

The Regular Lines??

Just a thought but doesn't it seem that the regular lines within this movement are experiencing the same challenges as in the below quote? Jeff's behavior toward his "brethren" is very similar to the Conference's behavior toward those teaching present truth.

"Over and over again men have said, 'The voice of the Conference is the voice of God; therefore everything must be referred to the Conference. The Conference must permit or restrict in the various lines of work.' As the matter has been presented to me, there is a narrow compass, and within this narrow compass, all the openings to which are locked, are those who would like to exercise kingly power. But the work carried on all over the field demands an entirely different course of action. There is need of the laying of a foundation different from the foundation which has been laid in the past. We have heard much about everything moving in the regular lines. When we see that the 'regular lines' are purified and refined, that they bear the mold of the God of heaven, then it will be time to endorse these lines. But when we see that message after message given by God has been received and accepted, yet no change has been made, we know that new power must be brought into the regular lines. The management of the regular lines must be entirely changed, newly organized..." {GCB April 10, 1903 Par. 3}

I am not casting a brother into the ditch, but it seems to me the "regular lines" are broken down and that Jesus will "overturn, overturn, overturn"!

Below is a copy of the email that I sent to ___ ___ and ___ on June the 30th moments before Brother ___ sent his initial letter to FFA. The timing was of God.

"Brother ___, so that you and others may clearly understand, I have simply desired to know what is truth, yet what I have seen and experienced within this movement is alarming and somewhat discouraging; and it's this: We quickly point out to those following this movement how the organized churches refuse to see or even genuinely consider the truths we hold. We show their refusal to see or consider our position which we deem to be greater light. We also accurately point out how they always seem to dodge our direct questions and invitations to produce evidence that would remove our justification for the positions we hold. And we accurately show that they do not reveal any genuine interest in recovering a lost soul from darkness; darkness that a soul may find himself in by honest wrong turns. In short, they refuse to fulfill Matthew 18 and in our estimation they reveal that they don't have a genuine burden for souls and are accurately deemed "false shepherds"!

And as if that wasn't enough, they then denounce you as an offshoot, alienate themselves from you, and tell others to stay away from your deceptive and ruinous teachings! Well, guess what? That has been my very experience within this movement whenever I've attempted to discuss the book of Joel with those who claim to know and love Jesus and likewise the souls for whom He died! It has been my experience that I am allowed to answer questions put to me concerning Joel but I'm not given the same courtesy when I ask the questions. Do we really think that Jesus would treat us that way? Is this how "brothers" and "sisters" will treat each other in the new earth? Certainly not. We need more of Jesus. Eating the "little book" is only HALF of the work, we have to assimilate it into our Christian experience before we will meet with any success!

And in case you, ___ and others may conclude that I'm just being "emotional" here, let me assure you friend that that's not the case at all. I love each and every one of those who are genuinely striving to

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arrive at truth; you, ___ and those striving to give the trumpet that certain sound. But, the fact is friend, I KNOW that Jesus wouldn't respond to my questions the way that others have."

I saw the problem a while back but didn't understand it's magnitude until this summer. I look forward to our future work together. I believe Jesus is still FULLY in control! Blessings to you all and might we remember to lift each other in prayer; fueled by a genuine and fervent heaven-born love for each other's soul salvation! Showers of blessings to each of you!

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