial loss from both of my businesses, and that even the prospect of being disfellowshipped has already cost me financially due to the emotional stress it has caused. I can show that such an assertion will also cause me to be held in contempt, as encouraged by the statements within the Watchtower that tell those in the congregations to view me as a person who is;

- rebelling against Jehovah w93 10/1 p.19
- presumptuous w80 8/1 p.20
- loathsome, odious, filthy, to be hated and detested, w52 10/1 p.599

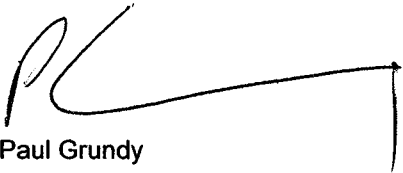
- spreading lies and misinformation, siding with Satan w00 5/1 p.9
- a self-seeking heretics not to even be greeted w83 4/1 p.24
- a spiritual drunkards wallowing in doctrinal vomit w90 1/15 p.28

I hope I have made it clear that by Watchtower, Bible and legal standards I should no longer be harassed and that no announcement should ever be made about me to any congregation associated with the Watchtower Society.

I also request that my letter for the annulment of my baptism dated 20/12/2005 be reconsidered. I understand that you believe my signing of subsequent written contracts with the Watchtower Society to indicate that I was reaffirming the contract made as a minor. My inclusion of the practices of cults that use misinformation as a form of persuasive coercion was to indicate that even as an adult I was continuing to suffer mental bondage up until the beginning of 2005 when I first requested for Luc to annul my baptism. I believe it is possible for a man to annul a marriage 20 years after the event when he finds he was unknowingly married to a man that had undertaken a sex change, as the length of time in a contract is not always the primary issue. If you would like for me to supply more examples of dishonesty within the publications I can supply scores of pages of such information. I believe Peter Price and probably Vin Toole have in their possession *Jehovah's Witnesses, Blood Transfusions, and the Tort of Misrepresentation* by Kerry Louderback-Wood, and that is a good place to start in order to see the way in which Watchtower publications use selective quoting to lead its members to false conclusions.

It is perfectly clear that Holy Spirit does not direct the Watchtower Society, as shown by ongoing major change to doctrine. Nor does it direct the elders involved in judicial committees. If you believed that it did in regards to disfellowshipping me the elders manual would not need to give the option of an appeal. You must also be aware that Holy Spirit does not direct the Service Department at Bethel. Jack Porter was in the Service Department and in Bradbury congregation and so involved in appointing Dom as an elder in Bradbury congregation whilst I was there. That was despite Dom carrying on a seven year affair at the time of his appointment with his wife's best friend. Clearly it is an organisation led by men. Please do not take it upon yourselves to judge me and affect the relationship I have with my extended family for the remainder of my life. Leave that up to Jehovah.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'P' followed by a long horizontal line that ends in a vertical stroke.

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