

A Dual Statement

Enough is Enough: Moving On!!

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As any follower of Jesus can tell you, when you leave all and follow Him, oftentimes your old friends and family turn against you. I have a couple of siblings who shun the “new me” and boycott any family gathering if they think I’ll be there. It hurts – but Jesus told us to expect that – *“the world will hate you because of Me.”* They blame me for the division in the family – since I dare to speak truth.

The Word of God prepared me for that. But when divisions come into the Family of God, it can get even more brutal. And such is the case in the public YouTube/Facebook war of Moriel Ministries vs. Bethel Communications. [see Danny’s article for details] Over the years, I have joined in with both ministries in outreach and joint efforts to minister to the saints. They have been part of my church family and I love them in Christ from the bottom of my heart.

But now they are engaged in a battle to the death. But the way I see it, there are no winners in this. I’ve tried to stay out of the public fray because it never should have gotten into social media in the first place. It is a bad witness to outsiders. In fact, in response to one of the YouTube salvos targeting Jacob Prasch, a follower of the “Toronto Blessing” (or curse) commented, literally salivating at the caricature made of Prasch as a hothead, in his view exonerating the holy laughter movement and the work of their lying signs and wonders.

This could have been avoided if the two sides would have met together and hashed out their differences outside the public view. With that in mind, I tried to act as a mediator between the two ministries, Jacob Prasch and company and Deborah Menelaws and her allies, in early January hoping to get them to agree to a cease fire. I wrote this to Moriel’s Administrator on January 17, 2019:

“The start of a peace deal would be for Moriel to remove all videos that mention

When There’s No Final Authority

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“If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven. — Matthew 18:15-18

In an age where anyone (and seemingly everyone) can leverage the Internet to operate a ministry independent of oversight by a church or responsible authority, what do Christians do when they cannot complete this process? Once again I have run into the proverbial cul-de-sac wherein I can go to the person in public ministry personally, and return with the requisite witnesses, but there is no church or oversight structure through whom the process can be completed. Because they operate independently, and they may even pretend to have some kind of board to which they report, in reality they can just slough it all off and continue to operate regardless. How do we bring something to a proper biblical end that can publish with impunity whatever they want, whenever they want on their website, blog, Facebook page, Twitter or Instagram account, and YouTube channel?

For those who are blissfully unaware, I truly and sincerely envy you. But unfortunately there are far too many who have more than a passing awareness of what has been taking place in cyberspace for more than a year now with three public figures with such “ministries” who for years had partnered together, only to purposely stage their break-up and personal issues in the public spotlight rather than make even the most modest

Deborah's name – or allude to her – including – and especially the messages given at those churches in Britain. And the Menelaws would need to be willing to remove from their own web and YouTube channel any similar jabs at Moriel and the video that features their investigator and the one with David Nathan's feeble excuses. Deb should also delete all Facebook threads – going all the way back to last summer of her own public statements against Jacob.

Then, perhaps a skype pow-wow to go through an agenda of offenses from each side and take the issues one by one. That would be a start anyway.

The goal of all of this would be to stop this battle from further harm to both ministries and the onlookers in the Body of Christ. The hour is so near to the time of the restoration of all things – certainly we need to lay aside all encumbrances that stand in the way of gearing up for the fulfillment of all things looming over this planet. Many lives are at stake if we spend the time remaining sniping at one another.

If this finds favor with Jacob, let me know and I'll copy and paste the above to Deborah.”

My efforts were turned down by both sides. So I just tried to lay low and distance myself from the entire thing. I could not choose sides, something both sides expect from their friends, because there are no clean hands on either side. Bethel defended a false teacher (David Nathan) and Moriel launched their defamation campaign against Deborah, labeling her an apostate and on the side of Antichrist.

I held my tongue but my public silence was interpreted as cowardice by some, when I was trying to bring peace to the situation outside the public domain.

