

## Letter about apostasy concern

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Elder Christensen,

Last week I received the attached letter which was forwarded to me by Elder Clayton. The original letter was sent to the Office of the First Presidency this past August. Elder Clayton suggested I review the letter with the stake presidents of my two coordinating councils. I have since had the opportunity to do so. He also requested I report my findings to you.

Roughly half of the stake presidents in my two coordinating councils have had or are currently dealing with members drawn to Denver Snuffer. Having an open discussion on this sensitive matter was greatly appreciated by the affected presidents. I took the opportunity to review what the Handbook says about apostasy. I also reviewed the principles we were taught in General Conference training last April in regards to Church discipline and apostasy. I asked the presidents to keep me apprised of members that may face Church discipline due to apostasy. I will pass that information on to you. I asked the presidents to be on the look out for apostate behavior with particular focus on recruitment. I counseled them to be discreet on how they address this issue. I told them to be careful to not create a problem where none existed. I asked them to look for opportunities to teach the doctrine of priesthood keys and to train bishoprics of the need to be perceptive and discerning during temple recommend interviews.

I understand you have had a fair bit of exposure to this issue with your former responsibility in Idaho. I welcome any direction or counsel you could provide. It appears to me this issue is picking up momentum. I thought awhile back that it was limited to a very few isolated cases and that it would soon go away. That does not appear to be the case.

These are very difficult situations that often lead to destroying and tearing apart families. A few weeks ago I accompanied one of the [REDACTED] stake presidents to visit in the home of a member who is well down the road to apostasy. His wife sat by his side as he openly shared his apostate (Denver Snuffer) beliefs. I could tell she was in great turmoil. I found out later that this woman is a sister of one of our other [REDACTED] stake presidents. It is a sad and tragic situation.

I am happy to discuss this matter with you in further detail if you would like.

Regards,

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To Whom it may concern,

In our [REDACTED] area we have a lot of members looking into another group who claim to have the "true priesthood and authority". Our local leaders say to ignore them, it will pass, but more and more people are drawn in because these individuals are very active in church and well versed in scripture. I have listened to them and they have our scriptures to back their claims, though it looks like it's all out of context. I asked this group why they come to church if it's no longer true. They say it's to get as many of the "elect" out as possible. They lie to keep temple recommends and stay active in everything to get us to listen one by one. They actively Hometeach, go to activities, greet new move-ins and actually seem more valiant than a lot of members. They teach us pieces of this "new enlightening truth" in our Sunday classes or in between classes. They come to our homes or text us messages telling of their "election made sure" and the pending doom for those who won't follow them. They talk about websites called AVOW and Denver Snuffer and scare many members into extreme preparedness and push guns, ammunition, survival extremes and emergency food storage. There are books now written by their leaders and online help to join them and bring our friends out of the church. Some who have joined this group have moved to prepare for an apocalyptic event and others stay here to lure us into this trap by fear. The fear makes it hard to sense spiritual things and thus people seem to rely on these prominent scholars to guide them. A friend has now been re-baptized by them and they tell us many more here are accepting it. They tell us that church leaders know what they are doing is correct, that's why the church does nothing to them and they still come to church and participate. This is confusing to say the least. As our local leaders let it continue and tell us to ignore it, the fire burns larger and lives are being changed as well as future generations to come..

Please have Someone tell us the truth of what this is, and be Bold about it ! If it's Anti-Mormon and against our temple covenants to associate with this, please call it that and stop their ability of saying it's ok to teach this in church and pull families apart (which it's doing). Some of our neighbors say they wouldn't keep listening to this if they knew for sure our leaders said it was Anti and not true. Some wonder if our leaders are involved because of the lack of concern and apathy towards it. Do we come to church to feed the Saints (sinners who keep trying) or to feed the snakes (who keep trying to destroy our families and testimonies)?

Thank you,

A concerned Member of the [REDACTED] Stake