

WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

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19th December, 1994.

Thank you for your letter enclosing material about a sermon given by Mr. Earl Williams. I am sorry you have been upset by receiving this material.

I can tell you that Mr. Williams is a member of the Church and a Minister in Atlanta, Georgia. We have been told that he got a bit carried away whilst giving this sermon and I can assure you it is not a correct portrayal of the Church's beliefs. In fact, I understand that Mr. Tkach Jr. has recently been to this Church area to correct some of the information to allay fears of members. Unfortunately, as you know, the tape has fallen into the hands of those who have left the Church and they wish to take others out of the Church with them for whatever reasons.

Please be assured that the law and the Holy Days and the doctrines originally given have not changed and are still observed by the Church. God is still in control and our responsibility to God remains unchanged.

Before Christ returns I am sure there will be many trials and tests designed to shake our faith. All we can do is pray to strengthen our resolve to continue living in faith knowing that nothing and no one can stop God's plan for mankind.

Please feel free to write again, or even talk to your Pastor for more help in understanding these things.

Yours sincerely,



Leslie L. McCullough,
Regional Director.

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JOSEPH W. TKACH
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December 23, 1994

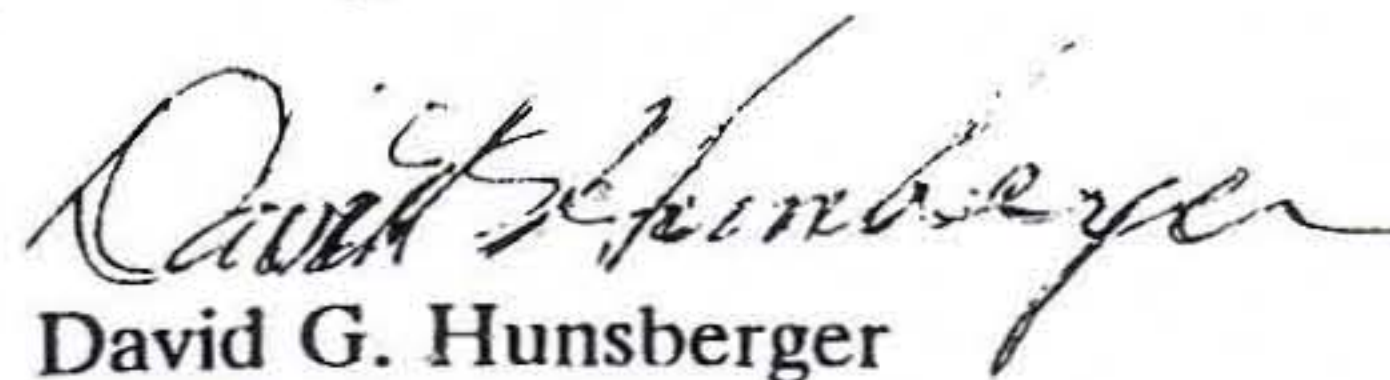
Thank you for your letter dated December 9, in which you expressed your outrage concerning statements purportedly quoted from tapes of sermons given by Mr. Earl Williams, who pastors one of our congregations in Atlanta, Georgia.

We would encourage you to bear in mind that we are not circulating the tapes nor the purported quotations. Many of the quoted statements are taken very much out of context and distorted. We certainly do not subscribe to all the statements. Nevertheless, when put in the proper context many of the statements are correct.

I would encourage you to be patient and put this matter aside for a few weeks. Mr. Joseph W. Tkach has recently been to Atlanta and preached on this subject. The gist of his message has been written up and is scheduled to be published for all the members in the January 10th issue of *The Worldwide News*. This will explain the official position of the Church regarding the New Covenant and the other subjects connected with it, such as the position of the law, and so on.

I believe you will find the article extremely interesting and that you can have a very good Bible study from the information therein.

Sincerely,



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5 January, 1995

Mr. L. McCullough
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Dear Mr. McCullough

A friend recently shared with me the contents of a letter you wrote in reply to their concerns about an unsolicited document headed "The Law Is Done Away" which they had been sent. I understand that they mailed you a copy of the document.

I have also been sent two copies of the same document, one from a friend in Worldwide, the other from a friend in Global, and copies of the three taped sermons that Mr. Williams gave from which the text of the so called "summary" was taken. Although I have not compared the document word for word with the tapes, I have done so sufficiently to be convinced that it is out of context and gives a distorted meaning of what Mr. Williams was actually saying. It also fails to quote scriptures, and distorts the scriptures that Mr. Williams uses, whilst giving the impression that Mr. Williams himself distorts the meanings of the scriptures - which is totally false - he does not.

