

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,  
COUNTY OF FAIRFAX

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WORLD MISSION SOCIETY CHURCH OF GOD, A NEW  
JERSEY NON-PROFIT CORPORATION,

*Plaintiff,*

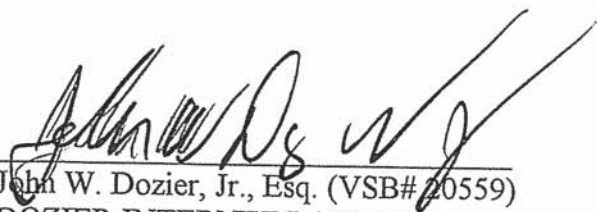
CASE No. 2011-17163

v.

MICHELE COLON AND  
TYLER J. NEWTON

*Defendants.*

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**PLAINTIFF'S MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN  
OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT MICHELE COLON'S MOTION TO DISMISS**



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## INTRODUCTION

Plaintiff World Mission Society Church of God, a New Jersey non-profit corporation, (“WMSCOG” or “Plaintiff”) opposes Defendant Michele Colon’s (“Colon”) Motion to Dismiss. As a threshold matter, Colon has waived any objection to personal jurisdiction by contesting the Court’s subject matter jurisdiction in her Motion to Dismiss. Notwithstanding this waiver, Plaintiff’s Complaint sufficiently pleads facts to support personal jurisdiction over Colon through Virginia’s long-arm statute, which jurisdiction does not offend the Due Process Clause of the U.S. Constitution.

## ARGUMENT

### I. COLON HAS WAIVED PERSONAL JURISDICTION.

Colon filed a Motion to Dismiss contesting both personal jurisdiction and subject matter jurisdiction. *See* Colon Mot. to Dismiss. An analysis of Virginia case law shows that, without some statute or rule authorizing this type of simultaneous pleading, such a filing amounts to a waiver of the challenge of personal jurisdiction by virtue of a general appearance. *See, e.g., City of Portsmouth v. Buro Happold Consulting Eng'rs*, 2005 Va. Cir. LEXIS 255, 69 Va. Cir. 397, 400 (2005) (Almost any pleading other than a challenge to process or jurisdiction is deemed a general appearance.); *Norfolk & O. V. Ry. Co. v. Turnpike CO.*, 111 Va. 131, 136-137, 68 S.E. 346 (1910) (A motion to vacate proceedings in a cause, or to dismiss or discontinue it, because the plaintiff’s pleading does not state a cause of action, is equivalent to a demurrer and amounts to a general appearance.); *Ceyte v. Ceyte*, 222 Va. 11, 13, 278 S.E.2d 791 (1981) (Any action taken by the litigant which recognizes the case as in court will amount to a general appearance unless such action was for the sole purpose of objecting to the jurisdiction.); *Fisher v. Globe Brewing Co.*, 170 Va. 509, 512, 197 S.E. 490 (1938) (Filing an affidavit of substantial defenses,

pleading the general issue, or demurring amount to a general appearance.).

**A. Va. Code Ann. § 8.01-277**

Prior to 2011, Virginia statutes only addressed the issue of waiver with respect to defective service, including lack of service within one year of commencement of the action. *See* Va. Code Ann. § 8.01-277. Code § 8.01-277, enacted in 1977, modified the common law rule by allowing simultaneous pleadings where a defendant claimed defective service. *City of Portsmouth*, 69 Va. Cir. 397, 399 (2005). Because Code § 8.01-277 is in derogation of the common law, it has been strictly construed and thus does not apply to properly served defendants who contest jurisdiction. *See id.*, citing *Gilpin v. Joyce*, 257 Va. 579, 581-583, 515 S.E.2d 124 (1999).

Like the defendants in the cases cited above, Colon does not claim a defect in service. Rather, she simply objects to the Court's exercising personal jurisdiction over her. Yet absent the protection afforded by Virginia Code § 8.01-277 (which allows simultaneous pleadings only when objecting to a defect in service), Colon can not appear both specially and generally without subjecting herself to the jurisdiction of the court. *See City of Portsmouth*, 69 Va. Cir. 397, 399-400 (2005). Without some statute or rule authorizing simultaneous pleadings in cases where there is no objection to a defect in service, such a filing amounts to a waiver of the challenge by virtue of a general appearance. *See id.*

**B. Va. Code Ann. § 8.01-277.1**

The Commonwealth's 2011 act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding section number 8.01-277.1 provides new guidance for what does and does not constitute waiver for a properly served defendant who objects to personal jurisdiction:

A. Except as provided in § 8.01-277, a person waives any objection to personal jurisdiction or defective process if he engages in conduct related to adjudicating the merits of the case, including but not limited to:

1. Filing a demurrer, plea in bar, answer, counterclaim, cross-claim, or third-party claim;
2. Conducting discovery, except as provided in subsection B;
3. Seeking a ruling on the merits of the case; or
4. Actively participating in proceedings related to determining the merits of the case.

B. A person does not waive an objection to personal jurisdiction or defective process if he engages in conduct unrelated to adjudicating the merits of the case, including, but not limited to:

1. Requesting or agreeing to an extension of time;
2. Agreeing to a scheduling order;
3. Conducting discovery authorized by the court related to adjudicating the objection;
4. Observing or attending proceedings in the case;
5. Filing a motion to transfer venue pursuant to §8.01-264 when such motion is filed contemporaneously with the objection; or
6. Removing the case to federal court.

Va. Code Ann. § 8.01-277.1 (2011).

The plain language of Code § 8.01-277.1 states that the lists of actions constituting waiver and non-waiver are not exhaustive. The legislature did not include on either list an objection to subject matter jurisdiction. Thus, it is open for interpretation whether contesting subject matter jurisdiction at this stage in the litigation constitutes a general appearance resulting in a waiver of personal jurisdiction. Federal law holds that an objection to subject matter jurisdiction can be either facial or factual. *See Guzman v. Anagnostis*, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 135761, at \*2 (D.N.J. Oct. 24, 2011). A factual attack allows the court to delve into the merits of the case by considering evidence outside the pleadings, including affidavits, depositions and exhibits in order to determine whether subject matter jurisdiction exists. *Id.* No presumptive truthfulness attaches to plaintiff's allegations under a factual attack, and the existence of disputed

material facts will not preclude the trial court from evaluating for itself the merits of jurisdictional claims. *Id.*

Here, the opportunity and ability to articulate the basis for Colon's subject matter jurisdiction objection was hers and hers alone. Counsel for Colon told the Court during the scheduling conference for this matter that the Court has no subject matter jurisdiction to hear the case based on the religious question doctrine, although this argument appears to perhaps have died on the vine. Nevertheless, **the objection presently stands before the Court.** Colon's failure to apprise Plaintiff and the Court of the details of her objection should be construed against her. Colon's objection to subject matter jurisdiction launches a factual attack against Plaintiff's Complaint. With this objection, Colon has, through counsel, sought a ruling on the merits of the case and actively participated in proceedings related to determining the merits of the case. Accordingly, pursuant Va. Code Ann. § 8.01-277.1 (A) (3) and (4), Colon has waived any objection to personal jurisdiction.

## **II. VIRGINIA'S LONG-ARM STATUTE REACHES DEFENDANT COLON AND SUCH EXERCISE OF PERSONAL JURISDICTION DOES NOT OFFEND DUE PROCESS.**

Virginia's long arm statute reaches Colon such that the exercise of long-arm jurisdiction is constitutionally permissible. Va. Code § 8.01-328.1 permits a court to exercise personal jurisdiction over a person who causes tortious injury by an act or omission within Virginia and who causes tortious injury in Virginia by an act or omission outside of Virginia under certain circumstances. Colon's own Affidavit admits that she published "statements and videos about the WMSCOG to various websites and blogs on the Internet, including the website of co-Defendant Tyler Newton, [www.examinethewmscog.com](http://www.examinethewmscog.com)." See Michele Colon Affidavit dated February 9, 2012, ¶ 12. Plaintiff has alleged that Colon and Newton conspired to defame the

Plaintiff as well as injure its reputation, trade, business or profession. *See* Complaint ¶¶ 3, 8, 11, 16, 27, 28, 67. This Court has held that this type of conduct by a co-conspirator defendant permit it to exercise personal jurisdiction over the defendant under the long arm statute and that such an exercise of personal jurisdiction does not offend the constitutional guarantees of Due Process. *See Massey Energy Co. v. UMW*, 2005 Va. Cir. LEXIS 204, 69 Va. Cir. 118, 124 (2005) *citing* *Siu Ming Hong v. Chum Moon Tong*, 61 Va. Cir. 439, 441 (2003) (*quoting* *Verizon Online Services v. Ralsky*, 203 F. Supp. 2d 601, 622 (E.D. Va. 2002)); *see also* *Nathan v. Takeda Pharms. Am., Inc.*, 2011 Va. Cir. LEXIS 99 (Va. Cir. Ct. Aug. 2, 2011).

