

**NOTIFICATION OF DISFELLOWSHIPING OR DISASSOCIATION**  
(Please type or print neatly in ink.)

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Individual's full name: Paul James Vincent Grundy  
First Middle Last  
Date of birth 12/1/06 Date of announcement of disfellowshipping or disassociation  

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11320 Parramatta Sydney NSW  
Congregation number Congregation name City State

Check if applicable: ☐ Elder ☐ Ministerial servant ☐ Regular pioneer (If so, include S-202 with this form.) ☐ Special pioneer  
☐ Listed with the branch office as the person to receive literature and/or arrange the shipments for the congregation. (If so, immediately submit an S-36 and/or M-200 form showing the new name and address.)

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1. ☒ **DISFELLOWSHIPING.** Specify offence(s) for which disfellowshipped (See *ks91* 92-6.): Apostasy

At any point, did the wrongdoer confess to the committee? No If not, what evidence substantiated the wrongdoing?

See attached document.

☐ **DISASSOCIATION.** Specify by what action(s) the person disassociated himself (such as resignation, non-neutral activity, failure to abstain from blood, or joining another religion): \_\_\_\_\_

Did the individual submit a *signed* letter of resignation? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, what evidence substantiated the disassociation?

2. Give a detailed summation of the case, explaining exactly what took place. (Use additional sheet *only* if more space is needed.)  
For a disfellowshipping, include the reasons why you judged the person to be unrepentant. For a disassociation, include what led to the person's decision, how he responded to efforts to assist him, and what convinced you that his position was adamant.

See attached document

3. Did the individual appeal your decision? Yes (If so, follow the instructions on the reverse side regarding appeals.)

4. If individual was previously disfellowshipped or disassociated show: Date of previous action \_\_\_\_\_  
Person's full name at that time \_\_\_\_\_ Date of previous reinstatement \_\_\_\_\_  
Congregation that took the action \_\_\_\_\_

Name of congregation City State

5. Each member of the appointed committee should sign this form and any additional sheets. (Type name below each signature.)

Luc Kikkert Peter Manning Michael Wapenaar  
CHAIRMAN:

☐ Reinstated  
☐ Deceased Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (Day, Month, Year) \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature of secretary)

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INGLEBURN NSW 1890

January 11, 2006

Watchtower Society of Australia  
Sydney  
Australia

Dear Brothers:

We are writing in connection with a judicial committee hearing on which we served last Saturday (January 7) in relation to an appeal from Paul James Vincent Grundy.

As you will be aware, he had requested that his baptism be annulled and that a decision to disfellowship him on the grounds of apostasy be reversed.

On the matter of his baptism being annulled, we advised him that his letter had been considered by the Society and ourselves. He was given the opportunity to make any additional comment on this, but he declined. He was then informed that there were no grounds to annul his baptism.

Regarding the request to have the disfellowshipping decision reversed, the evidence upon which this decision was made was outlined to him, including the matter of setting up and using a website containing apostate material. Initially he questioned that this was his, but conclusive evidence was presented, and later during the meeting he made comments revealing that the website in question is his.

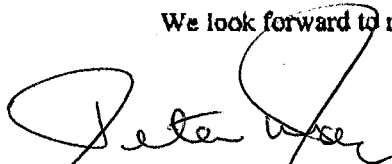
It was then explained to him that there was no evidence to reverse the findings of the original committee and that the appeal committee had no option but to uphold their decision. It was also explained to him what steps he would need to take for him to be reinstated, should he wish to do so at some time in the future.

He then stated he would also appeal this decision to the Society. He added that if an announcements is made that he is no longer one of Jehovah's Witness he may pursue the matter further through legal channels and/or through the media.

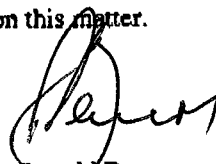
There was no evidence whatsoever indicating any form of remorse or repentance on his part; in fact, exactly the opposite was the case.

