

"Have I become your enemy?"

(Galatians 4:16) So, then, have I become your enemy because I tell you the truth?

I fear that is the case with most of you (JW's).

When the Governing Body (GB) themselves tell you that they are not inspired and do not have any special knowledge or revelations, do you reject their own words?

[w17.02 p. 26 par. 12] "The Governing Body is neither inspired nor infallible. Therefore, it can err in doctrinal matters or in organizational direction... Jesus did not tell us that his faithful slave would produce perfect spiritual food."

[w16.01 p. 23 par. 6] "They (the GB) do not claim to have special knowledge or revelations."

And they acknowledge that they are not given a better understanding of the Bible:

[w20.01 p. 28 par. 5] "They (the GB) know that Jehovah does not necessarily give anointed ones more holy spirit than he gives his other servants. They do not feel that they have a deeper understanding of Bible truths than anyone else."

Then they completely contradict themselves and claim to be the only ones with the true understanding of the Bible and demand your obedience as your governors. (see my articles "The Holy Trinity (of worship)" and "Leaven")

True, Jesus told his apostles to feed his lambs and little sheep (Jn 21:15-17), but he did not tell them to become their governors. (see my articles "Fed My Lambs" and "The Governing Body")

The GB are like the cultivators in Christ's illustration. (Mt 21:33-41; Mr 12:1-9; Lu 20:9-16) They cultivated the vineyard until it became mature as every Christian should (He 5:11-14), but then, just like those cultivators, they did not want to turn it over to the owner of the vineyard. They wanted to keep control of the vineyard even after its fruit had matured. And we know how that will turn out for them. (Lu 20:16; 2Pe 2:3)

I am not taking scriptures out of context or misapplying them, so why do you reject my words?

Consider the attitude of the Pharisees:

(John 9:34) In answer they said to him: "You were altogether born in sin, and yet are you teaching us?" And they threw him out!

[Jy p. 168] "Unable to refute the beggar's reasoning, the Pharisees revile him."

[w88 6/15 p. 9] "The Pharisees have no answer for such straightforward, clear logic. They cannot face up to the truth, and so they revile the man."

[w65 6/1 p. 323] "So prejudiced were they against Jesus that they would not acknowledge the truth concerning him or what he had done for this blind man. ... There was no doubt about it. ... But truth does not convince those who do not like to hear it. Nor did it in this case, ... The Pharisees could not face up to the truth. They did not want to hear it, so proud and prejudiced were they. ... Above all others, these were the ones that should have been willing to hear the truth. No doubt about it. Those religious leaders did not want to hear the truth. Yet thousands of others heard and accepted it, although these did not include the proud, the prejudiced, or those hungering for power and money. Humble persons, those who loved God, who loved what is right, were the ones that accepted the truth."

Instead of accepting the truth the Pharisees rejected it, because they did not want to believe it.

That Watchtower continues with the following paragraph. Please give it serious consideration!

[w65 6/1 p. 324] "Do you love truth? Would you have listened to the truth about Jesus in his day? Do you say, Yes? Then what about today? Do you want to hear the truth as Jesus preached it? If so, do not let pride or prejudice close your ears to truth. Do as God-fearing persons in the first century did. Analyze what you are told about God and his purposes. Listen to those who want to explain the Bible to you. Compare what you hear with the facts found in your own copy of God's Word.—Acts 17:11."

I encourage you to be like those in the city of the Samaritan woman.

(John 4:42) and they said to the woman: "We no longer believe just because of what you said; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the savior of the world."

Don't believe anything because of what i say. Believe what the Bible says. And don't take the word of anyone about what the verses mean. Look at them yourself, examine the context and all the other related verses, and see for yourself what the Bible really has to say.

I also highly recommend that you read "Are You Worshiping Jehovah Acceptably? - Expanded".

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