#### **A. Standard of Review: Personal Jurisdiction.**

While plaintiffs ultimately bear the burden of proving this Court has personal jurisdiction over each defendant by a preponderance of the evidence, on a motion to dismiss a plaintiff needs only establish a prima facie case of personal jurisdiction. *See McNutt v. General Motors Acceptance Corp.*, 298 U.S. 178, 180, 56 S. Ct. 780, 80 L. Ed. 1135 (1936); *Rannoch, Inc. v. The Rannoch Corp.*, 52 F. Supp. 2d 681, 684 (E.D. Va. 1999). The question “is one for the judge, with the burden on the plaintiff ultimately to prove the existence of a ground for jurisdiction by the preponderance of the evidence.” *Combs v. Bakker*, 886 F.2d 673, 676 (4th Cir. 1989). This Court must draw all reasonable inferences and resolve all factual disputes in Plaintiff’s favor. *Eastern Tech. Enters., Inc. v. Wilson & Hayes, Inc.*, 46 Va. Cir. 558, 560 (1997) (*citing* *Mylan Labs., Inc. v. Akzo, N.V.*, 2 F.3d 56, 60 (4th Cir. 1993)).

Where, as here, defendant submits an affidavit denying allegations specifically pertaining to jurisdiction, “the court should not weigh the controverting assertions of the party seeking dismissal because to do so would allow defendant to ‘avoid personal jurisdiction simply by filing an affidavit denying all jurisdictional facts.’” *Verizon Online Servs. v. Ralsky*, 203 F. Supp. 2d

601, 609 (E.D. Va. 2002) (*quoting CompuServe*, 89 F.3d 1257, 1262 (“Dismissal in this procedural posture is proper only if all the specific facts which the plaintiff[] alleges collectively fail to state a prima facie case for jurisdiction.”)); *see also Professional Investors Life Ins. Co. v. Roussel*, 445 F. Supp. 687, 692 (D. Kan. 1978) (an affidavit containing “bald denials of the pleaded facts will not sustain a jurisdictional challenge”). Rather, where the parties' allegations are contradictory, those related in Plaintiff's complaint will be accepted as true. *See Orangeburg Pecan Co. v. Farmers Inv. Co.*, 869 F. Supp. 351, 353 (D.S.C. 1994); *Wolf v. Richmond City Hosp. Authority*, 745 F.2d 904, 908 (4th Cir. 1984).

The determination of whether personal jurisdiction exists over a nonresident defendant is a two step inquiry. The first step in analyzing the exercise of personal jurisdiction is to determine whether Virginia's long-arm statute reaches the non-resident defendant given the cause of action alleged and the nature of the defendant's Virginia contacts. *De Santis v. Hafner Creations, Inc.*, 949 F. Supp. 419, 422-23 (E.D. Va. 1996) (citations omitted). The second step is to ensure that, the exercise of in personam jurisdiction over a non-resident Defendant complies with the “due process requirements of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.” *Witt v. Reynolds Metals Co.*, 240 Va. 452, 454, 397 S.E.2d 873, 7 Va. Law Rep. 890 (1990). Virginia's long-arm statute extends personal jurisdiction to the extent permitted by the Due Process Clause, therefore the statutory inquiry necessarily merges with the constitutional inquiry, and the two inquiries essentially become one. *Young v. New Haven Advocate*, 315 F.3d 256, 261 (4th Cir. 2002) (quotations omitted). “The question, then, is whether the defendant has sufficient minimum contacts with [the forum] such that the maintenance of the suit does not offend traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.” *Id.* (*quoting Int'l Shoe Co.*, 326 U.S. at 316, 66 S. Ct. 154, 90 L. Ed. 95); *Glumina Bank v. D. C. Diamond Corp.*, 259 Va. 312,

318, 527 S.E.2d 775 (2000). The key factor in this inquiry is that “there be some act by which the defendant purposefully avails itself of the privilege of conducting activities within the forum State, thus invoking the benefits and protections of its laws.” *Hanson v. Denckla*, 357 U.S. 235, 253, 78 S. Ct. 1228, 2 L. Ed. 2d 1283 (1958).

Courts have also recognized that personal jurisdiction may, in some circumstances, be based upon the acts or contacts of a co-conspirator. *Nathan v. Takeda Pharms. Am., Inc.*, 2011 Va. Cir. LEXIS 99, at \* 34 (Va. Cir. Ct. Aug. 2, 2011) (citing *Verizon Online Servs., Inc. v. Ralsky*, 203 F. Supp. 2d 601 (E.D. Va. 2002)). Although the Virginia Supreme Court has not addressed this specific issue, several other courts interpreting Virginia law have recognized the validity of this basis for jurisdiction. *Id.* (citations omitted). Courts acknowledging the conspiracy theory of jurisdiction recognize that **a defendant who joins a conspiracy knowing that acts in furtherance of the conspiracy have taken or will take place in the forum state is subject to personal jurisdiction in that forum because the defendant has purposefully availed himself of the privileges of that state and should reasonably expect to be haled into court there.** *Id.* at \*35, citing *Noble Sec., Inc.*, 611 F. Supp. 2d at 539.

Co-conspirators are agents for each other. *Siu Ming Hong v. Chum Moon Tong*, 2003 Va. Cir. LEXIS 125, 61 Va. Cir. 439, 441 (2003) . When co-conspirators have sufficient contacts with the forum, so that due process would not be violated, it is imputed against the foreign co-conspirator who alleges there is no sufficient contracts. *See id.* A co-conspirator is subject to personal jurisdiction in a forum where “co-conspirators have sufficient contacts with the forum, so that due process would not be violated.” *Nathan*, 2011 Va. Cir. LEXIS 99, at \* 35 (citations omitted). Due process is not offended so long as the co-conspirator knew, or should have known, that acts in furtherance of the conspiracy would be committed in the forum. *Id.*

Here, Plaintiff has alleged a conspiracy between Colon and Newton. Under the conspiracy theory of jurisdiction, Colon can be subject to jurisdiction based on the acts of Newton that occurred in Virginia in furtherance of the conspiracy. The underlying torts of Plaintiff's conspiracy claim are defamation and tortious interference. Thus, if Newton committed acts in furtherance of these torts in Virginia, as Plaintiff alleges he has, jurisdiction can lie against Colon as a co-conspirator.

Colon is a co-conspirator. Newton, a resident of Virginia who runs his website from Virginia and thus has significant contacts with Virginia and the alleged conspiracy, is her agent, and she is Newton's agent. Plaintiff alleges that the two co-authored several defamatory articles and published them to Newton's website in Virginia. *See* Victor Lozada Affidavit dated February 23, 2012 ¶ 2. Each article in the five-part series contains an introductory paragraph that refers to Colon as the web site's "correspondent from New Jersey." *Id.* ¶ 5. As the website's correspondent, Colon knew or should have known that Newton operates the website from Virginia and that acts in furtherance of the conspiracy would occur in Virginia. *Id.* ¶ 6. Thus, Plaintiff has sufficiently alleged that acts in furtherance of the tort of defamation occurred in Virginia, whether by Colon or Newton or both.

Moreover, the defamatory five-part series appears on the website under the tab "Former Member Testimony." *Id.* ¶ 2. One cannot simply upload an article to this section of the web site without any connection with Newton, the owner and operator of the website. Rather, the website has a process in place by which one would need to communicate with Newton in order to submit articles to publish on his web site. *Id.* ¶ 3. Yet the necessitous communications and procedures that must have occurred between Colon and Newton in order to have co-authored and co-published the articles through the website are unmistakably absent in Colon's Affidavit. Because

Colon failed to disclose, and in fact has ignored, her communications with Newton and the specific processes they jointly used to publish the articles, all inferences into these communications and cooperative participation should be unfavorably construed against Colon.

**B. Personal Jurisdiction under Virginia's Long-arm Statute.**

Plaintiff alleges jurisdiction pursuant to subsections (A) (3), and (4) of Virginia's long-arm statute. Va. Code Ann. § 8.01-328.1. These provisions provide that:

A court may exercise personal jurisdiction over a person, who acts directly or by an agent, as to a cause of action arising from the person's:

3. Causing tortious injury by an act or omission in this Commonwealth;
4. Causing tortious injury in this Commonwealth by an act or omission outside this Commonwealth if he regularly does or solicits business, or engages in any other persistent course of conduct, or derives substantial revenue from goods used or consumed or services rendered, in this Commonwealth;

*Id.* (emphasis added).

