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To the Board Members and the Membership of Evangelical Ministries to New Religions:

In November, 2004, Dr. Craig Hazen, an EMNR Board Member, participated in a conference involving Mormons and Christians at the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City. Dr. Hazen closed this meeting with a public prayer:

"I really don't want this to end; in fact, I'd like to make this an *annual* event. In fact, don't y'all have a bigger place across the street? Would you all kindly stand with me as we close in prayer? Let us pray.

Our Heavenly Father, our Great King, our Sovereign Creator and Merciful Judge, **Solomon** asked for wisdom and you gave in abundance. Your servant **James** taught us that God will give wisdom generously to all who ask him for this precious gift. The Mormon scriptures tell us that **Joseph Smith Jr.** likewise sought wisdom at a crucial time in his life. No one in this room should ever fear asking you, oh Gracious Father, for wisdom. So, **in a common voice** we ask you to give us divine wisdom, wisdom from above, and the truth about you, about your Son, about your Holy Word, and about the path to salvation. You have promised to answer such heartfelt prayers, and I ask that you would not let a single person leave this great hall tonight without the light of truth being kindled in his or her soul. In the name of the Blessed One, in the name of the Risen One, in the name of the Lamb of God Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Go in the peace of Christ.

Robert Millet (Mormon) hugs Craig Hazen and says, "**That was beautiful my friend. Magnificent.**"

In addition to this prayer which embodies questionable logic at best and blasphemy at worst, Craig Hazen has also chosen to endorse a Mormon book written by this same Robert Millet, an influential Mormon. The endorsement is as follows:

Robert L. Millet has done us all a great service with this book. He communicates contemporary Latter-day Saints thinking on Christology with remarkable clarity and charity. His years of open, bold, and authentic dialogue with traditional Protestants of all stripes have certainly given him a special vantage point. This work sets the stage for a whole new level of robust dialogue between the LDS and evangelical Christian communities. — **Craig J. Hazen**

This book on the nature of Jesus is published by Eerdmans and is now being sold in Christian bookstores—endorsed by Christians. Whether Dr. Hazen wishes to admit it or not, his endorsement will *help* Robert Millet sell his book on Mormon theology, and this book will *help* Mormons spread their message—the message of anti-Christ—to a new audience. Dr. Hazen's endorsement will be held up as a trophy by the Mormon Church in their ever present campaign to achieve legitimacy as a "Christian" denomination.

In one of his many lectures on Mormonism, Dr. Walter Martin reminds the Church of the dangers of Mormonism:

Brigham Young states: "Christ was begotten of God. He was not born without the aid of man, and that man was God." (Doctrines of Salvation, 1:18)

Apostle Bruce McConkie states: "Christ was begotten by an immortal father in the same way that mortal men are begotten by mortal fathers." (Mormon Doctrine, p. 547).

Unless we've altered the reproduction of the race, his meaning is quite clear.

This is not Biblical Theology; this is *pornography* masquerading as revelation. It's filth—and it bastardizes Jesus of Nazareth! And if that doesn't do something to Christians, I despair for the future of the Church . . . because if somebody insults my wife and my children, it upsets me. If they insult my country, it upsets me. And if somebody bastardizes my Savior, I'm really upset! Particularly when they have the colossal gall to look me in the face and tell me that's what GOD says. That is NOT what God says. That is what Lucifer says!

In light of the present furor and confusion within the Christian Apologetic Community over the emergence of the new *Liberal Apologists* and their *Politics of Appeasement*, we searched for a Biblical response. Acts 13:6-12 tells the story of Paul's encounter with a sorcerer—and Dr. Walter Martin drew these conclusions from it—**conclusions that we believe can also be applied to Mormonism:**

1. **They are in league with Satan.**
2. **They are false prophets.**
3. **They seek to influence people politically and ecclesiastically, particularly those in positions of power (verses 6, 7).**
4. **They attempt to prevent those who are seeking to hear the Word of God from learning it by opposing those who preach it (verse 8).**
5. **They deliberately attempt to divert prospective converts from the faith as their ultimate goal (verse 8).**

In contrast to this, the judgment of the Holy Spirit is explicit:

1. **He calls such attempts and practices “full of all kinds of deceit and trickery” (verse 10).**
2. **He designates them as having their origin with the Devil (“child of the Devil” verse 10).**
3. **He unmasks their tactics and declares them to be enemies of all that is righteous. He calls them perverters of the ways of the Lord, which are designated as “right” (verse 10).**

By endorsing a book containing this Mormon blasphemy, Dr. Hazen and others have endangered and continue to endanger the vulnerable: those searching for answers, as well as young Christians confused on doctrinal truth. Dr. Hazen has taken the position of the Liberal Apologists who further the cause of *appeasement of the enemies of Jesus Christ*, and those in leadership at EMNR have indicated that **the Board of EMNR will not hold Craig Hazen accountable**. Walter Martin would be deeply concerned about this lack of accountability and this spirit of apathy in an organization he founded, and he would not hesitate to call all those who are a part of EMNR to the standard of Biblical accountability.

“Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said,

"I will dwell in them and walk among them;
And I will be their God, and they shall be My people.
"Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate," says the Lord.
"And do not touch what is unclean;
And I will welcome you.
"And I will be a father to you,
And you shall be sons and daughters to Me,"
Says the Lord Almighty 2 Cor 6:14-16

Mormonism is blasphemy and pornography, and the *true* church of Jesus Christ must defend against it—not *promote* it under the guises of *Academia* and *Evangelism*.

In light of the above circumstances, it is with sadness that we withdraw our membership in Evangelical Ministries to New Religions. We strongly urge all EMNR Members to voice their concerns regarding this situation to the Board of EMNR, and to withdraw their membership until accountability has been restored to this ministry.

Sincerely in Him,

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“All that is required for evil to succeed is for good men to do nothing.” Edmund Burke.