I take it that you have not listened to the tapes, and are therefore unaware of the document being out of context, as no mention of this was to be found in your letter to my friends. I understand that the document has been fairly widely distributed, and am concerned that members writing in or making enquiries may be given the impression by the omission of the fact that it is out of context, that it is an accurate summary. I am sure that you will share this concern, and appreciate that if members have this impression, it will in turn could cause more problems for them. Would it be possible to alert members to the fact that the document has not been produced or authorised by Worldwide, or Mr. Williams, and that it is indeed out of context?

I am also somewhat confused as to what events actually took place in Atlanta recently. Your letter states that you thought Mr. Earl Williams had "got carried away" with some sermons he was preaching, and that Mr. Tkach Jnr. had visited the area to "allay the fears of the membership". However, I have also heard that in fact Mr. Tkach Snr. had visited the area, and preached in support of what Mr. Williams has said.

I would be grateful if you could clarify this for me - who went to Atlanta, and is the Church now to teach grace rather than law. Are we now in support of the teachings that Mr. Williams has been giving?

On another point, I am more than pleased that we now accept that there are Christians in other groups, and thought that the recent personal by Mr. Tkach was excellent. One point he made that I would appreciate some clarification on, is that we (Worldwide) are the Church, and that we should not leave the Church that we were called into. This in itself is a little confusing, if we accept that God is working with others in other groups. However, I take it that he means that although the Church is the body of Christ, consisting of Christians in all denominations, those called into Worldwide should not leave and go into another branch, or part of the body. If this is the case, will we be advising those who come to services from other parts of the body (for example, during the open house programme), that they too should stay in the Church they were called into, and should not leave it to join Worldwide? If not, why not?

Thank you in anticipation,

Wishing you and your staff all the best for 1995

Yours sincerely

Steve J Little

P.S.

Please can you pass on to the mailing department that my new address from 1 February will be:

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WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

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6th January, 1995.

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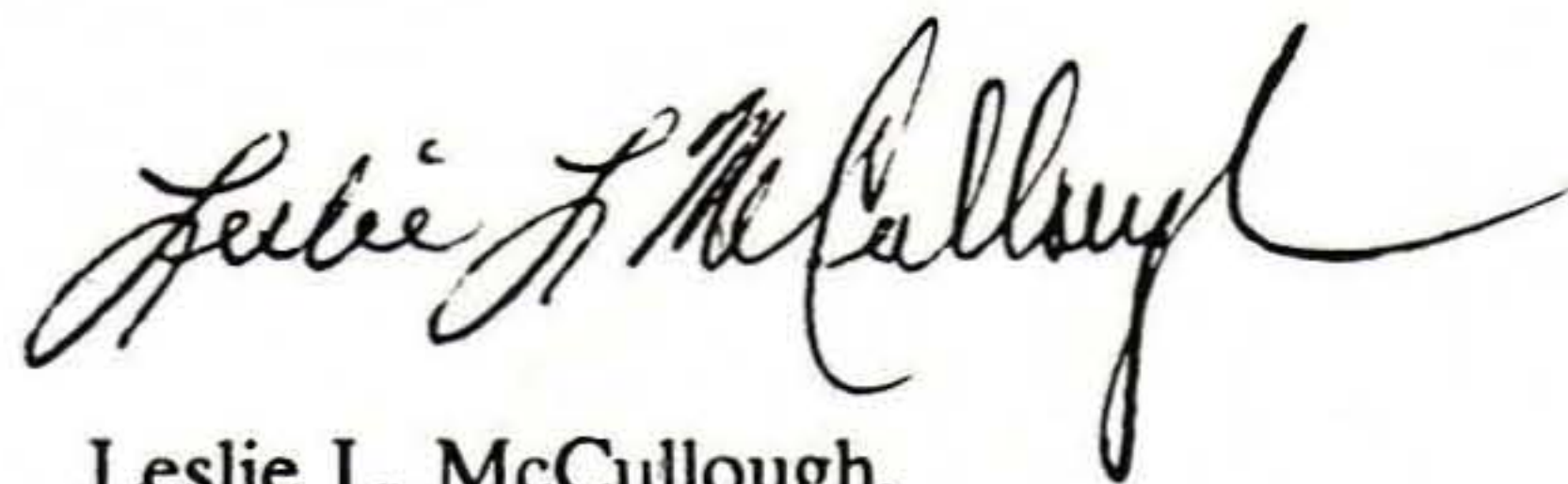
Dear Mr. Little,

Thank you for your letter of 5th January. You asked questions about sermons given by Mr. Williams in America. I have heard a couple of the tapes, but don't feel that it is for me to interpret what another minister says.

