

REPORT ON REINSTATEMENT PLEA BY BCH

First contacted us Feb. 21, 1990 at Kingdom Hall.  
Spoke to Rod Spinks. Given contact in Mareeba Cong as Bro Ron DeRooy REDACTED Mareeba 4880.  
Rod Spinks contacted Ron Derooy to determin nature of problem and informed case very complex and that BCH had recently applied elsewhere for reinstatement.

Committee [ R.Spinks (chairman), M.Baker and A.Johnson] met with BCH March 6, 1990. BCH

Outline of statements by BCH

"His wife committed adultery prior to baptism and failed to confess one case to him. [She denies]

Wife violent with family. BCH left to go to Cairns with his son. Wife accused BCH of wife swapping/ adultery.

BCH left wife because of her adultery. BCH claims scriptural basis for divorce although wife denies. BCH said Elders questioned his 'basis' for claim.

At Appeal hearing original decision upheld. BCH claims he had no chance to speak.

BCH wife BCI accused BCH of adultery with wife of Brother who he worked with. BCH says no relationship exists/ed.

Sister concerned REDACTED was reprovved but BCH says doesn't know why.

BCH reasons for disfellowshipping: Lying and disregarding theocratic order. "

Committee felt BCH statements vague and evasive. There appears to be scheming between BCH and REDACTE He admits to having some feelings for REDACTE He says by chance he now lives near her and has had some contact with her. BCH claims committee and appeal committee handled badly and that two of the brothers involved have since been removed as elders.

Committee sent letter to REDACTED to seek some information.[Enclosed]

Feb 9, 1990 committee and Bro Warren Martin met with REDACT and she supported most of BCH claims but was quite evasive. Admitted to "some feelings for BCH but played it down.

Bro Jim Bennett from Cairns who was in Brisbane , asked by original committee to pass on letter and explain some of details to us. He was on appeal committee.

Bro Jim met with Rod and Monty to discuss case. [May 13]

BCH notified of decision as per attached letter Sun May 13. [ ie: not to be reinstated.]

Original committees defined sins: 1. Loose conduct, 2. Lying, 3. Pornea , 4. Malicious slander [last 2 by appeal comm.]

Differed substantially from BCH account. He denied any incest and claimed firstly that it was alie and that he never confessed then after a while stated that he had confessed under pressure.

We felt that he has constantly lied and been evasive. We stated that he is not scripturally free to remarry and that to be considered again for reinstatement, he must first accept discipline of original committee which he at present resists. BCH then stated that we had " changed and had been affected by original committee". We clarified that it is original comm. that makes decision to reinstate.

Due to concern by original committee with regard to the extent of the lying involved in the case and after comments from REDACTED REDACTED that BCH and REDACTE were seeing each other, a meeting was arranged again between us and Bro Jim Bennett with REDACTED

REDACTED said that REDACTE was claiming divorce on technicality as he had confessed to adultery with the exception of one case which he later told her of. Took place prior to baptism.

[BCH claim on similar grounds.]

REDACTE had also confessed to adultery which REDACTED forgave her for.

REDACTED only knows of 3 times BCH and REDACTED had some contact in recent times 1. BCH rode bike past her house on claim it was a short cut which it isnt. 2. Met in Perrys shop where REDACTED sent children to say hello and hug BCH 3. Said hello in K.Hall carpark.

[ We are aware of additional meeting recently in a shopping centre carpark to apparently pickup some things of REDACTED

With regard to REDACTE 1. REDACTED requested that REDACTED not be in attendance at her hearing which brothers agreed to. This concerns us as she appears to manipulate things to suit her own ends.

2. REDACTED requested that restrictions be lifted prior to leaving Nth Qld which they were.

3. REDACTE has full support of Loganholme West cong. which is a credit to the brothers there but also a concern that they may not see the true picture.

M.Baker to contact Warren Martin again to outline situation.

At this point we have told BCH that we wish to have no further contact with him as he has continued to approach us with little or no indication that he has changed his view of the discipline.

June 15, 1990.



Rod Spinks [Chairman]



Arthur Johnson



Monty Baker