**i. Jurisdiction Pursuant to § 8.01-328.1(A)(3)**

In order to find jurisdiction under Va. Code Ann. § 8.01-328.1(A)(3) (2011), a plaintiff must allege a tortious injury in Virginia and that one essential act of the alleged tort occurred in Virginia. *Nathan*, 2011 Va. Cir. LEXIS 99, at \*25 (Va. Cir. Ct. Aug. 2, 2011). Plaintiff asserts that jurisdiction is proper pursuant to § 8.01-328.1(A)(3) because Defendants conspired to publish defamatory statements in Virginia via defendant Newton's website, [www.examinetheWMSCOG.com](http://www.examinetheWMSCOG.com). Under Virginia law, necessary elements of the tort of defamation are (1) publication about the plaintiff, (2) an actionable statement, and (3) the requisite intent. *Chapin v. Greve*, 787 F. Supp. 557, 562 (E.D. Va. 1992) (citing *Michie's Jurisprudence Libel & Slander* § 12). Publication is a required element of the tort of defamation and the injury from this tort occurs where the defamatory statement is published. *See Bochan v.*

*La Fontaine*, 68 F. Supp. 2d 692, 698 (1999); *Telco Communications v. An Apple a Day*, 977 F. Supp. 404, 408 (E.D. Va. 1997). While the defamatory articles co-authored by defendants were published to everyone with an Internet connection, there is no question that the articles were published in the Commonwealth. Thus, Plaintiff has sufficiently alleged that acts in furtherance of defamation occurred in Virginia by either Newton, a resident of the Commonwealth, or Colon, who had substantial ties to Newton as her co-conspirator.

**ii. Jurisdiction Pursuant to § 8.01-328.1(A)(4)**

Plaintiff also asserts that jurisdiction is proper pursuant to § 8.01-328.1(A)(4). Section 8.01-328.1(A)(4) provides for jurisdiction where a Defendant causes "tortious injury in this Commonwealth by an act or omission outside this Commonwealth." Plaintiff has clearly alleged that Defendants conspired and caused the tort of defamation to occur within Virginia by their conspiratorial acts conducted both in Virginia and in New Jersey.

Next, Plaintiff must allege that Defendants either: 1) regularly conducted or solicited business; 2) engaged in any other persistent course of conduct; or 3) derived substantial revenue from goods used or consumed or services rendered in Virginia. Colon says that she has done none of these acts. Colon Aff. ¶¶ 18-19. However, Newton is a resident of Virginia who satisfies all three prongs of the statute and has never challenged personal jurisdiction. Because co-conspirators are agents of each other, Colon is subject to Virginia jurisdiction in the same respect as Newton because she knew or should have known that Newton resided in Virginia and that acts in furtherance of the conspiracy would occur in Virginia. Thus, personal jurisdiction over Colon is proper based upon the Virginia contacts and connections of her co-conspirator, Newton, to this Commonwealth.


**C. Due Process**

The absence of physical contact or presence in the state will not defeat jurisdiction so long as the defendant is deliberately engaged in efforts within the state. *Verizon Online Servs. v. Ralsky*, 203 F. Supp. 2d 601, 2002 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 10224 (E.D. Va. 2002). It does not offend due process to impute the acts alleged in the Complaint to Colon, whether she performed them herself, or whether they were performed collaboratively by her co-conspirator Newton. Accordingly, Plaintiff has sufficiently made a prima facie case of personal jurisdiction pursuant to § 8.01-328.1(A)(3) and (4) as to Colon and has satisfied the constitutional requirements of Due Process.

### CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, the Court should deny Defendant Colon's Motion to Dismiss this action in its entirety and require her to file a responsive pleading to Plaintiff's Complaint.

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Victor Lozada, on his oath deposes and says:

1. I am the Senior Deacon of Plaintiff church. As such, I am familiar with the facts of the case and those described herein. I make this Affidavit in support of Plaintiff's Memorandum of Points And Authorities in Opposition to Defendant Colon's Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Personal Jurisdiction and for Lack of Subject Matter Jurisdiction.
2. The defamatory articles co-authored by Colon and Newton appear in the section of the Website entitled "Former Member Testimony." A copy of this portion of the Website is attached as **Exhibit A**.
3. According to the Website, in order to submit an article to the "Former Member Testimony" section of the Website, one needs to click on the "Click Here To Submit Your Story" link at the bottom of the web page, which links to the

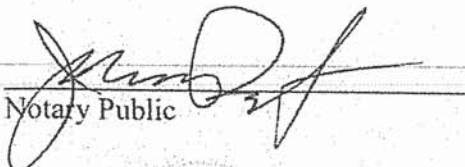
"Contact" page where one would need to then type in his or her name, email address, email address confirmation, subject, and message, and then click to "submit" the information to Defendant Newton. See **Exhibit B**.

4. Each article in the defamatory five-part series posted in the "Former Member Testimony" section of the Website appears to be co-authored by Newton and Colon, Newton purportedly having at a minimum authored an introduction and conclusion paragraph to each of the five defamatory articles. See **Exhibit C**.
5. The introduction paragraph to each of the five defamatory articles in the five-part series refers to Colon as the Website's "correspondent from New Jersey." *Id.*
6. Colon knew or should have known from her communications with Newton that he is a resident of Virginia and that he operates the website in Virginia. Attached as **Exhibit D** is the Whois record for the website which clearly shows the registrant, administrative contact, and technical contact for the website all located in Merrifield, Virginia.

Dated: February 23, 2012

  
Victor Lozada

Sworn and Subscribed to before me  
this 23 day of February, 2012.

  
Notary Public

JOHN G. KOPF  
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY  
ID # 2383161  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAR. 6, 2014

# Exhibit A



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- [Lilly](#): I feel your pain. Keep on praying fro those who are under this trance beca
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## Former Member Testimony

[Translate]

*We personally know many former members of the World Mission Society Church of God (WMSCOG). Many are friends. Some are family members. Through this web site we also come into contact with many other folks with stories just like ours. Over time we get to know them well, and we encourage them to speak out about their experience. Many of our friends still have lasting emotional and spiritual wounds. Below is a collection of their stories. Maybe your experience is similar? You can help these folks by praying for them, and by commenting on the articles to let them know you support them.*

### 1. ["It's not the devil... It's my baby" - A Former Member's Story](#)

I was there for only a few months. I joined after I found out I was pregnant and my family didn't agree with my choice to parent and kicked me to the curb so to speak, and the people from the World Mission Society Church Of God seemed so nice and accepting of me...

### 2. [How The WMSCOG Turned My Life Upside Down Part 1 - How I Got Involved - A Former Member's Story](#)

I first visited the World Mission Society Church of God in Ridgewood, NJ for the first time back in October of 2009 after being invited by two co-workers of mine. One of my co-workers told me that she had recently joined a church...

### 3. [How The WMSCOG Turned My Life Upside Down Part 2 - The Creeping Time Commitment - A Former Member's Story](#)

Soon after we began attending Tuesday and Saturday services and occasionally visiting during the week for a study. After all, we had a list of about twelve basic studies to complete. We would study separately from now on...

### 4. [How The WMSCOG Turned My Life Upside Down Part 3 - Why I Left - A Former Member's Story](#)

Before my husband and I left for our honeymoon, the pastor advised us to pray during the service times and spend the Saturday that we would be away, reading a book written by Ahn Sahng-hong. My husband and I agreed and we were off on our way to Mexico...

### 5. [How The WMSCOG Turned My Life Upside Down Part 4 - The NDA - A Former Member's Story](#)

During my research on the World Mission Society Church of God, I came across various internet blog entries written by people who had family members involved in the group. Soon an obvious pattern emerged...

### 6. [How The WMSCOG Turned My Life Upside Down Part 5 - My Marriage Destroyed - A Former Member's Story](#)

After my meeting with the WMSCOG, things between my husband and I would only get worse. My husband admitted that he had already made up his mind. There was no doubt in his mind that I had been posting "lies about the church" on the internet...

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## How The WMSCOG Turned My Life Upside Down Part 1 – How I Got Involved – A Former Member's Story

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We recently asked one of our correspondents from New Jersey to send us the story of her experience in the World Mission Society Church of God. What followed certainly did not disappoint. Following her through this five part journey, we learn how she was recruited, the questions that began to unravel her beliefs, an her final exit. Unfortunately, some of what she went through is not uncommon in stories we hear from other former members. Perhaps her experience is not unlike your own? Without further delay...

