

May 10, 2013

Dear

Thank you for your time on the phone.

I am writing to you from France where, amongst other responsibilities, I am xxxx

It has come to my attention that material from pastor Richard Taylor's blog¹ is plagiarised, unattributed, from prior sources.

Text of the blogpost dated February 14, 2013 has been on the internet since at least a year earlier² and has been lifted virtually wholesale without attribution, apparently from a non-Christian source.

Text of the blogpost dated February 7, 2013 has been on the internet since at least three years earlier³.

Both of the blogposts contain extensive word-for-word copy/pasting and are unattributed.

I was completely unaware of Richard Taylor's ministry until today, but I have been investigating the testimony of another former prisoner for some time now. The result of that research has unfortunately been to discredit the testimony in question; one of the factors involved has been the extensive use of plagiarism. Discovering the same thing on Richard's blog was thus an immediate cause for concern on my part.

It may be that Richard is unaware of the gravity and ethical implications of plagiarism and that this is an 'honest' mistake that can be properly and swiftly addressed. However, in the light of my other investigations, I would suggest that its existence is grounds for serious concern on the part of the church trustees and a possible indicator that all is not right. As trustees you have legal as well as spiritual obligations to ensure proper conduct of the charity you are in charge of.

I therefore urge you to consider what action might be appropriate in the light of this discovery. My firm conviction is that the proclamation of the Gospel and the authentic work of the Spirit have nothing to lose, and everything to gain, from every effort being made to act with integrity and to be seen to be doing so.

I would appreciate it if you could keep me abreast of any developments in this matter as you are able.

Yours in Christ,

¹ <http://www.taylorsrants.blogspot.co.uk/>

² <http://blogs.hbr.org/tjan/2012/02/how-leaders-lose-their-luck.html>

³ <http://ajesusmoment.com/kingdom-of-god-part-8/>