We are enclosing herewith the original committee's Notification of Disfellowshipping form and the attachment that accompanies it.

We look forward to receiving your further direction on this matter.

  
Peter W. Price

Your brothers,  
  
David Grigor

  
Ronald Bennett

Attachment for  
*Notification of Disfellowshipping or Disassociation*  
for  
*Paul James Vincent Grundy*

2. Give a detailed summation of the case, explaining exactly what took place.

Society wrote to us by means of a letter dated SSB December 7, 2005, saying that the Bridgewater congregation in Hobart has concerns about Paul Grundy, that he has promoted a website ([www.jwfacts.com](http://www.jwfacts.com)) to Sister Alida Bunny, which contains, in the words of her husband Duane, 'dangerous material'. Paul allegedly told Alida that the website is his, he developed it.

Parramatta body of elders asked two elders to look at website briefly to try to determine if Paul can be connected to it.

Luc and Peter did this, but there is no name on the website. Used WHOIS reverse search, which revealed that the site is registered to:

ex jw  
Po box 1206  
Parramatta nsw 2124  
+61.411010101

There was little doubt that the site's information has been written by Paul Grundy, since the author refers to himself in this way: "I was raised a Witness with both parents in full time service and spent over 7 years in full time service, both as a Pioneer and Bethelite..."

The Home Page includes a statement that "...one change that proves more than any other that the Witness Organization is based on falsehood is that of the worship of Jesus."

The website includes the following headings:

"Changed teachings"

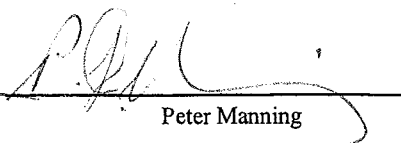
"Questionable teachings"

The website also has links to other material used by ex-Jehovah's Witnesses, including Raymond Franz.

It was also found that the author of [www.jwfacts.com](http://www.jwfacts.com) has inserted a link in Wikipedia (an online encyclopaedia that anyone can edit) under the heading of "Jehovah's Witnesses". The link is back to [www.jwfacts.com](http://www.jwfacts.com). In Wikipedia, he states that 'his father is currently a Circuit Overseer, and that he himself has a degree in Commerce and has worked in accounting, then moved to sales selling natural medicine, followed by advertising, before moving into selling IT solutions, and that he and his wife also own a shop.' These details match Paul Grundy, so at this early stage there is circumstantial evidence that the author of [www.jwfacts.com](http://www.jwfacts.com) is Paul Grundy.

Further, on a Jehovah's Witnesses discussion forum on the Web, the author of [www.jwfacts.com](http://www.jwfacts.com) asks how to make his website more widely known.

  
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Peter Manning

  
Michael Wapenaar

When we inquired with the Post Office as to the identity of the owner of PO Box 1206, Parramatta NSW 2124, they said they cannot inform us since it is privately owned.

However, it was realised that if the owner of PO Box 1206, Parramatta NSW 2124 also is the owner of the shop referred to in Wikipedia, it may create the link required. It is known that Paul and Relyn own a café in Parramatta named 'Waist Not'. Upon inquiry, the NSW Office of Fair Trading informed us that if a person comes to the Office of Fair Trading, pays \$12, they are able to give the information that is not currently suppressed by the business owner. This was done (in Liverpool), and the print out shows that the proprietor of 'Waist Not' is Paul and Relyn Grundy, with a postal address of PO Box 1206, Parramatta NSW 2124, which is identical to the PO Box number of the registrant of [www.jwfacts.com](http://www.jwfacts.com).

Therefore, there is a direct link between the registrant of [www.jwfacts.com](http://www.jwfacts.com) and Paul Grundy, so a judicial committee was formed, with the charge being apostasy.

Luc and Peter went to Paul's house, and invited him to appear before a judicial committee under the charge of apostasy, with his website [www.jwfacts.com](http://www.jwfacts.com) being a factor. He initially asked: "what website"?

