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Carl Olof Jonsson

Sweden

Dear Brother Jonsson:

Further to our letter of December 22, there are a few comments that we would like to make.

We wish to advise you that we are not disregarding or dismissing what you have written, either in your letter with enclosures addressed to Brother Schroeder or in your previous correspondence sent to us. It is evident that you have done much research and we have no desire to imply that you are not conscientious in your presentation and motives. You clearly feel the secular evidence found is sufficient to reach a positive conclusion. We do not share that firm conviction and, therefore, believe it is better for the present to reserve our judgment.

With regard to doing research on the subject, as mentioned on page 2 of your letter, this is entirely a matter for personal decision and responsibility. It certainly would not be true to say that anyone has been disfellowshipped because of doing research. However, whether or not as a result of doing this, if anyone keeps on pushing his views on a certain subject to the extent of causing public controversy and dispute, and hence disunity, then in the interests of the brothers, it requires that some action be taken. If there is any question about a certain matter, then, until that can be settled and made plain to all beyond any reasonable dispute, it is better to show consideration by not making a big issue over it, giving rise to dissension and debate.--1 Cor. 1:10, 11.

We much appreciate the closing expressions in your letter and assure you of our warm Christian love.

Your brothers,

  
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