You ask for clarification of what happened in Atlanta recently. I can tell you that the sermon Mr. Tkach gave in Atlanta is to be played in all Churches so you will be able to hear it for yourself quite soon. A date of January 14 has been set although I suppose local circumstances could affect a given area.

My information concerning Mr. Tkach Jr was apparently in error or changed by Mr. Tkach's decision to go there personally. **I didn't intend to give mistaken information and was addressing the question from information given me by Pasadena.**

Yours sincerely,



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January 8, 1995

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Dear Bill

Many thanks for the four tapes you have mailed me. Although I have had copies of the three tape series from friends in Global, the parts two and three that you mailed me were so much better quality. Also, the Global versions seemed to have been speeded up slightly.

Unfortunately, the second 'dispensation' tape was blank, apart from the first two-three minutes. The first one was interesting, though. It seems that you have had a lot of valuable material over there for a while. It must be exciting to be in a congregation where the minister is breaking new ground, rather than just going along with traditional *Worldwide* material. It must take a lot of courage to preach the Gospel like Mr. Williams does. He is an amazing person, and it is wonderful to see just how Jesus is using him and opening up his mind. I really believe that God has got a special role in mind for Earl.

The sermon we had yesterday was about staying in *Worldwide*, as leaving it would be 'denying Christ'. This has been a theme we have had throughout the country for a couple of years. A slight difference this time was that we should stay in, even if we had different opinions of doctrine. I think that Mr. Delap was trying to prepare us for the JWT video that is due to be played.

You asked if you could have a copy of a letter that I had mentioned to you. I spoke to the friends who had received it, and they gave me a copy with their name and address blocked out. I am enclosing it, and some other letters that may be of interest to you. The background to the letters was a number of people have been sent copies of a so called "summary" of Mr. Williams three sermons, and its contents caused a degree of concern.

The friends I mentioned above had sent a copy of the "summary" they had received to the Regional Director over here, expressing their concern. (1) is a copy of the reply from Leslie McCulloch.

Another friend wrote about his concern of the same "summary" to David Hunsberger. (2) is a copy of his reply. I received this after I had written to Mr. McCulloch.

I wrote to Leslie McCulloch (3), and received a reply (4).

As you can see from Mr. McCulloch's reply to me, the JWT video is scheduled to be played throughout England on 14th January (Scotland will be on 21st, as we have a pre-arranged get together on the 14th). Your prayers would be appreciated that it will all go down OK over here - I have the feeling it will cause a lot of problems. Thanks for mailing an audio copy. I look forward to hearing it before the 21st. How did the video go down over in the USA? I take it that it was played in all Church areas.

A couple of years ago, my cousin and her husband, who had been in *Worldwide* for a number of years (20?), left and started to study and mix with other Christians not connected with *Worldwide*. I mailed them copies of the three tapes on being a Christian, and they are so overjoyed that Mr. Williams is preaching the true Gospel. God had led them to a similar conclusion to what He has led Earl to. They called me this morning, and we spoke for almost two hours, which has to be a record! I passed on Earl's address to them, as they would like to write and encourage him. They are a fine couple, who are truly dedicated to following the way that Christ is leading them.

I am enclosing a bank draft to offset the cost of the tapes, mailing envelopes, and postal costs you have incurred. Whilst I do not wish to be a burden to you, any other material that you are able to copy and send over would be much appreciated, (do you have parts four and five of the "Being a Christian" series?). It would be OK to mail a number of tapes together, which would help cut postage costs. If you have had to go out and buy a tape machine just to copy the tapes, let me know so I can send you something towards it. Air mail packages take about five days to reach here from the US, and surface takes 28-30 days.

If you cannot or do not have the time to make copies, please use what is left over from the draft after you have deducted costs incurred so far, for a local charity over there. I will not pass on any tapes you send, unless you give the OK, (although I know my cousins would appreciate anything, and not pass it on to others). I passed them the three tapes, as they had been widely circulated, but asked them not to pass them out to others. The last thing we want to do is cause problems for our brethren. On the other hand, if there are people who contact Mr. Williams from over here who he or you think should get the tapes, I would be more than happy to copy and mail them out. Anything I can do, please let me know.

Before I forget, my new address from 1 February will be:-

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The Post Office will forward letters/packages to the new address for a few months, if they are sent to my current address.

Take care and stay in touch. Thanks again for the tapes. Will let you know if/when I get on to Internet. I am still having a lot of problems with my system.

Your friend and brother in Christ,



Steve