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Brother Garth

You have again ignored my request for meaningful dialogue over outstanding issues between us.

I gave you until yesterday, so now have no alternative but to subpoena you in to answer questions in court 29th and 30th of July.

I will also be subpoenaing other PBCC members from around the world.

The New South Wales Stewards' Foundation of Christian Brethren Act explains so much about your behaviour. Why ever didn't you tell me about it?

I couldn't tie non-communication up with Christianity, but this Act explains that it's a legal imposition emanating from Australia which can't be challenged by a court of law. You are clearly the proxy or acolyte for Bruce.

It explains why, for example, in that meeting in your house with Mike Harding in September 2015, Mike insisted that I had to submit to you as per instructions from Ross Hales.

If you remember, I said that I would only submit you if you were in line with the truth. There were countless times where you imposed your authority over me, but now it's clear it was because Bruce Hales appointed you as branch manager of not only Leeds and area but the UK as well. You did hand me over to John Rich once or twice so he probably enjoys the same status.

The fact is that my rebukes, shunning and withdrawal and the consequences of those were not based on truth at all, because all I was doing was helping the oppressed and poor within the brethren flock.

Any personal indiscretions were the direct result of the pressure that you were putting

me under, had not adversely affected my relationship with Deborah, and were anyway confessed to her, so in a normal marriage between two persons should have been forgiven on the basis of Galatians 6 v 1.

And I never ever had any affairs with any other woman than my wife while I was with her.

Anyway, it was none of your business, but you took over, brought the matter to assembly and on the basis of witnessing with your colleague Roger Edwards, persuaded the Leeds brethren and consequently 55,000 brethren around the world to shun and withdraw from me.

So as court will be a good opportunity for the truth to come out, it's essential that you turn up when summonsed. To refuse to do this would be contempt of court.

I attended prisoner Colin Betsha's trial in the Sydney courts on 4th June where the judge made it clear that you can't just move on after being a member of the brethren. Having loved ones in there means that you are forever attached.

Violence orders were brought up in a similar way to how Charles Hales brought them up against me and the judge was perplexed because he could see the brethren interference and influence loud and clear.

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You were involved with David Betsha's matters in the Caribbean when he was withdrawn from and estranged from his wife.

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I've written to Evan and Duncan Beattie about their treatment of the Betshas ([link](#)) and written to [Graham White](#) and [Colin Pascoe](#) to see if they can help.

Duncan's treatment of the brethren in Newcastle was awful – I remember him insisting that David Terries was mental (you said the same of me) and you remember that I was pulling together outside help for John Carruth Snr when you shut me up.

He was concerned that Roger Edwards and Richard Anderson were bullying his son Ian and daughter Linda.

On that note, Jim Hazell and John Rich came up specially to Leeds in November 2016 to tell me that I was mental and should go on medication. You chased up afterwards but I decided not to engage with you on the subject because you'd been banging on that drum ever since Boston in October 2014.

How you can feel that it's right to rebuke and discipline your brother when you think he's mental I will never understand. Unless you're just being plain nasty.

I always tried to help the poor when I was in the brethren and I've done the same to ex-brethren since leaving. You consigned me to helping the likes of Ray Brennan but when it comes to the crunch, it was me who passed over the large sums of money whereas you held back. The interest-free loans that had to be pulled in when you withdrew from me proves that I help the poor.

And now you've overseen my family being reduced from being worth some £10 million to being a shadow of that.

It's not for me to impute motives, but I have to ask why you done this to us.

Is it jealousy?

I had four boys to your one and it seems that we've become the butt of your attack.

To set Jed up in court against his father is the most despicable thing, the lowest of the low and totally against scripture.

You know fine well that the Baileys were in massive financial trouble when I went to see their business before Jed got married to Casey under instructions from Bruce Hales.

Roger Edwards paved their way to come to Leeds. Mark used to prevent his father John from seeing his own grandchildren and made him pay substantial amounts of money if he were to be allowed to see them. Yet Mark was taking as many meetings as anyone around the time I left.

And I long to see my grandchildren again after 7 years but you are preventing that.

The question of Mark came up in our London interview with Bruce Hales but he seemed to be saying that I was as bad - No! I've never bribed anyone and never will!

My lawyers are absolutely adamant (and I agree with them) that you are deliberately driving me to jail and poverty, but you will never get me stooping to unrighteousness. Money shouldn't be the reason why people are in fellowship or why certain ones control others.

Yes, Bruce has set up his hierarchy since he took over the leadership and you are a major part of that. Others who spring to mind in the UK are Oliver Whiley, Tim Barter, Nick Siderfin, Keith Birch, Garth Woodcock, Murray Walker, Phil Walker, Ben Turner, Nick Doouss, Richard Blackledge and Graham Reiner, William Hathorn and Mike Wheatcroft, Mark Hynd and Andrew Critchley.

Younger lads like Neil Trevvett and Neil Christie seem to be groomed for leadership and knew everything that was going on with Bramhope Park Hall and the schooling

programme. Note these are leaders' sons probably expecting a ready salary from the system while happy to see other families like mine being broken up and destroyed.

It's high time we discussed all these matters rather than you insisting on a thick wall of separation and non-communication.

Pity that has to happen in court rather than friendly around the table. If I was just being controversial or hostile, I would not have written to you twice like this.

If I was just being controversial or hostile, I would not have written to you twice like this. I would just have proceeded with the subpoena. But my dearest wish was simply to have a dialogue with you, to help both of us to better understand each other and the real issues that have been raised. You could have stopped this whole thing which you started and we could then have gone our separate ways in peace. It's very late in the day but maybe not quite too late for this yet.

Otherwise, I'm ready to calmly continue.

Best Regards

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