

To whoever is in charge there:

Tricia and I just received your letter { 11-24-06 } in which you notified us of being marked by your congregation. Thanks for sending it along, as it provided me with an afternoon break from my studies and with a moment or two of laughter.

I will make a few comments about your letter and then leave all who signed it to the broad way (**Matt 7:13**) with the exception of Ronnie Williams {who is in no way accountable to make rational, studied decisions}. Perhaps the men who did not sign the letter are still willing to search the scriptures and base their faith on them, not on anything else (**1 Peter 4:11**). This remains to be seen and perhaps, as an individual, I will find out.

First of all, who is "The East Alameda Church of Christ" that has decided to mark and avoid us? Is it just those who signed the letter or is it that those men who signed the letter have made a corporate decision for the rest? I would really be worried if I were those men (**Romans 1:18**).

I think that it is funny that you find it so easy to "shoot from Colorado trees" all the way here to West Virginia. This strikes me as so comical because you have **SEVERAL** men (so called) who signed the letter who were absolutely gutless to even begin to exercise discipline towards the worst kind of liberal false teacher who was amongst them in time past.

Those folks know who they are. How they can sleep at night is beyond me! For you see, they know that when it came to face-to-face confrontation they melted like butter in the sun. Perhaps when that instance was going down they thought that they needed to pursue such a pitiful course in order to be an administrator of "benevolence," or perhaps another thought it more convenient to tolerate error and preserve the tremendous amount of clout he "treasures" with the congregation there.

But be that as it may, I suspected that those men were cowards then and it has now been corroborated.

With regard to the charges you level: why not debate them out?

I have proposed a debate with Nathan {letters sent 10-30 & 10-31}. I even suggested that we get brethren more removed from the situation there to debate the issues. I have heard nothing.

Now, for the second time, I challenge Nathan to come to the polemic platform. If any other of you brethren want to try to instruct me, that is fine as well.

Also, I again suggest that if that is not desirable to you, that you get the best advocate you can find and I will do the same and let's practice some **Acts 17:10-11**.

I am sure Nathan, with his stature at MSOP, has contacts with the most able men on the institutional/liberal side of things. If men, such as the likes of whom he has access to, cannot overcome faithful men on the side of truth, then your position certainly cannot be won.

Can we debate these issues that now stand between us? We can do this in your auditorium.

If the positions we have taken are, indeed, founded on mere opinion, then there ought to be no trouble in exposing it as such.

Will you agree?

I suggest that you likely will not, as you have much to lose and nothing to gain; save the truth, which of course, you, with your "our club" mentality are not interested in seeking after. But, if by some unbelievable act of courage you wish to engage in a discussion, I'm ready.

Disappointed over your preference to party lines rather than a thoughtful consideration of Scripture:

Scott Parker