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Attention Service Desk

Dear Brothers

Thank you for your time regarding my case.

Unfortunately, things are no better than before. No mercy has been shown only a keen bent to review the past case.

I have for the last 27 months had the same experience as King David, referred to in the magazine article (April 15 page 20, par 1)

" Jehovah IS more merciful than humans"

The committee meeting last night (along with others), has confirmed that yet again. No mercy.

The brothers wanted to go through everything I did wrong 2 or 3 years ago and exact a point by point admission that, everything had occurred as charged.

Everything had NOT occurred as charged, that is why I appealed.

I tried to help them see the point that the society has said that "instead of reviewing the past case they... should warmly reflect their merciful concern" (page 23 par 14), but to no avail.

They misintrepreted my desire to follow the socitey's article as not wanting to "come clean" with all my sins. The Mareeba Brothers did exactly the same, because I was concerned that the truth was not being told by my accusers they thought I was not coming clean and not repentant. I was concerned about the facts.

In the end because of the pressure they were putting me under I came clean with even things I did NOT do. It is EXTREMELY TRAUMATIC to face 3 more human judges (They have your life in their hands) wanting to review the case all over again.

Since I have been in Beenleigh East congregation I have been forced to review the case in part or whole, with a total of 6 different judges. It is nothing to them, they do this every other day.

Brother Clarkson misinterpreted my nervousness and emotional trauma (after more than 2 years of being kept in limbo), not knowing whether to rejoice or to die. And he expects me to be calm cool and collected. Also in

extreme anxiousness since writing to the society 2 months ago waiting, not knowing what is going on.

He thought I was holding back. That was NOT the case
The truth is my life. I cannot work and help support my family. I cannot concentrate like I used to. I cry a lot over it all still. My doctor gave me a certificate for 3 months sick leave, because of "acute anxiety and depression"

I'm sorry if I have not got the casual "not be worried" attitude you think I should have had bro clarkson.

It is NOT TRUE (as the elders have said many times) that if you are telling the truth you have nothing to be nervous about. A person who has repented of a lying charge is ten times more concerned about getting every statement every thought correct because if he makes a mistake in one thing, he is immediately branded a liar. This extreme concern makes one nervous.

Because of the EXTREME, EXTREME, EXTREME, pressure that a disfellowshipped person is put under, emotional, mental and spiritual, in every case they are willing to say they DID things which they did in fact NOT do.

This is what has happened with all the "disfellowshipped" brothers I had spoken to in times past. See below.

[I did not want to write a chronology of events because the Mareeba brothers said the beenleigh brothers had been sent ALL the information already.

I did not write down notes of every meeting like they did. And to detail EVERY SINGLE event over the last 3 years was impossible for me as my memory is not what it used to be. I knew it would be used against me, the same as it was in Mareeba]

The brothers interpreted this as bad, and seemed to be of the opinion that if I thought I had been "wrongly done by", I may not be the type of person they want in the congregation as I may be a disruptive influence, because of being hurt and resentful.

....A legitimate...., but mistaken concern.

If I were of that inclination would I be informal witnessing now? Would I be attending meetings? Would I have taken my mother to a circuit assembly 2 months ago? Hardly! Also this weekend one person I have witnessed to a few times, intends coming to a meeting for the first time.

Some time ago, I had spoken to a number of people who had been once disfellowshipped in times past, and it seems they were correct when they all said,

"the elders are not interested in the TRUTH of what really happened. Even if you didn't do half the things you were accused of, you have to say yes you did it otherwise they think you are not repentant"