I first visited the World Mission Society Church of God in Ridgewood, NJ for the first time back in October of 2009 after being invited by two co-workers of mine. One of my co-workers told me that she had recently joined a church that she really enjoyed attending. My other co-worker, having been a member of the WMSCOG for three years, didn't mention any details about the organization's beliefs either. One day I asked my co-workers if I could visit the church with them. I was surprised that they suggested that we go that very night and offered to pick me up. I found this a bit strange because I expected that I would have to wait for a specific day to visit the church for a service or something.

I remember that it was a Monday night around 7:30 pm when I arrived at the WMSCOG with my two co-workers, not knowing what I was getting myself into. I was greeted by a few smiling faces at the front desk, which they call "admin", and given an application to fill out. The application consisted of a few basic questions like what my religious background was and if there were any specific questions I had about God or the Bible. Then I was introduced to a missionary that would teach me my first Bible study lesson. The four of us went to a small room that had a dry erase board and a small table with a few chairs. My first lesson was about the Saturday Sabbath. Being somewhat of a conspiracy theorist, in about 30 minutes I was convinced that all of my life I had been deceived into going to church and worshipping the Lord on the wrong day! I was told that Constantine, a Roman Emperor, abolished the Sabbath and forced Christians to worship on Sunday and thus worship the pagan sun "god". Then I was asked if I would like to do another study, so I said sure why not.

The missionary asked me if I thought that I was going to heaven. I answered that I hoped that I would be saved and allowed in to heaven. I mean I thought that I was generally a good person, no one is perfect, and I worked in a field where I helped people every day. She would soon prove me wrong. The missionary began to explain that humans were angels that had been kicked out of heaven for sinning against God. As we flipped back and forth through the Bible, which I admit I wasn't very familiar with at this point in my life, I became convinced that I had committed a sin against God in heaven that afforded me the "death penalty" on earth. I found it strange that we continued flipping back and forth through the Bible, ignoring the context around any of the verses, but it somehow seemed to make sense at the time. So then the question was, what do I do in order to be saved and allowed into heaven? She explained that baptism was the first step and that despite having been baptized into a Catholic church as a child, that previous baptism did not count because Catholics worship on Sunday. After all, I had just learned that Sunday worship was really pagan sun "god" worship right?

Then the missionary asked me if I would like to get baptized. Since I was impressed with the way that I was able to "understand" the Bible all of the sudden, I agreed. I was then taken to another room down the hall where there was what looked like a large stand-in shower, given a robe-like top and shorts to wear, and asked to change. After I changed I was asked to kneel in the shower while a Deacon that I had never met poured water over my head and baptized me in the name of Jchovah, Jesus, and then another name I had never heard before. Since the Deacon was Caucasian, I had no idea that what he said was actually in Korean. While this was going on my friends were singing in the room with veils on their heads. I thought that this was weird but since my co-workers, who I had also befriended and trusted, seemed happy I didn't think to ask.

After I changed back into my normal clothes, I was taken in to another room in the same hallway, to partake in the "Passover bread and wine". I was shown a few verses in the Bible where Jesus said that we must eat his flesh and drink his blood in order to have eternal life. So I said to myself, "who doesn't want eternal life?" and did as I was told. Then the Deacon brought out this huge book and asked me for my name, address, phone number and next to my info he wrote down the names of my two co-workers.

Next, I was told that after baptism they always take a picture of the new member. I jokingly said, "oh great after my hair is wet and make-up is smeared". One of my co-workers told me not to worry, that I "looked great", and that it was just for their records. I reluctantly agreed and let them take a polaroid of me.

As my co-workers and I were leaving, they asked when I would be returning to continue to study. I answered that I wasn't sure because I was taking dance classes on some evenings during the week. I was told that I could return at any time during the week so I didn't feel pressured to return right away.

We are very familiar with the studies concerning whether we were angels in heaven before. In fact, we have an entire section devoted to just that topic. The articles therein demonstrate how we were not angels in heaven before.

In part 2 of her story, we'll learn how our friend slowly felt pressured to spend more and more time at the WMSCOG.

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In part [one](#), of our five part series we learned how [our correspondent from New Jersey](#) was recruited into the World Mission Society Church of God. Now, read part two below to learn how her time commitment and involvement was slowly encouraged to increase...

After being a member for about two weeks, I invited my boyfriend of about one year to come to the church for a Bible study. Things were rocky between us at the time and I thought that going to church together and learning more about God might help. He seemed a little reluctant at first, but he agreed. I was allowed to be present during my boyfriend's first study with a WMSCOG Deacon. He also opted to be baptized immediately after his first study about the Sabbath.

Soon after we began attending Tuesday and Saturday services and occasionally visiting during the week for a study. After all, we had a list of about twelve basic studies to complete. We would study separately from now on. I noticed that married couples and families did not study together unless there was a longer study being offered on a Sunday afternoon. Even during these 6 hour long studies, women and men sat separately. I remember finding it strange that women and men were seated on opposite sides of the sanctuary during worship times as well. I was told that the seating arrangement was to prevent gossip, distractions, and men looking at women with a romantic interest or vice versa. One of the members said, "this way we only focus on God". It didn't take long for the seating arrangement to seem normal. During one of the services I attended, I remember the pastor mentioning how outsiders find this seating arrangement weird. Then he shouted "but brothers and sisters, we don't find Zion customs weird right?" This was followed by everyone shouting "Amen!"

For about two months we only attended one of the three services held on Saturdays. I remember being surprised to find out that most members spent their entire Saturday, from about 9 am to 10 pm, in the church attending services and in between, studying the Bible, watching videos (usually about Zhang Gil Jah or disasters), or reading books written by Ahn Sahng Hong and others. I remember asking someone there why it was necessary to spend all of Saturday in the church. The "older sister" replied that "God commanded the Sabbath day not the Sabbath hour or one Sabbath service". This topic would be touched upon during services as well. I remember one of the missionaries mentioning that members of strong faith don't question the amount of time you are supposed to spend in the church on the Sabbath. I started to view these subliminal messages during services as ways to suggest feelings of guilt among members. I decided to keep my concerns about this to myself. It didn't take long for the pressure to build, so we started attending two services on Saturdays.

Shortly after, I began receiving text messages on Fridays or Saturdays from the "older sister" assigned to watch over me, asking what time I would be there for service. My boyfriend would receive the same from one of the "older brothers" assigned to watch over his progress. This "buddy system" that I observed seemed increasingly odd as the frequency of the text messages increased to every day. I remember being at work and getting a text message that read something like "GBU sister, when do you think you will be coming to Zion to continue your Bible studies?" Again, I felt that this was more pressure to spend more time in the church.

Two months into my membership at the WMSCOG, my boyfriend did something that really hurt our relationship. I went to the pastor for guidance on the situation and he advised my boyfriend and I that it was not good to be together and that we should be with other people. He suggested that if we loved one another and wanted to be together, then we should get married. Despite how heartbroken I was, I forgave my boyfriend. Four months later we were engaged. Four weeks after that, we bought a foreclosed home that required a lot of construction. So between work, the construction, and planning the wedding that would take place four months later, we really didn't have much free time. My now fiancé also worked part time a few nights per week. We were both completely overwhelmed but we continued to spend as much time in the church as possible.

After a while, Saturdays were not enough. We were pressured to return on Sundays too. The WMSCOG holds what they call a "preaching assembly" on Sunday mornings followed by recruiting for the rest of the afternoon. When members return, they typically spend more time in the church studying. Those members that were not experienced enough to go out recruiting would attend an approximately 6 hour long group study. There were also times when members would gather on Sunday evenings to watch movies that were determined by the WMSCOG to have some "spiritual" content.

And then there were the feasts during which members were required to attend services at 5 am and then again at 7:30 pm for sometimes 10 days at a time. I tried the 5 am services but it was nearly impossible for me considering that I normally went to bed around 2 am. So I would attend the 7:30pm services despite being exhausted after a long day at work.

During the first year of my membership at the WMSCOG, my family was quite concerned with the amount of time that I was spending at the church. I tried numerous times to get my family to join the church with me to no avail. I was initially disturbed by their resistance because I really believed in the WMSCOG's claim that one could not be saved without their many requirements (Sabbath, Passover, other feasts, etc.). I was told by my "older sisters" not to worry and that God will make them come if I provide a good example for them to follow. I soon found myself feeling pressured to choose between the WMSCOG and my family. I remember telling my sister that I could not attend my nephew's birthday party because it was on a Saturday. I dropped off a gift and went on my way to the church for the rest of the day. I regret this now. But this would only be the beginning of conflicts with my family due to my involvement with the WMSCOG.

The creeping time commitment is a big concern we hear from others who have loved ones in the WMSCOG. In [part 3](#), we'll learn of the astonishing Biblical contradiction and the surrounding events that led to [our correspondent's](#) dramatic exit.

