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Dear Garth,

John 13 v 34 'Love one another as I have loved you'

In the absence of any response from you, and no word back regarding attending either Leonard Beaumont's or Carolyn Beaumont's funeral, I present my conclusions, having had my eyes opened as to the lies and deceit resident in the PBCC system. Also the targeted despal and extermination of certain brethren.

Looking back, you've tried to control me all my life. You've been in touch with every leader of the PBCC from Symington onwards and I grew up in that system, completely committed to their doctrine. I was completely naïve as to wooing girls and things that 'normal' boys and girls would experience. You even had to tell me all about menstrual cycles and that stuff before I got married because of my complete lack of education. My upbringing was so severely damaged by you and the brethren taking away dad and mum from me in 1972.

Ralph and Cedric will remember the psychological effect that having to stay out of assembly and religious education at school had on us. We'd been made to believe that separating from the world was necessary because we were God's chosen people.

The only time I was outside of your control, Garth, was from September 1972 to May 1973 during which time I was converted and came to know the Lord in a way which caused me to put right

anything that I had done to hurt anyone. But I never put things right with dad and mum because I was coerced into believing that they were evil.

You left home on your 16th birthday at the very first opportunity you could, which left dad and mum with just half of their own children. Fundamental religious extremism has marked you right through your life during which you have excommunicated Cedric, Ralph, Yarl and now myself. I got married in July 1978 after Symington had visited the house where I was living. I was asked to keep out of the way and to slip into the porch and have nothing to do with Symington. I didn't comply so entered the room and sat silently with him, along with Frank Rich and the Marrisons while they were sipping Scotch. You later recounted this incident to Symington who said that my wife-to-be should have been helping in the house. That was a bit of a slam down for the Marrisons, just like Symington had slammed down dad and mum when he called her an 'insubject woman' when he stayed with us in November 1971.

So the family can now see how everything has been building up to recent times where I've been slandered and lied about in court to the extent that Neil and yourself joined up with two of my sons and other brethren to try to turn me into a criminal (see [Court Notes by Topic](#)). Bruce Hales and two of his sons had done the same to me in Sydney, Australia. They tried to persuade the authorities that I'm a violent man and that I was wanting to kill Bruce Hales and burn his house to the ground. (See [Application for AVO and Correspondence Feb 2020](#).)

But not only that! I was a very hard-working, entrepreneurial multi-millionaire and Neil and yourself have been slowly running me out of money by launching very expensive legal cases against me. I've won ten of these cases so far but you seem to have limitless funds at your disposal so can carry on using other PBCC members' money against me to gradually wear down my resistance.

So it's actually Neil and yourself who are the criminals! Not me! And after 27 'priestly visits', you continue to use the punishing withdrawal and separation rules to prevent me seeing my own children and grandchildren. That's continued for almost six years now. This, as came out in court, is illegal and in direct contradiction of the Faith in Practice agreement fronted up by you and signed up to by all PBCC members. This allows the brethren to gain some £40 million per year in charitable benefits from the British taxpayer. (See [PASC Committee with GAC and Bruce Hazell Speaking 30 Oct 2012](#).)

Rather than going into too much detail, much of which Ralph has already outlined, I attach a report of what's been going on since things came to a head at Boston, USA in October 2014 when I brought a couple of UK matters to Bruce Hales's attention. (See [Letter from BDH to LJC 15 Oct 2014](#) and [Facts in Relation to the treatment of Lance J Christie Feb 2023](#)). He went mad with me because I had gone to Nottingham in response to a plea from prisoner Ray Storry, nephew of Mark. He needed help and wanted to be received straight back in fellowship when he got out of prison. But the locals in that place had said that the government of God was on him so his recovery would be delayed. You were involved, of course. Keith Birch of Nottingham made that very clear. The same happened in Sheffield. Jim Hutchinson had reached out to me because he and his wife had been under tremendous pressure due to bullying by Phil, his father.

It may be helpful to recap that at the time of the review of brethren's matters in 2002-2004, the Leeds assembly agreed that father and mother should never have been withdrawn from. That means that our family should never have been split up. I asked you at that point whether the withdrawal of Ralph and Cedric should be reviewed but you were adamant that you had spoken about that to Bruce Hales. That meant that it stood. It's amazing how anything that you and Bruce Hales are involved with stands and cannot be questioned, whereas others had to bow and accept the humiliation of having done things wrong. I don't believe that any of the PBCC assembly judgements from grandfather and grandmother Christie in the '60s right until the present day stand the test of basic fundamental justice and righteousness. In fact I sent the article [THE](#)

[BRETHRENS KANGAROO COURT](#) to the Leeds brethren in December 2020 and they brought this up in court against me last month.