Paul Grundy did not admit initially to having developed this website, but instead launched a bitter tirade against Jehovah's Witnesses, Peter and Luc personally, said he will not appear before any committee, and is not responsible to Jehovah's Witnesses, and has no respect for any elder, or our organisation.

He said he does not promote or spread his views, saying that a website is just sitting there waiting for people to come and look for it. This was a tacit admission that [www.jwfacts.com](http://www.jwfacts.com) is his.

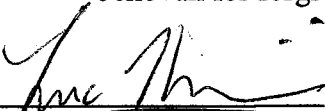
During the above interchange, we invited him at least 3 or 4 times to meet with us.

The next day Luc rang Paul and told him we will go ahead with our meeting as a judicial committee on Sunday night, if he can't come on Sunday, we can make it Monday night, if not then, then on Tues night, at 9.00 p.m, at Kingdom Hall, at the latest. If he is not there, we will proceed with the hearing anyway.

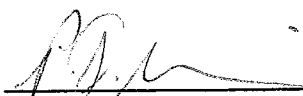
Received letter from Paul's lawyer, stating that we should not contact Paul except via letter, and that they'll start judicial proceedings if we announce from platform that "Paul Grundy is no longer one of Jehovah's Witnesses".

Judicial committee met, considered the above evidence, and judged him to be guilty of apostasy. Apostasy includes acts against the true worship of Jehovah or His people, and includes deliberately spreading teachings contrary to the Bible as taught by Jehovah's Witnesses. Jeremiah 28:15, 16 say's that apostates 'caused people to trust in falsehood...[and] have spoken outright revolt against Jehovah'. The website speaks 'outright revolt' when it says "...one change that proves more than any other that the Witness Organization is based on falsehood is that of the worship of Jesus." When combined with the websites other headings of "Changed teachings" and "Questionable teachings", and the links to other material used by ex-Jehovah's Witnesses, including an apostate named Raymond Franz, it is clear that he is guilty of apostasy, and that he had already affected others in Tasmania, as reported by the elders in Bridgewater.

We believe that he is unrepentant due to the unlikelihood of his to praying to Jehovah for forgiveness, since he earlier stated that he does not believe the Bible



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Peter Manning



Michael Wapenaar

to be God's Word, nor does he believe in a God. He does not hate his bad course, nor does he have godly sorrow – 2 Cor 7:8-11. His sorrow is worldly, only worried about the effects on his financial affairs and contact with his family. He denies that the website is his, although we have strong circumstantial evidence to the contrary. He failed to appear at the hearing, and has threatened legal proceedings against us. He had assured the elders over the past year that he does not spread his views to anyone else, but the creation of his website in June 2005 belies these assurances.

He needs to be disfellowshipped to protect the congregation, according to 2 Tim 2:17 and 2 John 9-11.

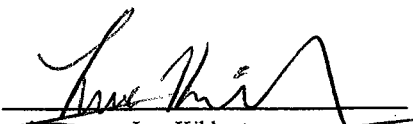
Notwithstanding the legal threats, since a 15 second phone call to inform him of his rights to appeal could not be construed as harassment, it was decided to inform him of the decision by telephone. Luc and Peter together made telephone (speaker phone) call to Paul Grundy's mobile phone, with the documented intention to say to him: "On the basis of 2 John 9-11, we have decided to announce that you are no longer one of Jehovah's Witnesses. You have the right to appeal in writing, within 7 days."

However, when we phoned, and started by saying: "This is Luc Kikkert, and..." Paul interrupted, asking: "didn't you receive my letter", we said "yes, and we have an obligation to inform you..." He then interrupted, stating that he will now be taking out an AVO, and we can put in writing whatever we were about to say, and then he hung up.