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*Diane* [July 28, 2011 7:34 PM](#)

I noticed that this organization has many contradictions of the bible. I recently broke up with my boyfriend, who I love dearly because of this church. He had only been attending for 3 weeks and is already so heavily involved in the bible studies and worship service. The doctrine that he is being taught, does not line up to my Christian beliefs. We had plans to attend an event on a Saturday next month and he cancelled on me because he said he would be in church all day. So, I asked him does that mean he will never make himself available to me on Saturdays and he told me he's sorry, but he is not able to make plans on Saturdays. That really hurt my feelings. It's like he's being brain washed. Just because a member shows him scriptures in the bible and explain it in his interpretation of what it means, he believes it. I know many of you are former members of the church. What can I do to help him to understand the real truth? I do want him back, but not as long as we have different spiritual beliefs.

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*admin* [July 28, 2011 9:21 PM](#)

Hi Diane,

Thank you for your comment. I am very sorry to hear of the situation between you and your boyfriend. I am also very sorry to hear about him getting so heavily involved in the [WMSCOG](#). I imagine you have probably already seen him progressing along the [20 steps of indoctrination](#). The best thing I can offer you besides the articles in our [Evidence](#) section is to join the [Former Members World Mission Society Church of God Facebook group](#) where you can speak with other people in similar situations. They will be able to best help you navigate the back-and-forths you will experience as you move forward in trying to get your boyfriend to follow Jesus Christ.

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*Diane* [July 31, 2011 2:00 PM](#)

Today I sent my guy encouraging scriptures because he is going through a difficult time financially. He told me to stop sending him things on religion. I was a bit shocked by his comment since we are both Christians. Now, since he attended bible study with me at my church this past week, he is telling me I frown upon his religion and will not attend a bible study with him. It's interesting how he calls it his religion if we both supposedly study Christianity. Even though I broke it off with him recently, we got back together. Religious differences is seriously a deal breaker for me, regardless of how much I care for him. Should I attend one of these bible studies since he came to mine? I honestly don't want to go and I don't know how much longer we'll be together. He even challenged me about not following the Sabbath and the fact that I attend church on Sundays. I feel sick in my stomach just thinking about sitting through hours of the teaching at his church.

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*MountainMom* [July 29, 2011 10:59 AM](#)

Diane, I am so sorry this church has control over your boyfriend. Educate yourself all you can on this group, keep contact with him, and hopefully, you will be able to get him to look at some information eventually. People do get discouraged, people do open their eyes to their manipulation. There is hope. My son has been in three years, but he did make what I consider a huge admission to my husband yesterday. He actually confirmed that some people in the church are not happy. He would never admit that before, and I know that they always have to put on the fake "happy face" no matter what while they are there. My son definitely isn't happy. Hang in there with your boyfriend. There are success stories.

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*Diane* [July 31, 2011 10:39 AM](#)


Thanks for the feedback. I will continue to try to shed some light in his life and be a positive example of how to live a Christ led life. Maybe then he will see my happiness & prosperity and come to church with me more. It's hopeful thinking. I just don't want to leave him in darkness.

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## How The WMSCOG Turned My Life Upside Down Part 3 – Why I Left – A Former Member's Story

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In parts [one](#) and [two](#), of this [five part series](#) from our [correspondent in New Jersey](#), we learned how she was [first recruited](#) into the [World Mission Society Church of God](#), and how the [pressure to spend more time at the organization](#) slowly increased. In part three below, we'll learn the blatant Biblical contradiction she discovered that led to her dramatic exit. We've taken the liberty of adding some relevant annotations between square brackets [].

Before my husband and I left for our honeymoon, the pastor advised us to pray during the service times and spend the Saturday that we would be away, reading a book written by Ahn Sahng Hong. My husband and I agreed and we were off on our way to Mexico. Little did I know, that would be the last vacation we would spend together.

When we returned, the pressure to spend more time in the church increased even more. There was also a huge focus on "bearing ten talents" or recruiting. I remember going out with "sisters" to "preach" to new members. I had a sense that we were targeting people in their 20s and 30s since we never approached anyone that appeared to be older than that. We always went to crowded areas like stores and shopping malls. I was told that crowded areas were best and we would get to talk to the most people. I had a difficult time with this because I didn't feel comfortable walking up to strangers and asking them if they had "ever heard about god the mother in the Bible". The rejection from most people didn't help. A lot of people would just walk away or tell us that they were atheists. Security asked us to leave after receiving complaints from customers.

A few months before the wedding, one of my friends sent me an email that refuted the WMSCOG's claim that Constantine abolished the Sabbath. This email had been bugging me for a few months and now that I had some time to think, I decided to do some research on the topic. I thought that it would be great to find some information that supported what I was taught during my first study about the Sabbath at the WMSCOG. I had trouble finding information in bookstores so I finally turned to the internet. I had avoided the internet after having heard that the internet was evil and considered by the WMSCOG to represent the modern day "tree of knowledge of good and evil" [[more info on this](#)]. A simple google search and I was lead to an article titled "Did Constantine Abolish The Sabbath In 321 AD?" [For our readers, she is referring to [this article](#)]. I was shocked to find out that Christians had been worshipping on Sunday long before Constantine was even born. So Constantine didn't abolish the Sabbath did he? The WMSCOG's studies that I thought were rock-solid seemed to be starting to crumble one at a time.

This lead me to do a google search on the WMSCOG. To my surprise, I found a website that claimed that the WMSCOG was a cult! [The site is no longer online]. My anxiety levels continued to increase as I sat reading information about the contradictions in the WMSCOG doctrine, questionable practices, and former members' stories about how they had been hurt by the WMSCOG. The most disturbing information that I had come across was that the WMSCOG was said to have been using the same mind control tactics used on US prisoners of war in N. Korea. I also learned about Robert J. Lifton's thought reform model [[more on this](#)]. When I finally read an article that explained how the Jehovah's Witnesses used the same tactics to control their members I could not ignore the similarities to what I had experienced in the WMSCOG. [For our readers, she is referring to [this article](#)].

I discussed the information that I had come across on the computer with my husband that evening after work. He was in his second day of a three day fast. I cannot recall the occasion for the fast, but fasting at the WMSCOG means no food or water. Participation in the fast is expected from all members including children and infants. I remember hearing a "sister" explaining "my baby needs salvation too". I found this outrageous so I refused to participate.

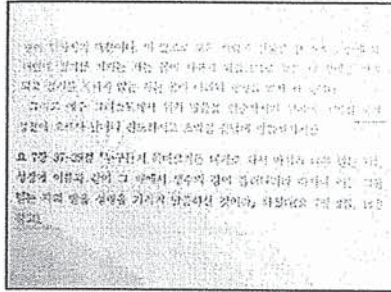
It was a Tuesday evening so we were scheduled to attend the 3rd day service. After confronting my husband with the information that I found on the internet, he was shocked too. He admitted that we had been fooled and wondered why an organization would take advantage of people like this. He said that he felt "lost" and didn't know where to go now. He was starving so we went to dinner and decided not to attend the service that evening. The WMSCOG takes attendance during services so it was soon obvious that we did not show up. We were both contacted that evening regarding our absence and I remember replying something to the effect that I had found some information on the internet that caused me to consider whether or not we would be returning. We were encouraged to attend a meeting with the pastor where all of our questions about the information on the internet would be answered. We were assured that the negative information on the internet was all lies.

My husband and I went to the WMSCOG a few days later to meet with the pastor. When we arrived in his office there were three other WMSCOG members present (a deacon, a deaconess, and another male member). The meeting started with an explanation of how people persecute the WMSCOG on the internet by spreading lies about "father and mother". I was assured that all of my questions would be answered.

I remember asking the pastor why members in the WMSCOG had separated from their non-believing spouses. After all, the girl who recruited me had just left her husband because he decided to stop attending the church. I pointed out how in 1 Corinthians 7, the apostle Paul states that married members of the church should not separate from their non-believing spouses. The pastor explained that the church does not encourage divorce, but instead encourages married couples to stay together. So again I asked, if this is true then why are there so many divorced or separated members? He explained that the members had no choice but to leave their spouses because of the persecution they received. He went on to explain that the non-believing spouses usually had a problem with how much time the member spent in the church and usually would end up trying to make the member choose between the church and the marriage. The deaconess sitting to my right went on to explain that she divorced her husband due to similar circumstances and that her husband had also committed adultery. It is important to

point out that she had never once mentioned that her husband had committed adultery to me before. The other times that she had discussed leaving her husband with me, her reasons were that he had tried to stop her from tithing and attending the church as often. I thought, how convenient.

