

Elders R.J. Wieland and D.K. Short

Dear Brethren:

I wish to thank Brother Short for returning the materials on Monday, though I must confess to real regret that we did not have a chance to talk or to learn your reactions. I had anticipated something of that sort.

On Friday Brother Wieland seemed pleased that I believed you men to be sincere and honest. That wasn't a pleasantry. That was sincerely meant. I do not believe that you had sufficient facts to have a true picture and to draw sound perspectives. That is what has gotten you into difficulty.

About the last thing that Brother Wieland said on Friday was that as far as he could tell we both held about the same viewpoint. I rather question that. The fact that my work is regarded as constructive and faith-building and is in harmony with the full expressions of the Spirit of Prophecy differs from the criticism and the challenges and the divisions that have followed the circulation of your treatise.

I repeat, no one asked me to talk with you. No one knows particularly about it. I did it because I would like to see you extricate yourselves from an unhappy situation.

I was a little troubled by Brother Wieland's closing remark that you have not changed your position. That to me is most regrettable. When we have more facts and more light we should advance with that light. Perhaps at some other time we can have a further talk. I do feel emphatically that to clear yourselves you must declare a complete break and repudiation with the Brinsmeads. You are classed with them or sympathizers with them because of the association in the literature. Until that is corrected you will be justly held in that relationship.

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I know you want me to be frank, and that is what I have sought to be, for I am frank.

Very sincerely in the Master's  
service,

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