

It has now been nine years since I first communicated with Dan Towle in Anaheim about matters of our church history that I had begun to address. My earnest appeal to Dan in a letter and also in a booklet to him was not met with approval, however.

I was subsequently set aside by the church and disfellowshipped from the churches with the idea conceived that I was in violation of God's government for daring to speak the truth about Witness Lee and the true cause of division among the local churches.

I was told that

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Those who feel that I am in violation of God's government in the Local Churches, have you read the writings I have presented publicly? If you have read what I have shared on the internet, what have I said that is not according to the truth and the real situation? No one in Seattle or Bellevue has told me what I am in error about. Indeed, Ron Kangas tried to denounce me also, but he did not specifically address anything I said that he felt was not true or that was not in harmony with God's thought.

So, I said to him and I say to those in Seattle and Bellevue also, if I am a person speaking falsehoods on the internet and declared to be "evil" and "a man of death"; and warrant being cut off from the churches in Seattle and Bellevue, why am I not publicly denounced in all the churches of the Lord's recovery? My writings go to many places around the country and the world, and many people read what I have to share with them; yet, there is no public warning given by governing authorities of local churches to "protect" these saints. Ron Kangas, realizing there is no way to control what I do since litigation cannot be used against someone who is telling the truth, and they don't want the facts on public display anyway, said to leaders in S. America, "...Isitt will probably just go on speaking these evil things till he dies." As a result of their inability to stop me, many have gotten help to know the "other side of the story" of the cause of division in the local churches. That is, they learn the truth.

Sister in San Antonio Steve, Your writings are so needed...through the months the facts you have shared have resulted in release and peace and understanding. Knowing the truth puts to rest issues and questions. I reminded Ruben that the Holy Spirit gives repentance to an individual as a gift. So, the offending individuals need to seek it for themselves and we can petition for it on their behalf, right? Without it no one can repent. With much appreciation, Darlene _____

Brother from Brazil

Dear Steve Isitt, I received and read the entire timeline of the Lord's Recovery, which was spread by the Internet. I appreciated the objective approach of the material, which deals basically with facts. For a long time I have been telling brothers and sisters in Christ that there is a great need for a book on the History of the Recovery mainly since 1950. At the end of your text, the book Hiding History of the Lord's Recovery was mentioned. I would really like to read it.

Sinning Against the Recovery

Although many attest to the veracity of my writings, and governing authorities in the churches don't deny specifically the salient points that I have made, I am still "banned" from meeting with the local churches. It was said of me in a letter six years ago that I have "[most certainly sinned against the entire recovery](#)". Yet this claim has never been substantiated and stands as an empty claim to this day, having no merit whatsoever. Where is the sin I committed? No one has been specific. In nine years no one has intelligently challenged what I have reported. Leaders simply dismiss anything I have said that appears to them to be an attack, or a violation of God's government.

Has any leader taken the time to study at length what I have shared in order to be qualified to judge me and be able to say with assurance that I have sinned against the recovery? It is not enough to make the inane statement that "[Brother Lee was never wrong... He would never do things that others would do.](#)" Leaders need to show me where I am wrong, as I have done to great extent with Brother Lee and LSM workers who have been driving the wedge of division for so many years in the recovery.

Two writings in 2009 sum up what I have been addressing these nine years. If they are read thoughtfully, along with their links, the reader can easily understand the need in the Body to deal with many unrighteous matters in the churches and that there is no real reason to condemn me. (Replaced now with www.SpeakingtheTruthinLove.online by John Ingalls).

My efforts began with the desire to build a bridge of communication to those who were lost among us in the new way. I wrote to Dan Towle accordingly.

January 28, 2001 Dear Dan, (**bold print** added)

"I have written a little book for the sake of fellowship, mainly with leading ones, concerning our past sixteen-year history of the new way. I think this period of time in the Lord's recovery warrants our careful study of both the benefits and the costs to the church in what was such a highly controversial move by Witness Lee among us in those beginning years.

*"I wanted to come to you because I feel it is **safe** to do so. If I am **inaccurate or unfair** in some way, perhaps you are the most qualified one to **catch** me that I could either make an **adjustment or terminate** the proposed fellowship."*

*"I hope we can have a **good, thorough, and upright fellowship** over this booklet called *In the Wake of the New Way*, while remembering the Lord's prayer 'that they all may be one' and the repeated petitions from our brother Lee, not only to heed the trumpet call for the Lord's new move, but also to respond to the call for the rendering of care to every member for the building up of the Body in love..."*

*I would welcome your phone call or e-mail message at 425-445-1732 and sisitt@msn.com. I don't intend for this booklet to be **widespread**; rather, I hope that ones who do receive it could do so in the Lord, with a holy regard and respect given to those who left the recovery, and a godly consideration rendered to those who remain, but who need more significant care."*

There was no mutual fellowship then; and there has been none up till this day. There is only the one-sided brand of "fellowship" as given here in this letter of disapproval in 2004