I then pointed out the contradiction from "The Mystery of God and the Spring of the Water of Life" pg. 465 where Ahnshnghong writes "Jesus Christ went up to the temple and preached every day during the Feast of Tabernacles,..." In the Bible (John 7:14) it says that Jesus did not preach in the temple courts until the middle of the Feast of Tabernacles. The WMSCOG believes that Ahnshnghong and Jesus are the same like water exists in three chemical forms (solid, gas, liquid) so does God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit). But how could Ahnshnghong and Jesus be the same and tell different versions of the same story? Did Jesus preach every day of the feast or did He wait until the middle of the feast? It cannot be both because God does not make mistakes. The deacon explained that "Jesus preached every day". I pointed out that in the beginning of John 7 it clearly explains the reason for Jesus having waited until the middle of the feast. In John 7, Jesus tells his brothers to go ahead of him to the Feast of Tabernacles, and afterwards travels in secret because He knows that people are looking for him to try and kill him. Jesus could not have traveled alone in secret, and preached during the 2 1/2 day journey (on foot) from Galilee to Judea. If Jesus traveled alone in secret, that obviously means that he was not telling anyone who He was right? It was at this point that the pastor explained the reason for the contradiction. The particular edition of the book was written in Korean on the left page and in English on the right. The pastor pointed to a word that was mistranslated, underlined it (중에), and explained that it was an error in translation. According to the pastor, the word he underlined (중에) should have been translated to "middle" instead of "every day". So therefore, according to the pastor there was no contradiction between Ahnshnghong's writings and the Bible. He explained that the people who translated the books from Korean to English, made a mistake because English was not their native language. He assured me that he would be notifying the general assembly in Korea to correct the error. I was still skeptical at this point. Why wasn't I given that explanation in the beginning? [For our readers, by request, we asked our correspondent for a picture of the word in her book, and she sent us the photo below]:



I was determined to find out the truth about this alleged "mistranslation". A few days later, I asked my husband to drive me to a nearby town where many Korean folks live. I know it sounds crazy but I had to know. I approached random Korean people on the street and asked what the underlined word (중에) meant. Some just pretended that they didn't speak English probably because they thought I was trying to recruit them. Some didn't know enough English to tell me what the word meant. Some were too Americanized and didn't know enough Korean to read the word and tell me what it meant. I was becoming frustrated because it was around midnight at this point and I still hadn't found anyone to help me with the translation. I had just about given up when I found a couple in a diner that was willing to talk to me after I started the conversation with "I'm not trying to preach to you, I just need to know what this Korean word means in English". The gentleman that was willing to look at the book told me that the underlined word (중에) meant "during" and not "middle". He also pointed to a word in the next line that said "every day" (날마다). That meant that there was no error in the translation! Ahnshnghong really did write that Jesus preached every day during the feast. I was completely shocked!!! That meant that the pastor lied to me. I couldn't believe that he would lie to me just to placate me.

When I told my husband what the Korean man in the diner said, he was less than moved. I couldn't understand why this seemed not to bother my husband. My husband ignored the blatant contradiction between Ahnshnghong's book and the Bible, and continued to attend. [For our readers, there are many more contradictions between the writings of Ahnshnghong and the Bible listed [here](#)]. Despite confirmation of the translation with Google, my husband was somehow convinced by a WMSCOG missionary that the word did in fact mean "during". I remember even asking one of the Korean "sisters" what the underlined word meant as I was in line to use the bathroom. She also told me that the word (중에) meant "during". Some time later my husband eventually admitted that the pastor did in fact lie to me, but excused his actions. According to my husband, the pastor lied to me in an attempt to "save" me. I don't understand why, but he continued to ignore the contradiction between Ahnshnghong's statement and the Bible. I asked my husband why the pastor would point to Ahnshnghong's writings and lie if the pastor believed that those words were written by "god". Would he point to the Bible and do the same? When did Jesus or any of his apostles lie to someone in an attempt to save them? Never.

The last service that I attended at the WMSCOG after this incident was a reality check for me. First, I was made to sit next to my husband, which is a big no-no in the WMSCOG. I was later told by a deaconess that "sometimes married couples sit together" though I had not observed this in the past year of my membership. Then toward the end of the service the pastor mentioned that it was only acceptable for new members who hadn't finished their studies to ask questions about contradictions they read on the internet. According to the pastor, if the member asked questions after having completed the basic studies, it was "stupid". I thought, wait a minute, didn't he just tell me a few days ago that I could come to him with any questions that I had and that they would be answered. Why would the pastor encourage me to ask questions and then call me "stupid" for doing exactly what he encouraged me to, in front of the whole congregation a few days later? Was this an attempt to humiliate me?

My husband later admitted to me that the seating arrangement had been made prior to my arrival in an attempt to keep me from "contaminating other sisters" with my doubts. So the deaconess lied to me too? At this point I felt manipulated and I had had enough of the lies and secrecy. I would not be returning to the WMSCOG. I wondered, and worried, what it would be like now that I had decided not to return to the WMSCOG and my husband had decided to remain a member.

Wow. We have no further comments. She said it all. What an incredible story of her dramatic exit from the WMSCOG. Can you believe what happened in that last service she attended? The audacity and rudeness is almost unbelievable. [How people stay in this group is mind boggling](#). If you thought part 3 above was bad, wait until you read part 4 when the WMSCOG attempts to make her sign a document saying she can not talk about her experience. What is with these people? We're sure glad she didn't sign it, otherwise she wouldn't have been able to share her experience with the rest of the community here at [www.examinethewmscog.com](http://www.examinethewmscog.com).

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## How The WMSCOG Turned My Life Upside Down Part 4 – The NDA – A Former Member's Story

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Previously we learned of our correspondent from New Jersey's dramatic exit from the World Mission Society Church of God (WMSCOG). In this fourth part, of her five part series, we learn how this organization tried to make her sign some kind of non-disclosure agreement (NDA) when they believed she had been questioning them on the Internet.

During my research on the World Mission Society Church of God, I came across various internet blog entries written by people who had family members involved in the group. Soon an obvious pattern emerged. I read story after story about how the WMSCOG had either ruined their marriage or family. Since my husband had decided to remain a member of the WMSCOG, naturally I became very concerned. I discussed my concerns with my husband and he promised me that he would not let the church come between us. Little did I know, the WMSCOG was well on its way in doing just that.

My husband would soon explain that he needed to spend more time in the church because he needed to "learn and study more". This of course made me furious because it appeared to be a blatant attempt to cannibalize all of my husband's time in order to keep him away from me. If the WMSCOG didn't allow me to sit next to the other "sisters" during the last service I attended in order to prevent me from "contaminating them with my doubts", how much more would they attempt to keep my husband away from me for the same reason?

The arguments between us increased and the time we spent together decreased. One night my husband told me that I was going to hell because I was no longer keeping the Sabbath. I thought that God was the only one that could decide that? I was furious. It seemed that my husband was looking down upon me like I was a lesser being because I no longer wanted to attend the WMSCOG. Soon he began going to the church every day after work and coming home after midnight. We were newlyweds and we rarely saw each other or spent any time together. I became increasingly frustrated and angry as time went on. Six months after I left the WMSCOG my husband was convinced that I was being "used by Satan" in order to try and stop him from going to the church so he moved out one Friday while I was at work. When I got home from work all of his things were gone. I couldn't believe he would do such a thing! I was completely devastated! It seemed like the WMSCOG was driving him crazy.

We sat down to talk during the evening on the day that he moved out. I explained to him that what he was doing was not Biblical. In the Bible, it states that marriage is a covenant, God hates divorce, and that a man should not leave his wife except for adultery. [Note to our readers, there is much controversy among Catholics and Protestants concerning the definition of the Greek word *porneia* used in [Matthew 19:9](#). Some view it as "adultery" while others view it as "illicit union". That argument is beyond the scope of this site]. In the year that I was a member, the topic of marriage and its importance was never discussed in the WMSCOG. He went on to explain that he could no longer live with me because my "message would spread like cancer" (quoting [2 Timothy 2:17](#) & version=NIV" target="\_blank">2 Timothy 2:17). This just didn't make any sense. The verse that he quoted refers to Hymenaeus and Philetus preaching the message that the resurrection of Jesus never occurred (see [2 Timothy 2:18](#) & version=NIV" target="\_blank">2 Timothy 2:18 & [1 Corinthians 15:12](#) & version=NIV" target="\_blank">1 Corinthians 15:12). He believed that because I had begun attending a Christian church on Sunday that this practice would somehow force him to do the same. How this would happen, I do not know. Members of the WMSCOG consider Sunday worship a pagan practice. I still don't understand the connection between my attending church on Sunday, and those mentioned in the Bible that preached that Jesus had not resurrected. Just another verse that was taken out of context by him at the WMSCOG. Needless to say, the conversation was not productive because he left and refused to tell me where he would be going.