I chose to speak up now because it's degrading into something very, very ugly. Jacob hit below the belt once again (the first time branding Deborah Menelaws a “Jezebel”) when he publicly roasted one of his former supporters for openly siding with the opposition. Prash went so far as to make public what he thought he knew about her private marital problems, even branding her an adulteress. It's reminiscent of the woman in the Plymouth Colony having to go about wearing the letter ‘A’ on her dress as a badge of shame.

attempt at a private, personal level. Instead of a steel cage death match in an octagon, we have a triangular arena with each corner occupied by Jacob Prash of Moriel Ministries, David Nathan of Bread of Life Ministries, and Deborah Menelaws of Bethel Communications/GV247 TV.

Jacob accepted David as a full member of his ministry, arranging for him to speak at every Moriel venue on four continents for about 3 years before “discovering” that Nathan's teachings were not just contra-biblical, but on many points completely espousing the very things which Jacob had publicly taught against for his more than 30 years in ministry. (Apparently no one bothered with a 10 minute check of David's website, where for many years such heresy was readily in full view.) Jacob likewise partnered with Deborah and her husband to make a Bible-themed documentary with their professional production company before divorcing that relationship for a variety of named and unnamed reasons. And the Menelaws partnered with Nathan not just because at the time he was endorsed by Jacob, but even more so when their relationship with Jacob dissolved, providing the appearance to some of us that it was more about getting under Jacob's skin than truly believing in the biblically false teacher that Nathan has turned out to be.

Yes, if you're unfamiliar with all this, it's a real life Christian soap opera run amok; if you're one of the thousands of firsthand observers, you're probably rolling your eyes and as disappointed at the whole mess as I am. But regardless of all the claims that have come from this Christian Bermuda Triangle, they cannot escape these simple facts that they were once all personal friends in ministry together. They had each other's contact list on their phones, spent time and ate meals at each others' homes, appeared in public together, and established an indisputable mutual relationship that crossed the line from purely business to personal a long, long time ago.

Normal Christian folk like you and I would be too embarrassed to air our grievances publicly where our personal relationships are concerned, but this eclectic Triumvirate has willfully chosen to only do it publicly, mostly by posting videos and articles through their ministry's Internet channels,

With each attack, I wait in trepidation for the next salvo to fly – like children in the playground – “Well, s/he started it” – as they hit each other – each wanting to get in the last smack.

The Word of God puts this all into perspective.

“For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.” – Gal 5:14-15

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.” Gal 5:22-23,26

“Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled” – Heb 12:14-15

So I implore all those involved in this – Cut it out!! You’re bringing division and shame to the Body of Christ. End the hostilities. If you don’t, you will all be branded and become useless vessels for the King.

“And he said to the vineyard-keeper, ‘Behold, for three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree without finding any. Cut it down! Why does it even use up the ground?’ And he answered and said to him, ‘Let it alone, sir, for this year too, until I dig around it and put in fertilizer; and if it bears fruit next year, fine; but if not, cut it down.’” – Luke 13:7-9

I’ve had my say – if any publicize any refutation to this, I will not enter into the wranglings. I only have two words to say in response:

“Stop it!”

“Be about your Father’s business” – or else!

but have enlisted others as well who have joined one leg of this stool or the other who also employ their respective Internet venues. They’ve used websites, blogs, YouTube channels, Facebook pages, Vimeo channels—anything **BUT** the face-to-face, person-to-person option. And although they will not acknowledge it, the second biggest casualty next to the loss of the credibility of their public testimony, is the thousands of sheep forced to endure what is inflicted from these very poor shepherds. Even worse, their contra-biblical bad behavior has fueled and enflamed it to an alarming degree across the very rank and file of Christianity they pretend to serve.

But returning to the opening question, how are we to proceed? I can go to each one personally, and then return with more witnesses, but there is no church in front of which we can present and remove them from ministry. They just ignore it at will and continue on uninterrupted.