"In Brother Lee's book 'the experience of life' he talks about being right with God and with the body. The main factor is the matter of the proper dealing. THE SCOPE OF THE OFFENCE DETERMINES THE SCOPE OF THE DEALING. If one commits a sin only in the mind, it can be cleared up very easily. All the person has to do is confess to the Lord and claim the Lord's blood and he is forgiven. If one sins in speaking a word that he shouldn't have to a member of the body, then he has to not only confess to the Lord but also ask forgiveness from the person he spoke the word to. If one sins against the church, then he has to confess to the Lord and ask forgiveness publicly from the church. If one sins against the recovery, he has to confess to the Lord and also ask forgiveness from the entire recovery. You have most certainly sinned against the entire recovery. The website of your "book" and also the website of your "fellowship" with those such as Don Hardy and others is now a VERY BIG PROBLEM FOR YOU. Your thought about the recovery being wrong is your major problem. **Brother Lee was never wrong about anything that happened regarding the rebellion with John I. in the late 1980's.** Brother Lee is a different person than Philip Lee. Brother Lee would never do things that others would do. What I said in my previous letter is what has to be done. As long as you think that you are right about what you did but that the problem is that the brothers from the local churches are not open, this is a proof that you have no light on this matter. And until you get light, you have no way with the Lord. Without light, you will never be able to come back to the Lord's recovery. Because you just don't know how to handle this situation. You are completely in the dark. Repentance is a mercy that is granted to us only by the Lord. But repentance only comes when one realizes that he is altogether WRONG. If you really feel that there are so many things wrong in the Lord's recovery today, it doesn't make any sense that you would want to come back to a place that is so wrong. The God ordained way is most certainly the way the Lord's recovery is rooted and grounded in and will be taking until the Lord returns. In this matter, there is no turning back. Remember, the Lord's recovery is not going to change, NOT FOR YOU, NOT FOR ANYONE. Sherman

A second email – "After I asked you to leave the meeting last Lord's day, it was brought to my attention by the brother doing the conference that you had put your "book" onto the internet and sent copies to a number of the coworkers. I was not aware of this. Maybe I should have been but I wasn't. Other brothers in the church in Bellevue had read it online also and informed me more or less of its contents... The first step for you to be restored to the fellowship of the churches, if in fact this is what you really want, would have to be a complete and thorough point by point apology and retraction of every item mentioned there. This would have to be posted on the Internet for all to see and of course you would need to send it to each one that you sent the book to. However, if you feel that the things that are in the book are accurate, then you don't belong in the Lord's recovery.

Not everyone belongs in the Lord's recovery. I know a number of brothers and sisters that just don't belong in the Lord's recovery. It takes a special calling from the Lord for a person to be willing to pay the price to be in the Lord's recovery. Many have left us over the years for various reasons. The Lord's recovery is here to carry out God's economy by means of the God-ordained way, but many genuine brothers and sisters in the Lord are not interested in God's economy. They have a lot of interests in a lot of things, good things, spiritual things, scriptural things, biblical things, but not in God's economy as practiced in the bible by the manner we have come to know as the God-ordained way. The God-ordained way is simple and "what we believe" to be God's way of carrying out the church life in the bible.

Anyone who does not agree with our assessment of this has the right to have his or her own opinion. That is the blessing of being a free American. We all have the right to feel anyway we want to feel about any matter. But some Christians would like to see the Lord's recovery conform to their own private thought and concept. However, in the 32 years that I have been in the Lord's recovery, it has never changed a bit to suit anyone's private thought and concept. All who make it in the Lord's recovery do so because they agree in their

thought and concept with what the Lord's recovery stands for. And that is God's economy carried out through and by the God-ordained way. It has never changed to cater to anyone's private thought or concept and IT NEVER WILL.

The good thing about being here in America is that if anyone doesn't agree with a Christian group such as the Lord's recovery, they can just meet with someone they feel is more to what they feel is God's direction for them. And if they can't find anyone that matches what they feel that God wants, they can start our own group. It is an impossible task to try and change an entire group to conform to what you feel. IT ISN'T GOING TO HAPPEN.

I will not be having anything more to do with you unless and until I see a complete and thorough point-by-point apology and retraction of every item in your "book" that has been posted on the Internet. And I want to see it on the Internet. Otherwise, I will be closed off to any other matter regarding you. Your statements of just "wanting to enjoy the Lord and go on" mean nothing to me. That would have worked if you were just a brother who loves the Lord without any history of damage. YOU HAVE A HISTORY. Sherman

As I wrote in a book in response to these letters,

"May this dear brother realize that there are many who are "altogether WRONG", including himself, and that confessions need to be made by the same – to the church, to individuals, and some men need to confess their sins to the whole recovery. *The mentality* exhibited in these two letters is a widespread serious problem among local church leaders that has caused untold damage to saints and division in the churches. It is *not the mind of Christ*. This is my "thought and concept": Repentance is needed among such leaders. THEY HAVE A HISTORY."

To those leaders who feel that Sherman Robertson represented God and his thought in those two letters, I ask you to do as Brother Lee charged in his final message, which especially was to the elders, co-workers, and responsible ones - study our history; learn from it. Examine yourselves. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=swcs5pbzoDI> This video excerpt showed Brother Lee's speaking in his Final message alluding to his serious mistakes in receiving people according to Christ alone. He appealed especially to those closest to him to essentially confirm his word and clarify it - for posterity, as well as for acknowledgment of truth today. It would require work, and also transparency, which he did not accomplish himself; and either have his close coworkers since his Final word and his passing 4 months later. So, the opaque version of our church history remains intact, and so does the lack of integrity among our leaders.

From FINAL word by Witness Lee

"This is a lesson for us all. The co-workers in different places need to learn; all responsible brothers in all localities need to learn. The eyes of the brothers and sisters all need to be opened. Too many things we need to learn. We have acted wrongly in the past, including me, I have to admit. I have had very painful repentance before the Lord. I am very sorry! I am sorry for the Body of Christ - not only for the brothers and sisters among us, but also for the ones in the denominations. You have to bring this message back and read it over and over again in mutual fellowship. Then you will see we were wrong before... To understand and analyze this needs a fair bit of effort. Again I say, a few of you must come together through pray-reading, studying, reciting, and prophesying. We must learn from our past mistakes to receive people according to God's Son...undeviating... not deviating a bit from the path..." (His final message Chinese New Year Conference, Anaheim, Feb 1997)