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## OPEN LETTER TO TED N. C. WILSON

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Mr. Wilson,

I greet you after one year following the date of my release from the San Bernardino Central Detention Center, San Bernardino County, California, where I spent 30 days of "civil commitment," resulting from the SDA trademark lawsuit initiated in 2006 against me and my brethren. Your denomination gained no more than a Pyrrhic victory during six years of litigation. To my disappointment, I have not received an indication that any of my previous letters reached your desk. Surely, your staff is willing to inform you of one so diligent to correspond as myself.

Nevertheless, I intend to post you persistently until you are moved to respond. I wrote you the following in my previous letter, dated February 23, 2013: "Will we ever hear what Ted N. C. Wilson has to say about corporate Adventists jailing so-called 'off-shoot' Adventist believers 'all in the name of the LORD?' Will you go on record as to how the Walter McGill trademark case is exempted from a 'liberty of conscience' application? Many souls await your review and apology. There is also an international online petition available for you to sign at your convenience. (Please see www.LibertyPetition.com.)"

We have not seen your signature at the online Liberty Petition, though you profess a strong conviction to support "religious freedom" where one's sacred conscience remains unfettered. While we diligently contact your SDA constituency world-wide, educating them on the facts of our religious name controversy, we have come to realize that your church leaders are not pleased to allow SDA laypersons full knowledge. This stance is reminiscent of the manner employed by the Roman Church in days gone by. Are we, in fact, reliving the dark ages? What can those who conduct themselves under the leadership of God possibly fear? "We have nothing to fear for the future except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history." (TM 31) Pioneer Seventh-day Adventists would have never stooped to the level of persecuting "heretics" by employment of the "strong arm of civil power."

Holy Writ tells the story of one prophet, EliYAH by name, who arranged a "spiritual showdown" on Mt. Carmel. The basic idea was to separate those who worshipped the "true and living God" from those who sought after "the gods of this world." The prophet's name was significant, in that it meant "My God is YAH." The alternative false god was called "Baal." So, I suggest we come to another spiritual showdown, whereby the "true and living God" can and will be glorified.

I am planning to walk across America in 2014 from the east coast to the west coast. During the year's project, I aim to raise awareness of several causes, including, but not limited to, Christian family values, care for the homeless, and the Sabbath in context to the Liberty Petition. So, we shall be gathering hard-copy petition signatures from citizens along the route, while also promoting the online version previously mentioned above. Our expectation is to

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generate a fair amount of national public media across the nation during 2014. Christian communities along the designated walking course have communicated great interest in participation with us.

"Some will be honest when it costs nothing; but when policy will pay best, honesty is forgotten. Honesty and policy will not work together in the same mind. In time, either policy will be expelled, and truth and honesty reign supreme, or, if policy is cherished, honesty will be forgotten. They are never in agreement; they have nothing in common. One is the prophet of Baal, the other is the true prophet of God." (5T 96) My proposal to you is this. Since "[policy] is the prophet of Baal," I challenge you to enable "truth and honesty [to] reign supreme," dropping the trademark lawsuit against me and my brethren – *Creation Seventh Day Adventists*. In turn, I can agree to dismiss the Liberty Petition promotion and carry on with the other Christian causes which I support. Otherwise, we shall be meeting at the Mt. Carmel of *your* making.

I assume we *both* believe the principle conveyed in Revelation 13:10, "He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints." Our Savior also warned, "...all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword." (Matt. 26:52b) Taking up the "sword of Caesar" against your "former brethren" is a dreadful "business" – and the true "mark of treason." Hear the prophetess, "A man who claims to have believed present truth for years, and is counted worthy by his brethren to fill positions of trust in missions or in our institutions, may become careless when a change of circumstances brings him into temptations, and in time he may tempt others. His case is sad indeed, for he reveals the workings of a corrupt heart, a want of that principle which every Christian should possess. When one who is entrusted with great responsibilities betrays his sacred trust and gives himself into the hands of Satan as an instrument of unrighteousness to sow the seeds of evil, corrupting the hearts and minds of others, he is a traitor of the worst type." (TSB 244)

"On every hand [the saints] hear the plottings of treason, and see the active working of rebellion; and there is aroused within them an intense desire, an earnest yearning of soul, that this great apostasy may be terminated, and the wickedness of the wicked may come to an end." (GC 619) Shall we see more "fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men?" (Rev. 13:13) Might we witness the sin of "God's people" consumed by the cleansing fire of God's unconditional love, or will the general destruction finally annihilate all those policy-makers who insisted on worshipping Baal? The "mark of treason" will be impressed in the forehead *or* the hand. I pray fervently for "God's people" to agree with EliYAH —"the true prophet of God."

"Let your light shine... by walking the walk."

Your faithful servant in the voluntary bonds of Jesus Christ,

Walter "Chick" McGill, Pastor

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