For the sake of those who are members of the innocent victims aware of what is taking place, I need to specify that I’m in a very unique position of not just having followed all of this but an insider, having been a formal member of Moriel during the time of the Menelaws documentary on Daniel, and having met and processed David Nathan and his teachings. But the reason I’m not going to dip into my own email archives and make yet another feeble attempt to establish who is right or wrong on certain points, and even identify the outright lies and misrepresentations, is because the fact is that they are **ALL** guilty, albeit for different reasons. The fact is, whether you find it palatable or not, there are no innocent parties here. The sins may not be the same, but none of them chose the high road of God’s Word by which to practice such things as...

To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit; not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing. — 1 Peter 3:8-9

“In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you.

*for this is the Law and the Prophets. —
Matthew 7:12*

“But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. Whoever hits you on the cheek, offer him the other also; and whoever takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt from him either. Give to everyone who asks of you, and whoever takes away what is yours, do not demand it back. Treat others the same way you want them to treat you. — Luke 6:27-31

The Lord’s bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will. — 2 Timothy 2:24-26

Notice that I didn’t even bother with the many direct teachings of Christ that we’re supposed to be known by our love because, unfortunately, that ship sailed beyond their respective horizons from the outset. Just simple, polite adherence to these commands would suffice at this point.

But this is where we are now, observers of public outbursts by all parties which can be characterized as repaying evil for evil and insult for insult, treating each other in the way they don’t like being treated themselves, engaged in hate and mistreatment of each other, and never giving a thought to an approach that has the possibility of leading someone to repentance or “*the knowledge of the truth*”. Where there is no biblical behavior, there is no chance of a biblical outcome. In a normal conflict this is impossible when just two sides are involved—a three-sided engagement approaches the level of a holocaust.

It’s important to note that the biblical standard does not offer that a majority of people have to vote one way or another on it, but that it only takes two or three witnesses. In God’s economy, sin is sin even if it is only effected against a fraction of those involved. Because the figures in question operate in the virtual world, they now measure

things by the world's standards, invoking what the "majority" say in the emails they receive, dismissing all those they acknowledge are aware of who are not supportive of their behavior because they're in the "minority".

Christians are supposed to be Christians all the time, whether in private with just their spouse, or while conducting themselves before thousands in public. When someone thinks they can cast that aside at certain times—especially the most public of times, it validates biblically what we are witnessing. We are just as accountable to Christ for our faith in the presence of one as before even the largest of groups, even if the vast majority support unbiblical behavior. It's only by adopting the world's standards that a Christian embraces "majority rule". Christ always favors the weakest and most in need, a demographic that has become an especially tragic victim in this public drama.

Therefore there is only one thing that can be done, which although I have no illusions will be implemented, I specify for the sake of answering the main question posed here. Since we cannot complete the process, the only alternative is to turn them off. If everyone deleted the bookmarks to their websites, unfriended and unfollowed them on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, Vimeo and all the rest, and re-routed their donations and refrained from purchasing any more of their materials, it would all go away, and that very quickly. In fact, for the few who might actually follow through and do this, it would at least be over for you personally. In reality, we are the fuel to this virtual spiritual forest fire.

One closing thought for all of us with Facebook accounts. Have you ever taken an inventory of your list of friends so as to be fully aware of how many non-believing friends and family are approved members? I hope you remember that anything we comment on in the Facebook universe, even short and polite comments, automatically gets inserted into those unbelievers' news feed, and they become witness to these Christian-on-Christian hate crimes. The effects of what is taking place is not confined to within the walls of the Church alone.

Nonetheless, because it is a biblical requirement, we are mandated to make known

our grievance in a matter as an individual before enlisting supporting witnesses and at least make the effort. This kind of conflict is repugnant to most who choose to remain silent. But when it comes not just to these examples, but other virtual “ministries” we encounter, there is always the simplest option to just click the mouse and turn it off, pray for the Lord’s leading, and subscribe to something which may actually achieve the biblical goals of edification, exhortation, and consolation. We have truly been sucked into the black hole’s vortex if we believe Christ has abandoned His sheep and left no viable alternative. He just does not work that way.

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