Two days later, my husband agreed to come over and talk to me again. I asked him to please come back home. He said that the only way he would move back in, would be if I agreed to attend one Sabbath service per week. Sound like coercion? I reluctantly agreed, and he moved back home. Even though I knew the teachings were wrong, and refused to take part in the prayers, I agreed to sit through the services in order to try and save my marriage. Things would be ok for a few days but it was the calm before the storm.

My husband insisted that I do all of the studies over again. I scheduled time to study with the deaconess that I had befriended during the first year of my membership. She never seemed to be available once I arrived at the church though. Unbeknownst to me, I would be studying with the pastor. My husband was present during the first study with the pastor but the study didn't go well. It seemed that the pastor would become very frustrated when I asked questions. At the end of the study I asked the pastor to tell me what the Bible says about divorce. He wouldn't answer. Instead he explained that he could not get involved in my relationship with my husband and that it was our "personal decision" if we wanted to stay together or not. Funny because I didn't ask him for his opinion on the topic, I asked him to explain what the Bible tells us about divorce. I said that I needed to understand why my husband was under the impression that it was ok to leave me. He became very frustrated and said "what difference does it make if you're both gonna die". He alluded to the belief that my husband and I should be more concerned about our salvation (which by the way can only be obtained by keeping the Sabbath, Passover, tithing, and many other requirements according to the WMSCOG) than our marriage. After that statement, the study was over. I would only study once more about two weeks later, without my husband.

The first service I attended after being gone for 6 months was quite uncomfortable. I told my husband ahead of time that I wanted to sit with him during the service. After all, I had been made to sit next to him before so I didn't think it would be a problem. I was wrong. When I got there, I told the "sister" in charge of the seating arrangement that I wished to sit with my husband. Suddenly no one knew where he was. I was suddenly allowed to sit with the "sisters" again, sandwiched in between a deaconess and a missionary. Maybe they would be the buffers between my doubts and the other "sisters". After the service I

confronted my husband about the seating arrangement. He explained that a deacon told him that it would be best if we didn't sit together because he wouldn't be able to focus on the message being given during the service. The deacon thought that my husband would be distracted by me. Why wasn't this a concern of theirs before? This was just another inconsistency to add to the list.

About a month after I started attending the church again, my husband informs me that I am not allowed to return. He told me that the pastor "found out" that I had posted some negative information about the church online. He also mentioned a facebook page but did not offer anymore details. My husband assured me that they had shown him irrefutable evidence that I was the one that posted the negative information about the church online. I asked my husband to show me the facebook page on the computer but he said that he didn't remember how to get to the page. About two days later I called the pastor and asked him what facebook page he was referring to? The pastor stated "you come here and I'll show you". I agreed to meet with him later that afternoon.

When I arrived at the church, I would soon be joined by my husband who had lied to me about where he was before the meeting. He had arranged to attend this meeting without my knowledge. I would sit down with the pastor, a deacon and my husband to discuss the matter at hand. To my surprise I was greeted with a two page non-disclosure agreement. The deacon explained "we prepared this to protect you and to protect us... mentioning that we won't say anything about you in the same way that you won't say anything bad about us". I thought to myself, why do I need protection? I hadn't done anything wrong.

He went on to explain that in the past people have visited their church and then "lied very bad" about them on the internet. I requested that they show me the "evidence" that my husband claimed they had. My request was denied. The deacon stated, "we don't make anything on you having problems with Mark... is it ok if I read things in front of Mark?" I declined which of course made my husband upset, but he was advised by the pastor to leave the room. Here are the comments that the deacon read to me from some papers he had in front of him:

"My husband is so brainwashed by these people. It's ridiculous. I am now having these arguments with him. All he ever answers to any of my points is if not this church then where? Basically because no other church celebrates the Sabbath on Saturday and Passover. He openly admits that he can not interpret anything in the Bible without the Church of God teachings. I can't stand it. So when I read verses in the Bible that are clearly understood by anyone who reads them, he says you are applying your own mind".

"As far as the calendar goes and how they calculate the dates of the feasts, as per one of the deacons after one of the services a few weeks ago, only the general pastor in Korea knows the formula. Apparently it is secret information that no one but the general pastor is allowed to know. If you ask, they will tell you that the Jews miscalculate all the dates citing the example of when they start to celebrate the Sabbath. The Jews, from what I understand, start the Sabbath on Friday evening. According to the Church of God this is wrong, therefore all of their dates are wrong. Go figure".

I asked the deacon to explain what parts of the comments that he read in his opinion, were lies? He said "the part about him being brainwashed". He explained that everyone is entitled to their opinion, but their opinion may be a lie. They refused to tell me what website these comments came from. The deacon would explain that these comments had been posted on "some forums" with my personal email address. Then he proceeded to accuse me of posting links to other websites about the church on RickRoss.com. Again I asked for the pastor and the deacon to please show me where they obtained the information. The deacon then asked, "Would you like to sign this before I show you?". I declined to sign the non-disclosure agreement and again requested that I be shown proof of the accusations being made against me. The deacon then insisted that I read the agreement in front of me. The pastor explained "it's nothing it's like we protect each other". I still didn't understand why I needed protection. Why would I need protection from the World Mission Society Church of God? I read the agreement and it basically said that I could not discuss anything that I read, studied, or heard in the church with anyone except my husband. I do not recall the agreement containing any statements to guarantee that the church would not "say anything bad" about me as stated earlier by the deacon. The pastor said, "What if someone bad mouth your personal life do you like it?" Was this a threat to defame me?

The pastor explained that if I leave the church, I do not need to take any intellectual property with me. Interestingly, the WMSCOG has most of the "studies" on their official website. I have also seen their members copy and paste them into responses on various blogs. What the WMSCOG teaches isn't exactly secret is it? The pastor then said that if I left the church and "bad mouth" the church then he would "have to do something... hire a lawyer". He then mentioned how other people have accused them of "sue everybody". He also admitted to suing "several people" for "exposing everything" about the church and went on to say that if I am "not one of them then I just want to protect you but if you are one of them then you got a trouble". The pastor then stated "through this message clearly it should be you". At this point it was obvious that the pastor was threatening to sue me. The pastor and the deacon would not allow me to take a copy of the agreement that they requested I sign so that I could have it reviewed by an attorney. The deacon then said that he would send a "more revised version" to my attorney if I had my attorney contact them directly. Again the pastor issued what I considered to be another threat when he said, "if it's not about you it's ok but if it is you it's a problem". They again refused to show me any evidence of their accusations. They also claimed that they requested my IP address and email address from the forums and that the forums sent them all of the information that they requested. Again I was assured that after I signed the agreement they would be able to show me "all of the evidence no problem". Most forums, including facebook, do not just give out their contributors' email addresses and IP addresses because of a mere request. Disclosure of this type of personal information is only given out if the requestor provides a subpoena issued by a court. If the WMSCOG did in fact have my email address and IP address attached to any comments that they alleged I posted, I would have to question how they obtained this information. I have seen comments on forums and even videos on YouTube that accuse people in the WMSCOG of hacking websites. I started to wonder, was this one of those cases?

I wondered if the WMSCOG did this often. Do they monitor the information about them on the internet? If so, why? I remember the pastor saying, "we found out something that is not good for us that's why we called you and told you to come and check it out... we tried to find out who is a believer". Is monitoring internet activity how the WMSCOG tests the faith of their members? Are other churches concerned with what is written about them online? Do other churches ask their members to sign non-disclosure agreements before they get kicked out? This type of behavior sounds more like a business than a church.

During this meeting, the pastor and deacon mentioned more than once that they were not trying to cause problems between my husband and I. If that was true, why would they confront my husband with this so called "evidence" days prior to having my husband notify me? But later the pastor said that in this situation if my husband read these comments and found out that I was the one that posted these comments "how can you be together like that?" It seemed pretty obvious to me that their intention was to cause division between my husband and I. My husband had already made up his mind when they confronted him days before this meeting. He viewed my refusal to sign the non-disclosure agreement as an admission of guilt. But I explained to my husband that I was under no circumstances going to sign away my right to free speech. Why would a church want to silence one of their former members?

It would not be long before my husband would be turned completely against me...

Well, we can say that when the WMSCOG reads this article, they'll know for sure that you were the one that wrote it. It's funny, anyone can see those comments they read to you weren't lies, but opinion. Good thing you didn't sign that NDA, otherwise, you wouldn't have been able to speak out and tell the community about your experience. This story makes us sad because this type of behavior does not represent Christ, and it certainly doesn't represent any type of healthy "church" either. We totally agree with your question of "Do other churches ask their members to sign non-disclosure agreements before they get kicked out?" In our opinion, that is a red flag dear reader, that you should re-consider your involvement in the WMSCOG.