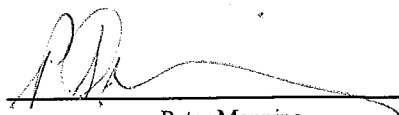
Notwithstanding the above, to ensure that he could not say he was not advised, another attempt was made to inform him on 27/12/05. Michael made the phone call to Paul's mobile with Luc present, and stated: "...we will not put our decision in writing, and our decision is to take disfellowshipping action, and you have 7 days from today to appeal in writing, if you think there has been a serious error in judgement".

Paul then said that he has already sent out a letter of appeal to each member of the judicial committee as well as to the Society, along the lines that he cannot be disfellowshipped, since in his view, his baptism at age 16 was invalid.

On 28/12/05, his letter of appeal was received.



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Peter Manning



Michael Wapenaar

10 JAN 2006  
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DATED: 08/01/2006

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 or 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.

Kingdom Ministry August 2002 p.3 Display Christian Loyalty When a Relative Is Disfellowshipped

"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 <sup>7</sup>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...<sup>10</sup> 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; <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> This rebuke given by the majority is sufficient for such a man, <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> Therefore I exhort YOU to confirm YOUR love for him. <sup>9</sup> For to this end also I write to ascertain the proof of YOU, whether YOU are obedient in all things. <sup>10</sup> 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; <sup>11</sup> 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-of're-phes. 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 to 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 Yourselfs 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

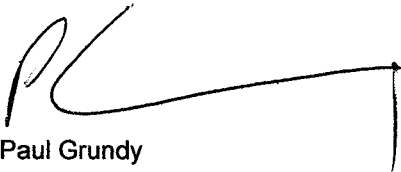
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I hope I have made it clear that by Watchtower, Bible and legal standards I should no longer be harassed and that no announcement should ever be made about me to any congregation associated with the Watchtower Society.

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.

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This letter is to request that my baptism be annulled. This way I will no longer be considered as one of the congregation and will be avoided as one of the world. I would like to make it clear that I am in no way disassociating myself from any congregation, office or organization associated with Jehovah's Witnesses.

Several months ago I requested for Luc Kikkert and Robert Cramp to arrange an annulment of my baptism, a request they refused to consider. I had hoped that my total absence from meetings for a number of months, and non association with Jehovah's Witness friends was indication enough that I am not as a follower of the Watchtower Society. However disciplinary visitations by elders in the congregation show that this matter needs to be formalized. I am now requesting an annulment in writing as I no longer wish to experience the ongoing harassment that I have endured over the past twelve months from Luc and various other brothers. Neither do I wish to be judged by unchristian principles that are based around the creed of men rather than the regulations of God.

This request for annulment is in order to remove myself from being considered part of any congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses and particularly the Parramatta Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, it's individual elders or it's legal corporation, the Governing Body of Jehovah's Witnesses or it's legal corporations, The Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc., The Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of Pennsylvania, Inc., The International Bible Students Association, The Watchtower Bible & Tract Society of Australia, or any other agency not here named, including all or any agents or assignees. I further request all agents and assignees cease and desist from harassment, stalking, slandering, and/or infringing on my rights

My annulment is not due to a lack of faith in God; it is solely due to it coming to my attention that my baptism unknowingly included a commitment to an organization that is in effect no more than a legal entity run by men.

Annulment is an option as I am aware of several cases where this has been successfully applied for, including my auntie who was subsequently re-baptized and another person who was not re-baptized.

There is significant cause for annulment. When I was baptized at the age of 16 I was not of legal age to make life's most important decisions, including marriage, consumption of alcohol, voting and joining an army. Jesus himself was not baptized until the age of 30. Therefore I believe the Watchtower Society uses coercion of impressionable minors to build its ranks. I was misled into forming a contract with the Watchtower Society which binds me to the regulations of the Jehovah's Witnesses Governing Body, under false pretences of it being "god's spirit directed organization". Until this year I believed the Watchtower publications to be truthful. The research I have done at the request of Luc Kikkert has resulted in me finding otherwise.

