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### **Dabbling in Heresy**

It is reported that board members of the NG church in The Strand Cape Town have sent a letter to the General Synod informing them of their intentions to withhold all financial contributions. They put their reasons for their decision in a list, containing the following grievances:

- God is a figment of that which people want to believe and everything has come about by a process of evolution;
- Satan only exists if you want to believe in him and the 'fall of man' and its resultant effect on mankind is not something you have to accept as part of your existence;
- You do not have to believe in the virgin birth of Jesus and His resurrection as it is unscientific;
- That the Bible is merely the words of men about God and that parts of it must be seen as mere myths – and that it is therefore, not necessary to believe the Bible;
- On the notion that marriage was instituted by God as being between one man and one woman, the General Synod has placed the emphasis on diversity and have quoted a number of scriptures showing that tolerance and acceptance of different opinions were evident in the early church;
- That it is every person's right to determine their gender as determined by circumstances.

Reading this should indicate to us just how far the NG church has deviated from Biblical norms and values. The question we need to ask ourselves is how it is possible for a Christian church to degenerate into a heretical cult over such a short period of time, and be able to drag a major part of its members and clergy with them? How is it possible for so many people to be so easily deceived?

Our Dominie, you may say, doesn't go along with the General Synod on their anti-Biblical stance. Well then will he and your congregation like those in The Strand, make a decision to withdraw your financial support to the Synod? Or will you continue to support this obviously error driven board? Of course the NG Church is not alone in this tendency. Other, so called, historical churches have been going down this road for a much longer time. As we are not presently discussing them, we won't mention who they are. Any discerning Christian, however, will immediately know who we are talking about.

The Pentecostal and Charismatic churches have also not escaped the intrusion of unscriptural teachings into their ranks. Indulging in certain excessive practices, they too have erred. Claiming to base what they teach on the Bible, they have fallen into the trap of only focusing on those scriptures that support some of their misguided notions. They have allowed the influence of this present world and the lust for money to cloud their minds, causing them to become teachers of those who have itching ears, being careful only to preach what they want to hear.

No wonder the Lord in Luke 18:8 asks the following questions: "...Nevertheless when the Son of man comes, shall he find the faith on the earth?"

We are living in a time when our Christian beliefs are vehemently being attacked by powerful antichrist forces that are doing all in their power to sow confusion and so silence the voice of the church. Only we as the true church and members of His body will be able to stem the tide. To do this we will have to learn that being a Christian in these dark days of deception will take grit and determination if we are to stand in defence of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and contend for the Faith once delivered unto the Saints.

Many have been faced by these same challenges in times past and have prevailed. It is to them that we owe a great debt of gratitude. If they had not taken a stand – often paying with their very lives – we would not even have had the privilege of reading the Word of God in our own language and have come to know the truths contained therein.

The **Christian Democratic Party CDP** whole heartedly supports the steps taken by the congregants of the Strand Dutch Reformed Church, and encourage all those that are not happy with what is being taught in their churches to make their voices heard. It is only as we resist erroneous and unbiblical teaching that the truth will prevail.

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