It beggars belief that you also foisted the assembly judgement against Yarl in 2004 on Deborah and myself and onto all the brethren in Leeds. If anyone had protested, including myself, we'd likely have been out on our ears ourselves because Bruce Hales's word is final and you are determined to maintain that whether it be right or wrong.

I trust that the family will all take my letter seriously this time because the devastation that so-called religion can bring emotionally and financially on people's lives is terrible to the extreme. I believe that it's a complete misconstruing of scripture and totally against social justice, our Human Rights and the spirit of Christ as outlined in the New Testament.

I'm looking forward to questions and comments from the family and will gladly provide evidence as requested to support what I'm saying. I believe that the whole family should be united in outrage at the way our family has been splintered and divided by Symington, Hales, Garth, Neil and the PBCC.

Apparently Kenny Symington, who was eulogised by his father James Symington, was killed in 1975 because his brother Roy was in a violent rage when swinging the boom of a crane-type farm loader. Kenny's daughter, Carmen Drever, spoke out about this earlier this year on the 'Get a Life' podcast Episode 27 on YouTube. Again, the truth was hidden and Roy, the person responsible for the murder, was brought to the fore by Bruce D Hales in September 2002 at special 3-day meetings in Detroit, USA. I was present. Roy gave an address which gave him immediate accreditation, as did the fact that Hales also selected you and Jed to give addresses. You were a front row brother by then and Jed and yourself have both been bastions of Bruce Hales's hierarchy ever since. You've probably taken more 3-Day meetings and fellowship meetings than any other respected PBCC brother living today, BDH apart. Sadly you're not in the same league as previous 'subservient' ministers such as JBS, CAC, EuR, GRC, PL, AJG, GRD, JMCK, JAC, LRP, RG and JDeS.

Brian Deck was another. He and his wife, Gwendolen, stayed with us in October 1965 just after John and W Bruce Hales had been withdrawn from. I attach some [articles and letters](#) from his son-in-law Peter W Harrison that the family should read. If you and Clive Anderson would see to it that they were published and circulated by BGT, that could save the brethren an enormous amount of trouble.

You'll see that Peter states that the outstanding question still remains to this day as to the motive and basis for:

1. Removing Deborah from Lance, her husband.
2. Removing Lance from his six children and eight grandchildren.
3. Removing Lance from his home.
4. Removing Lance from his business.
5. Slandering and bearing false witness against Lance.
6. Stealing Lance's cell phone.
7. Victimising Lance for helping in Jim and Louise Hutchinson's matters.
8. Victimising Lance for helping Ray Storry during his time in prison.
9. Freezing Lance's private bank accounts.

Peter pointed out that there were no outstanding charges against Lance so everything must have been done out of wicked cruelty to persuade Lance to relinquish control of his business. Peter said, 'Lance, of course, doesn't stand a chance while people like you, dear reader, stand united in fear of the priestly hierarchy'. He describes Deborah as having become a widow for the testimony – a mounted trophy in the wretched PBCC hall of fame, taken down now and again and carted off to be exhibited at three-day meetings – consoling herself that faith first to the Lord requires going

against natural sensibilities. Peter pointed out that Lance loved his youngest daughter Kiri to bits. Peter firmly rejected the comment, 'even when the brethren are wrong they're right'. The brethren should trace evil to the source.

Peter asks whether reconciliation has any priority at all. The priesthood grasps the opportunity to do every brutal thing in their book in view of submission. They shut Lance away from their fellowship, they indulge in a campaign of slander and lies, and then they reject any responsibility to put the record straight. They encouraged wife and family to separate from him, they threaten him, and they sanction Lance's sons' action of illegally shutting their father out of his business. 'Yes, dear reader, and these become your role models for the next generation and for the next round of atrocities.'

Peter wrote into Bruce Hales in March last year and so did I. For the first time Bruce Hales showed some recognition of our letters by describing them in the London meetings as 'weak strokes of a pen'. See attached [Letters from Peter Harrison and LJC to Bruce Hales Mar 2022](#).

My last communication to Peter, which he received just 90 minutes before being suddenly taken, was:

'The whole set up is built up on lies – a refuge of lies... Your father was targeted based on lies. Same for you. My parents were. I was. And the consequences are massive'

'It's the brazenness of justifying telling lies to brethren. Lies in the assemblies. Lies to the court. Lies to the police. Lies to the government (to be exposed in my book). And, indeed, everyone – the whole wide world – so that they can carry on in their fragile make believe world.'

'It helps you to see why the Hales brothers brought in separation – so that there's no chance of victims being able to negotiate in order for their side of the story to be considered.'

'The brethren stacked up lies against me in order to support Hales's condemnation of me at Boston, running on to multiple lies being told in witness statements being submitted by 21 Brethren in the hearing. When you add to the equation that my father was withdrawn from for "the spirit of lying" which meant that I had to leave home at the tender age of 16, it beggars belief.'