My baptism and hence contract with the Watchtower Society and my entire life since was based in part on three lies the Watchtower Society uses to misrepresent itself as God's organization;

- the apparent fact that these are the last days based on a dramatic increase in earthquakes
- that the Watchtower Society foretold 1914 as the start of the last days
- that Holy Spirit directs Watchtower Society doctrine and the appointment and disfellowshipping of brothers

The following quotes support that the statements made above were prevalent at the time of my baptism and they continue to be so.

I no longer have access to the *Aid to bible Understanding* that I studied constantly as a youth. However, the passage on earthquakes that greatly affected my life is contained now in *Insight Into the Scriptures* volume 1 p.669:

"Jesus foretold earthquakes in significant number and intensity as a feature of the sign of his presence. (Mt 24:3, 7, 8; Lu 21:11) Since 1914 C.E., there has been an increase in the number of earthquakes, resulting in much distress. With data obtained from the National Geophysical Data Center in Boulder, Colorado, supplemented by a number of standard reference works, a tabulation was made in 1984 that included only earthquakes that measured 7.5 or more on the Richter scale, or that resulted in destruction of five million dollars (U.S.) or more in property, or that caused 100 or more deaths. It was calculated that there had been 856 of such earthquakes during the 2,000 years before 1914. The same tabulation showed that in *just 69 years* following 1914 there were 605 of such quakes. These statistics are a means of indicating the extent of suffering from earthquakes during this period of history."

This is a gross misrepresentation of facts. With research anyone can find that there have been a fairly constant number of earthquakes for thousands of years. There has been no increase in the number of earthquakes since 1914 or in the power of earthquakes. The 1900's has not even had the most deaths from all earthquakes combined, the largest or the most destructive earthquakes.

The other concept that I found very important in committing my life to the Watchtower Society was the remarkable insight Russell had under God's direction to understand bible prophecy in regards to 1914. This regularly is used as proof that Jehovah's holy spirit was guiding his earthly organization through Russell and so a clear indicator of this being the only true religion. As stated in the *Awake!* 1973 January 22 p.8

"Of all men used by God to prophesy, Jesus is outstanding. Based on what he said, along with the words of Daniel and John, Jehovah's witnesses pointed to the year **1914**, **decades in advance, as marking the start of "the conclusion of the system of things."**

When the Watchtower refers to the history of the doctrine of 1914 it generally does so by the use of misinformation. I am sure you would be aware that the above quote is a very direct lie. In fact, nothing Russell pointed to about 1914 has come to pass. Russell believed that the last days started in 1799, Jesus rulership began in 1874 and 1914 was to conclude matters, it was never said to be the start, it was always said to be the end. It was not until the 1930's that Rutherford overturned a large number of Russell's teachings and date prophecies and put in place what now resembles the modern day Jehovah's Witnesses. What is more, this did not happen in 1919 which Watchtower publications now point to as the date when Jesus cleansed his temple.

The third point critical to my decision to be baptized is that the Watchtower publications imply that holy spirit directs the organization Jehovah's Witnesses identify as represented by the Watchtower Society. This is stated to be in the area of doctrine, appointments and disfellowshipping. The only reason I was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses was that I

relied on the statements that holy spirit does indeed direct the organization, if it does not why would anyone follow it? Statements such as the following are made;

W87 8/1 p.19

**"Recommendations and appointments are made after prayer and under the guidance of the holy spirit. To such nonanointed elders Paul's counsel applies with equal force:**

**"Pay attention to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the holy spirit has appointed you overseers."—Acts 20:28."**

pe chap. 23 p.195

**No, being governed theocratically, they follow the example of the early governing body in Jerusalem, whose decisions were based on God's Word and were made under the direction of holy spirit."**

W58 5/1 p.285

**"Since that spirit of God operates in conjunction with the organization, to the extent that the local overseers, ministerial assistants and individual ministers respond to the counsel provided them through the theocratic organization, to that extent the way is open by this means for the free flow of God's holy spirit."**

In regards to doctrine the organization has a history of introducing wrong teachings, such as the dates mentioned previously, the meaning of pyramids, the requirement to worship Jesus up until the 1950's and so on. They have also changed back to the original stance on a number of life and death issues such as the meaning of superior authorities and the use of organ transplants. None of these can be simply dismissed as new light, they were wrong doctrine introduced by the Watchtower Society and then discarded.

