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Dear Brothers,

I write this letter to you with great sadness in my heart. I long for the day that I can once again hold up my head with pride as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. The following issue really needs to be resolved.

I approached Donny Lane, an elder in my congregation (Shawnee, KS) about two weeks ago with information indicating that the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society had joined the UN as an NGO in 1991. Of course he did not believe me, but said he would approach our circuit overseer, Gene Brown, at the district convention, that we had this past weekend. Apparently, he did approach Brother Brown, who in turn, I was told, approached the Governing Body member, Brother Losch. The information that I received was that Brother Losch told the circuit overseer that the Watchtower Society had never been and is not currently an NGO associated with the United Nations.

This does not square with the information that I previously received from an elder in Texas regarding the involvement of the Society with the UN, or information that I have personally found.

It came to my attention about three years ago that the Watchtower joined the United Nations as an NGO. At first I didn't believe it, but through the 90's I had noticed a trend in the writing of the magazines and some doctrinal changes that I felt were strange. Then an elder that I asked about the situation confirmed that the WT did indeed join the UN as an NGO, but got out in 2001, two days after being exposed by a British newspaper.

I was somewhat mollified, but still skeptical about the Society's involvement, but decided to wait on Jehovah. However last month, what I would normally consider a "minor" incident finally pushed me over the edge to the point that I am now writing to you, hopefully for some serious and honest answers to some serious questions.

The item that caused me to write to you was an article in the Awake.

I will share the most recent statement in the Awake, which finally made me sick at heart enough to write this letter to you. It is the last paragraph of the May 22, 2005, Awake in the article "Libraries, Gateways to Knowledge"....

*"Especially relevant today, then is the observation of the ancient scholar, writer, and king—Solomon. He wrote: "To the making of many books there is no end, and much devotion to them is wearisome to the flesh." (Eccl 12:12) **When used discerningly, though, libraries continue to be what the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization calls a "local gateway to knowledge".***

I was heartsick that this religious society that we have served with is so deliberate in quoting from the beastly lover of Babylon the Great that not only does the quote form the TITLE THEME of the article, but actually is used to **offset** the INSPIRED WORDS OF JEHOVAH THROUGH SOLOMON with a contrary expression from the UN. (Incidentally, this is the second quote in this issue that is from the UN, the other on page 6).

Brothers this is only one example of the writings that I have noticed since first hearing about our association with the UN. The magazines are still filled with articles and references to the UN that



make me sick, because they are presenting the UN in such a way as to make it look like a good organization with a good cause and lofty aims, not as the murderous beast that we have been taught in the past. (It has been over a decade since I remember seeing the Harlot sitting on the Scarlet Colored Wild Beast with a picture of the UN in the background—**those were the good old days**).

I am sure that I don't have to explain to you what an NGO is nor what the United Nations requirements are, but by way of a reminder,

- Share the ideals of the UN Charter
  - Have a demonstrated interest in United Nations issues and proven ability to reach large or specialized audiences...
  - Have the commitment and means to conduct effective information programmes about UN activities by publishing newsletters, bulletins, and pamphlets...
- *In 1967 a UN resolution was issued with the following requirement: "The organization shall undertake to support the work of the United Nations and to promote knowledge of its principles and activities, in accordance with its own aims and purposes..."*

In our new, Organize To Do Jehovah's Will book, on page 155; the matter of disassociation is discussed, and I will quote:

*"For example, a person might renounce his place in the Christian congregation by his actions, such as by becoming part of a secular organization that has objectives contrary to the Bible and, hence, is under judgment by Jehovah God."*

Why do not these words apply with even greater force to the Society for their adulterous relationship with this horrible, vicious image of the wild beast?

Why are we flirting with this beast? Why are we promoting its programmes? Why are you saying "admiring" things about it?

I know that you have never issued any statements that are absolutely in support of the UN, but many dozens of your statements indicate that you feel the UN is really concerned about human rights and even though men can't really bring about the needed relief for humans, at least they are trying. (This isn't intended to be a direct quote, but a summary of how your quotes look to me). The effect is that it promotes a different view of the UN than the view that you have promoted in the past, such as this is a vicious wild beast in the hands of Satan and God's People should avoid any association with it. I will be happy to supply you with full quotes from your publications for the past 12 to 14 years that support my statement above, at your request. I have felt like an emissary of the UN when I go door to door with the magazines!

I really am at a crossroads in my life. For forty-five years I have been one of Jehovah's Witnesses and 30 of that was as an elder. I am a serious Bible student. I came into the truth at 15 years old, on my own, not even a Bible study was conducted with me. I have gone to prison for the faith, in 1966-1968 for my dedicated position of neutrality. I have raised 4 children in the truth, and two boys have gone to Bethel (Jonathan Jones sat at Brother and Sister Barr's (who he loves till this day) table for some time, (rotating GB table). I have two daughters that were both pioneers for years, and my wife and I were pioneers for years in the past.

My question is, how much of the NGO affair is the truth?

Is the Society, today, in any way associated with the UN, by any other name or corporation or through some other entity?

If it is not true, then **why are all the articles written** that quote and promote a "kinder, gentler view" of the UN?



If it is true that you have belonged and supported the UN, are you disassociated from Jehovah God and Jesus Christ by your actions?

Can we expect the candor that we find in the Bible when erring humans made mistakes? Can we expect a full and complete confession and "a righting of the wrong" if this occurred?

If the substance of the NGO affair were not true, would you not consider it appropriate to instruct the UN Department of Public Information to release all copies of all correspondence with the Watchtower to their website so that it would all be available to the public? That would provide closure to this entire situation.

Possibly some may feel that more damage is done to more people by admitting such a serious breach, so they may move to cover it over. I assure you, if such a breach has occurred, and it is clearly admitted and our brothers are informed, that nothing but more love and respect will be the outcome of the matter. Jehovah's heart would rejoice. King David was a man after God's own heart, not for what he did, but how he felt about it after it was brought to his attention.

I have not addressed a related issue with regard to your alleged activity as and NGO. I certainly appears to me that you have also been cooperating with countless other church groups who are also NGOs. Would that not reek of "interfaith"? Many of your comments in the Watchtower, such as the one on page 653 of the 1972 Watchtower indicate that religions that side with the UN by joining it have abdicated God's Kingdom. Here is the quote, "Logically then, Christendom, by belonging to the UN is for human (not Divine) rulership... Christendom has belied her name and there is no excuse for it. In a later magazine you comment incredulously that the Catholic Church has no less than 24 Catholic organizations that had joined the UN (as NGO's we now know), WT June 1991).

Can you see how quotes like these are so unlike the last 13 or more years of your quotes?

Twenty or so years ago, with just two million witnesses, we were having increases exceeding our current increases, with six and a half million workers. Could this situation be the cause of our lack of growth?

Your response is perhaps one of the most important things in my life. I hope you will lovingly consider that I too love Jehovah and Jesus Christ very deeply, and always will, whether I am serving Jehovah with you or without you. I hope it is apparent that I have slaved with you for three quarters of my life, and I so much look forward to an answer that I can look too with joy and pride. I long to work with you the rest of my life. (Rev 18:4)

Your brother,

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