'The whole lying seemed to take a hold when GRC was dubbed to be rival in 1959. That was blatant lies. His ministry bears that out. That needs facing big time.'

'Let me know if you think I'm going overboard by raising this issue but it's the devastation of the combination of "lying, separation and dictatorship" which are diametrically opposed to 'guilelessness, reconciliation and care'.'

Peter bowed his head and died peacefully at his home at Palmerston North at 8pm on Saturday 8th October 2022 with his lovely wife Val at his side.

Does all this go back to the Kilmarnock and Aberdeen exposures in 1970? (See [here](#).)

Peter was in full control, just as his Saviour had been all those years ago, despite his rejection. And I feel a sense of charge to take on where Peter left off.

The PBCC witnesses in court seemed very frightened at the prospect of being investigated. But that's exactly what's needed.

Outstanding questions remain about the treatment of Sven Adrien, Norman Aitken, Phil Aitken, Anne Amor, Bob Amor, Leonard Baker, Paul Batchelor, Tom Bennett, Edgar Blane, Eric Burr, Melvyn Burrowes, Phillip Burrowes, Cyril Byng, Angus Clapham, David Clarke, Peter Cuckson, Almanzo Cunningham, Dick Dallow, Brian Deck, Miles Deck, Ron Deck, Jim DeSeyn, Eric Dodgshun, Norman

Ellis, Rodney Emtage, Ron Fawkes, Jon Flett, Peter Fletcher, John Forrest, Sam Forrest, Frank Fowler, Jay Fowler, James Alec Gardiner, Paul Gordon, Douglas Graham, the Greenfields, Jeff Greeves, Charlie Hammond, Peter Harrison, Ray Hatting, Terry Hatting, Clifford Hilton, the Holder family, Alfred House, Jim Hutchinson, Ron Jameson, Katherine Joyce, Ben Lambert, Derek Leader, Mike Lloyd, Mark Lyon, Abigail Magahy, Jocelyn Markham, Richard Marsh, Edgar Maynard, Stanley McCallum, Tony McCorkell, Norman Meek, Alistair Moffitt, Laurie Moffitt, Tom Montgomery, the Nightingales, the Noakes brethren, Theo Norgrove, Richard Parker, Lloyd Paskewitz, Billy Petersen, Frederick Reydon, Albert Sharp, David Shorto, Bennett Shorto, Braden Simmons, David Simpson, Anne Marie Smith, Stanley Staton, Lynette Stevens, Craig Stewart, Ray Storry, Richard Storry, Phil Stott, Robert Stott, Arthur Street, Charles Swan, John Turner, Alan Turner, Leslie Turner, Christine Wallach, Gail Wallach, Neil Wallach, FD Waterfall, AJE Welsh, Ronnie Westfield, Tamsin Whiteman, Francis Williams, Lee Wilson, Baz Young, Mike Young – in fact all assembly withdrawals from Gerald Cowell onwards.

The whole circumstances surrounding the Hazel Products fire in 2013 were very strange, weren't they? You were surrounded by men who've turned right round against me.

I attach the letter that you wrote to me when shutting me up in March 2017 (see [Garth Christie and Glen Harding exchange March 2017](#)). Questions were raised time and again in court as to why the witnesses hadn't presented this letter to the police when I'd replied to it!

So, in conclusion, I confirm that I'm innocent of all charges! Ten or so letters and emails written to Neil and yourself while I was in fellowship have been ignored. Seven letters protesting to Bruce Hales have been ignored. Hundreds of letters to my local brethren have been held against me. Why? Is it because Neil and yourself can't face up to the truth?

It has cost me some £2 million to defend myself so far and there's still the outstanding 'Weavabel Group' case where you've encouraged my eldest son Jed to bring a libel suit against me for defamation. There's nothing defamatory at all in what I've done! A father is entitled to tell home truths about his own family.

Yes, I SPEAK THE TRUTH and will continue to do so – see [Does Truth Matter?](#)

And I want to reconcile with my daughters and grandchildren even though you seem to have caused my sons to hate me.

I'd like my business back too.

In conclusion, I propose that we have a 'round the table' family meeting and, Garth, I implore you to arrange this. There is much to discuss and resolve and a family meeting where we can freely air all outstanding issues is the ideal forum. Whilst I am sure you may be skeptical, let's not prejudice the outcome.

I've copied my sons Jed and Josh in to enable them to influence you in granting this request. It wasn't fair thrusting them in the witness box against their father. The link between a father and his son remains, despite outside influences.

Yours faithfully,

Lance J Christie

PS The family should all take a look at my YouTube postings where last weekend I recounted the 1970 Aberdeen incident with ex-Southampton PBCC member Mike Young and simulated a couple of my 'priestly visits' to Oliver Smaldon! It runs on to my 'Free Indeed' video. ([Conversation with Mike Young](#), ['Priestly Visit'](#), [Free Indeed](#))