

INITIAL COMMUNIQUÉ
ON THE
**INTERNATIONAL
BIBLE CONFERENCE**

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Introductory Statement

The purpose of this communique is to redress some of the wrongs that have been done against the organizers and the delegates of the September 2017 International Bible Conference. We, the undersigned, have become aware through innuendo and rumor, that reports are being circulated which claim that two delegates from Midnight Light Ministry (MLM) – the ministry representing the UK, were in some way mistreated at the Conference. We wish to state unequivocally, that this insinuation is not true; no one was ostracized, shunned, or mistreated in any way.

Backdrop – The Subject of Organization

The subject of organization has been brought up in this movement for several years now. However, it is only in the last two years that there has been any serious prophetic consideration given to the subject.

Through precept and example, members of this movement have heard and observed a gradual but decided move on the part of those leading out in this movement to understand and begin to put in place a structure – or organization – as we near the close of our probation.

The enemy is aware of what the Lord is doing for His people at this time, and has responded by initiating sustained attacks upon us, in an attempt to thwart this work of organization. He has done this through the work of false brethren brought in unawares (Gal 2:4).

One of the latest steps that the Lord directed us in taking, was to organize a low-key Bible Conference. The remit of this Conference was two-fold. Firstly, it was an attempt to try and understand some of the doctrinal differences between those currently on 'this side' of the movement, and those who have been identified under the umbrella term 'the Omega Apostasy.' The second, and perhaps more important work that we hoped to accomplish at the Conference, was to begin formal discussions on some of the practical aspects of organization, and then to disseminate that information in an ordered and systematic fashion to the movement at large.

In many ways the Conference was an overwhelming success. However, as is often the case at such holy convocations, the enemy was on the ground to do his mischievous work, which he succeeded in doing. This resulted in a cloud hanging over those in attendance during the conference. It was hoped that it had ended there, but this cloud has moved on

and has begun to cast its shadow upon the hearts and minds of those who were not even in attendance.

The purpose of this communique is to address this matter in as open and forthright manner as possible, namely to respond to the suggestion that the two brethren from MLM were in some way mistreated by any of the other delegates.

Background

As stated in the introduction, the purpose of the Conference was two-fold; doctrinal and organizational.

Delegates from across the world field were invited to attend, all of whom – bar two – were either members, or the spouses of members, of recognized ministries. There were representatives from the following locations:

Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Ireland, Mexico, Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Spain, UK, USA. Delegates from five African countries were also invited, but for various reasons were unable to attend.

The doctrinal studies were structured in a way, to not only give the presenters adequate opportunity to share their studies but also to allow those in attendance adequate opportunity to ask questions and even contribute thoughts. For the most part this format was productive and much appreciated by those delegates who attended the studies. Unfortunately, the above-mentioned brethren from MLM, chose not to attend many of the studies.

The organizational meetings were structured in a very different way. They were open ‘round table’ discussions, in which everyone was encouraged to participate; which they all did. Again, everyone in attendance found them very productive and informative. Unfortunately, the above-mentioned brethren from MLM chose only to attend the first organizational meeting, so they made very little contribution to the work of organization.

Teaching Error – A Point of Explanation

The delegates at the Conference were asked not to share their private thoughts or interpretations of the proceedings with anyone not present at the Conference, before a formal statement was made, as such conduct has proven to be a stumbling block to many. This counsel was not heeded on two counts:

1. One of the delegates gave FFA their understanding of what was taught at the Conference, and this communication led to FFA taking down a series of studies from their webpage/channel. The Conference organizers were not consulted on this matter,

and the other delegates were unaware of what had transpired until after the fact. The delegate who acted on their own initiative has since repented and apologized to the organizers for acting in such an inappropriate manner. The delegate is being asked to extend that apology to all who attended the Conference.

2. After the Conference, the above-mentioned brethren from MLM began to share their negative perspective of the Conference with those who had not attended the meetings, insinuating that they had been mistreated. They did so without first coming to the organizers or the other delegates, giving us no opportunity to explain or clear up any misunderstandings.

It is the belief of all the undersigned that both of the above parties, failed to observe the basic protocols of Christian decorum.

Having said this, it should be noted that the disclosure to FFA, and the subsequent taking down of presentations by them, was not the primary accusation that has been leveled at the Conference attendees. In fact, it appears that the above-mentioned brethren from MLM are somewhat sympathetic towards the actions of FFA. They place the blame for FFA's actions, upon the other attendees of the Conference.

Addressing the Accusation

It has become apparent from various rumors that have begun to surface, that questions are being asked by members of this movement as to why, and in what manner, the above-mentioned delegates of MLM were mistreated at the Conference. We, the undersigned delegates want to address this accusation directly; we want to state with a single voice, that we deny that the brethren from MLM were mistreated, mocked, ostracized, or unfairly treated in any way, and that any such accusation is either an untruth or a grave misunderstanding on their part. If the former, then it is indeed a dark day for this movement. If the latter, then Christian duty would have led them to first seek clarity and reconciliation with their fellow delegates, rather than sharing their supposed grievances with others.

Not only do we refute the above, but we do not recognize a further allegation that seems to have surfaced, that they somehow felt unsafe (either physically or spiritually) as bearing any resemblance to reality. Any suggestion on their part, that they were somehow warring against principalities and powers, and hence had to flee the Conference, borders on the delusionary.

In Conclusion

In conclusion, we wish to state the following:

1. We, the undersigned, who represent the movement worldwide, refute the accusation of mistreatment towards the two delegates from MLM. We are all in agreement that no one, including the delegates from MLM, were mistreated.
2. One of the delegates shared their opinion about what was being taught at the Conference, and this led FFA to independently (without consulting the organizers of the Conference) take down a video series from their own website. This delegate's conduct, whilst not right, is not the main accusation against the organizers or the delegates.
3. This communique does not attempt to discuss any of the doctrinal issues, nor any of the organizational decisions that were made during the Conference. It is our hope that once the cloud that has settled upon this movement (brought about by the spreading of inaccurate and frankly base information) is dispersed, we will begin to do that work.



“... There was a small minority of the Corinthians who stubbornly resisted all efforts of the apostle for the purification of the church; but their course was such that none could be deceived in them. They displayed a most bitter spirit, accusing of mercenary motives, and craft in preaching the gospel. On the other hand, some challenged his claims to apostleship. Thus the accusations of his opposers were conflicting, and without a shadow of foundation.

“Just such unreasonable persons are to be met in our times, men who set themselves against the progress of the work of God, while professing to believe the truth. They refuse to come into harmony with the body of the church, the burden of their work being to dissect the characters of their brethren, to raise dark suspicions, and circulate covert insinuations. Many honest persons are deceived by these calumniators, whose purpose are not so readily discerned as they would be if the traducer dealt in bare-faced falsehoods.” LP 177.1-2

Signed,

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