In regards to appointments the above quotes were similarly misleading. As you may personally be aware, I was in Bradbury congregation when Dom was appointed as an elder, despite the fact that he was having at that very time, and had been having for seven years, an adulterous affair whilst in Bethel. Where was the Holy Spirit in that appointment? I know of numerous such cases, such as Shalom who was a practicing homosexual when he accepted his appointment as a Ministerial Servant in Parramatta congregation. I also know of numerous cases of people that continue to be brothers and sisters despite ongoing wrongdoing over many years. Why does the Holy Spirit not uncover such wrongdoing if it truly guides this organization alone?

Jesus said we are to be baptized in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. As a 16 year old I did not understand the implication that my baptism vow also adds "as one of Jehovah's Witnesses in association with God's spirit-directed organization?" (W85 6/1 p.30) I did not know that this meant I would become bound for life by a legal earthly organization that has built up a wealth of man made rules. How as a 16 year old could I make an informed decision that I was committing myself for life to an earthly organization when the very organization I trusted had no qualms about lying in areas that mattered most to me?

If I knew the above Watchtower statements to not be true, to not be from God, but rather carefully fabricated lies I would never have considered Jehovah's Witnesses to be accurately worshipping God and not have been baptized in association with this particular organization. Now that I am aware of these things I wish for my baptism to be annulled as what I was led to believe I was agreeing with was a misrepresentation of truth. I now wish to be given peace from further harassment in order to recover from the manipulation that I have suffered my entire life from trusting in the Watchtower Society and the mental anguish that it is now causing me and my extended family.

Baptism is a spiritual issue and I would like this situation resolved as such. Based on my understanding that being a Jehovah's Witness identifies me as a representative of an unusual earthly organization rather than a worshiper of God I would like that identification to be completely erased, rather than to be considered disfellowshipped or disassociated and hence considered an ex Jehovah's Witness forever more. I have sought legal advice in case my baptism is not

annulled based on the spiritual reasons so far provided and will consider starting judicial proceedings if necessary.

A secondary reason I am requesting an annulment rather than the easier alternative of disassociation is due to the defamation to my reputation that will result from being labeled as disassociated and the ongoing negative effect this will have for the remainder of my life. People that read the bible without preconceived notions understand that the Watchtower shunning policy is extended well beyond scriptural guidelines and is in fact closely aligned with methods used by cults and high control groups. The unchristian way in which the Watchtower Society uses shunning in manipulating its members is adversely affecting the lives hundreds of thousands of people and I do not wish for me or my family to be subjected to similar hardship. Neither do I wish untrue defamatory comments that appear in the Watchtower publications regarding those that no longer believe it is God's organization to be applied to me. This includes statements that I am a person who is;

- rebelling against Jehovah w93 10/1 p.19
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In the United States of America the Watchtower Society has traditionally used "freedom of religion" under the First Amendment Clause as its primary legal argument against being sued. Whilst this argument makes suing a religion difficult the courts do not look favorably on a religion that uses misinformation or coercive persuasion to indoctrinate or manipulate its members. A primary case for this is *Molko v. Holy Spirit Association or the Unification of World Christianity* ("Unification").

Above shows just a small fraction of the misinformation that appears in the Watchtower. The practices of the Watchtower Society are equally based on common methods of coercive persuasion. Dr. Margaret Singer specialises in coercive persuasion. I am not attempting to address whether the Watchtower Society is a cult but rather make the interesting comparison of Watchtower practice with a summary she has done on Robert J Lifton's research into the coercive techniques used by cults. Lifton's research was a result of a study he undertook of American prisoners of Communist China. Dr Singer summarises his eight indicators of a cult as follows;

1. **ENVIRONMENT CONTROL.** Limitation of many/all forms of communication with those outside the group. Books, magazines, letters and visits with friends and family are taboo. "Come out and be separate!"
2. **MYSTICAL MANIPULATION.** The potential convert to the group becomes convinced of the higher purpose and special calling of the group through a profound encounter / experience, for example, through an alleged miracle or prophetic word of those in the group.
3. **DEMAND FOR PURITY.** An explicit goal of the group is to bring about some kind of change, whether it be on a global, social, or personal level. "Perfection is possible if one stays with the group and is committed."
4. **CULT OF CONFESSION.** The unhealthy practice of self disclosure to members in the group. Often in the context of a public gathering in the group, admitting past sins and imperfections, even doubts about the group and critical thoughts about the integrity of the leaders.
5. **SACRED SCIENCE.** The group's perspective is absolutely true and completely adequate to explain EVERYTHING. The doctrine is not subject to amendments or question. **ABSOLUTE** conformity to the doctrine is required.

6. **LOADED LANGUAGE.** A new vocabulary emerges within the context of the group. Group members "think" within the very abstract and narrow parameters of the group's doctrine. The terminology sufficiently stops members from thinking critically by reinforcing a "black and white" mentality. Loaded terms and clichés prejudice thinking.

7. **DOCTRINE OVER PERSON.** Pre-group experience and group experience are narrowly and decisively interpreted through the absolute doctrine, even when experience contradicts the doctrine.

8. **DISPENSING OF EXISTENCE.** Salvation is possible only in the group. Those who leave the group are doomed.

All eight points are readily applicable to the Watchtower Society.

My baptism vow was entered into as a minor after being subjected to a lifetime of coercive persuasion and misinformation. Many precious years of my life have been wasted in pointless pursuits strongly promoted in conjunction with misinformation about the time of the end by the Watchtower Society, including three and a half years as a volunteer worker at the headquarters of the Watchtower Bible & Tract Society of Australia. Actions taken by Luc Kikkert and associated Jehovah's Witness brothers over the last twelve months, including unannounced visitations at night, amount to harassment and have caused significant emotional distress and resulted in medical appointments, current use of prescription medicine and a referral to a psychiatrist for religious induced stress. Any public announcement that I am "no longer one of Jehovah's Witnesses" will most certainly exacerbate such conditions, particularly in regard to the shunning I am to receive from my extend family for the remainder of my life. Furthermore my businesses will suffer financially. Though courts do not inquire about the truthfulness of a belief, they do not look favorably upon religious induced cause and effect as described above, particularly when coercive persuasion and misinformation is used to aggrieve citizens.

I do not wish to commence judicial proceedings. Nor do I wish to cause any undue trouble for any of Jehovah's Witnesses. I do not wish to undermine the faith of people that are content to follow their religious beliefs. If a person actively seeks me out to enquire about my beliefs consistent application of 'freedom of religion' will allow me to discuss these matters. All that I request is to be considered as "one of the world" and left to establish a new life free from the manipulation of a highly legalistic organization. The only way for this to be possible is to either be left alone with a written guarantee of no further action from this day forward from any elders acting on behalf of the Watchtower Society in regards to any spiritual matter, or a letter that outlines the annulment of my baptism.

I will not tolerate any announcement in regards to myself to be made in public about my standing as a Jehovah's Witness. I understand and accept the elders of Parramatta congregation may feel the need to present a talk outlining the dangers of associating with non believers and those that have left the faith. I am also willing to accept the elders of Parramatta congregation talking to members of the congregation and naming me personally as one to be avoided as a person of the world.

Kind Regards



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