In the [fifth part](#) of our five part series, we learn of the ruin wrought to our friend's marriage by her husband's heavy involvement in the [WMSCOG](#).

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[MountainMom](#) July 29, 2011 10:52 AM

This is exactly the type of thing they have done to divide my son and his wife. She is a non-believer, so they kept him at church all they could, week after week till midnight or even later. It makes me feel like they think there were doubts in his mind, and they use this tactic all the time to stymie those doubts and the voice of reason. I think this would qualify as "alienation of affection" which is against the law in Illinois. I wonder if they know that.

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[Nicholas](#) August 2, 2011 12:20 AM

Hi I've been reading this site and another about this Church for a while now. To start off, I was never a member of this church. By the time I met members of this church, I had already been attending another church for two years and I'm very happy with it. But I want to give a testimony for this site, to help anybody that has been a victim of this church.

To start off, I've been going to school at a campus for the last few years and it was a few years ago that I decided to accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior and I've been going to a church that I really love. With that said, I had been living a lukewarm Christian life since I asked Jesus to save me. I had made many attempts to strengthen my Christian life and was met with many failures, I would never read my bible or pray and was more interested in the things of the world. The situation for me is now different and I'm making a serious effort in my relationship with Jesus. This was the year that I had a big wake up call that would make me want to know the word of God. It wasn't a wake up call that I would consider to be a good experience but one that opened my eyes. Like I said before I had been going to school for a while now and one day after taking care of business and was on my way to my car to drive home I saw this guy and girl standing near the library and they stopped me. This is where my experience with the WMSCOG started. The encounter started with introductions and then the guy asked me if I knew about God the Mother. Naturally I said no and then after a few minutes of chatting we decided to do Bible study right at the library of the school. We sat there talking for 15-20 minutes and he spent that time explaining to me God the Mother and showing verses in the Bible that at a glance, seemed to support their beliefs. It's worth noting that I was skeptical from the getgo and when I was being taught about God the Mother I wasn't sure if I should buy into it or not because this guy seemed very smart and seemed to know the Bible very well. But as I said before, I was living a lukewarm Christian life and I thought maybe if I went did some Bible study with some new faces on the side it would help motivate me so I would start taking my faith seriously.

After a bit of time at the library their group had decided to go back to the church and they invited me up there to do some more Bible study so I drove over there with someone riding with me and leading the way. When I got there I was introduced to some of their members and they all seemed like nice and friendly people. I was then led into a room that pretty small and then another guy came in and was going to teach me about what his church believes. The Bible study lasted for about 2-3 hours. We talked about many different topics such as God the Mother, the Passover, parallels between Adam and Eve and the fall of Lucifer, our souls existing before we were born, everyone coming from the dust, the meaning of Elohim, and many other issues. Now when I walked out that particular day I thought to myself that even though I didn't agree with what a lot of what they said I thought maybe there was some room to understand and I agreed to go back the next week. That night I had went over to my friend's house, I go to church with these people and they have supported me throughout my spiritual journey. I had told them about my experience earlier in the day and initially they were happy that I had this opportunity but then they saw something wrong when I brought up God the Mother. I referred to those verses in Genesis ("let us make man in our image") and Revelation ("the Spirit and the Bride") but they weren't too enthusiastic about these beliefs. My friend admitted to me later that he was nervous about me in relationship to this church and on all counts, he was right. I didn't quite see it at that moment but the second time I did Bible study is where things took a turn. After the weekend, I went to school on Monday and afterwards I drove back over to the church.

This time when I did Bible study, I did it with the guy that I met at the beginning when I was at school. When I got there, before we did the Bible study they showed me an introductory video about their church which seemed very positive like but my experience during that bible study told a different story. This time we talked about issues like the Sabbath, how we're saved, what happens to babies, God the Mother the passover, communion, repentance and other topics. I had asked about the end times and Anti-Christ but he wasn't far enough into his studies to teach me about it and then if I came back another day someone else could teach me. This time I did Bible study, they really sent me on a guilt trip and I felt like I was being severely condemned for not doing the things they do. Throughout the Bible study, I became extremely frustrated and even wanted to curse him out. But God kept my strong throughout it all and I kept my composure. To make a note, I go to church on Sunday and with my limited knowledge I did know that in the old testament they worshipped on Saturday. But that 3-4 hours I was there this time was a lot of him trying to get me to submit to the way of his church and trying to scare me. His attitude was inappropriate, after a while of talking to the Sabbath he would make remarks like "And YOU go to church on SUNDAY?!" and that people who didn't keep the Sabbath would be the ones that Jesus would say "Depart from me!" There was such a strong emphasis on the Passover as well. He kept saying this was the only way my sins would be forgiven. The Bible studies this church does seem very systematic and it doesn't seem the members can speak for themselves but only what their leaders want them to teach. I thought maybe this was just me dealing with this but after reading many testimonies and watching videos of people who had experiences with this church, it wasn't just me. One thing that I was very curious about was what happened to babies when they died? The answer I got was an answer that shocked me and ultimately made me walk away after that day. To hear him say that if babies don't keep the Passover they'll go to hell really pushed my buttons. I tried to argue with him on this matter but it was hopeless, I simply did not read enough of the bible up to this point to support what I said. He trapped me many times during the study, saying stuff like "Show me in the Bible where it says to take communion!!" "or show me where it says to repent!" My efforts were hopeless. Initially I agreed to do another bible study but I just didn't feel right about it anymore. I left their church that day feeling lower than dirt and feeling like I failed as a Christian. I feel God used this event I saw a curse and turned it ultimately into a blessing. After talking to my friend and his father about this whole ordeal, they offered up their support and love and the father offered a parting word by advising me to read Galatians. I ended that day certain of a few things, that I didn't need to be involved with the WMSCOG and that I can find the truth on my own through the faith and love of Jesus Christ and so the time came that I would really started reading the Bible and getting to know God's word. I sent the guy I did Bible study a text and ended the relationship. Since that day, I have talked to a few more people from that church on campus and each time I rejected any further offers to do bible study. I've even tried to argue with them regarding what they teach and was met with hostility from its members and accusations that I just don't want to know the truth. But God has better plans for me, I don't want to argue with these people but I want to instead love them and forgive them.

I want to offer a word to the people who have encountered this church. No matter what happens, always trust in Jesus Christ. He is the truth, the way, and the life. He will never leave you nor forsake you. Since this whole experience I've learned of real peace that I could only receive through the love of Jesus. Following the conclusion of my experience, I started to take everything about my faith seriously and decided to start reading my bible all the time and praying to God every day. I put my trust in Jesus Christ and he has not let me down. I'm not perfect, but I know God is doing a work in me and I know he can do a work in you too. For anyone who has had an encounter with this church, I understand completely they have taken over peoples lives and hurt others but we shouldn't hold that against them. God forgave us through his son Jesus Christ and we should extend that same love and forgiveness to others regardless of what church they're part of or what they believe in. Remember that we cannot change the way they see things but God can. Nothing is impossible for him. I just encourage you to pray for these people so that they can know the real love of the man I call Lord and Savior: Jesus Christ.

I hope this testimony encourages anyone reading it, remember you always have a friend in Jesus. God Bless You.

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## **How The WMSCOG Turned My Life Upside Down Part 5 – My Marriage Destroyed – A Former Member's Story**

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In our [last segment](#) we learned how the WMSCOG tried to pressure [our correspondent from New Jersey](#) into signing a non-disclosure agreement. Now, in our fifth and final section of our [five part series](#), we learn of the ruin wrought to our correspondent's marriage by her husband's heavy involvement in the WMSCOG:

After my meeting with the WMSCOG, things between my husband and I would only get worse. My husband admitted that he had already made up his mind. There was no doubt in his mind that I had been posting "lies about the church" on the internet. My husband went as far as to accuse me of turning against God.

As the days went on, it seemed that his involvement in the WMSCOG continued to turn my husband against me. My husband became less attentive and less affectionate towards me. Our anniversary was fast approaching and my husband seemed disinterested in making plans to do something special. I suggested that we go away for a couple of days and he refused. He explained that he could not be away from the WMSCOG because "father was coming soon" and he needed to be ready when the time came. On the day of our one year anniversary, he still hadn't committed to any plans or even made any suggestions about what we would be doing together. We subsequently spent the early part of the day arguing. He finally admitted that he felt guilty spending any time with me after I posted "lies about the church" on the internet. He left and spent the rest of the day and evening at the WMSCOG. I was no longer worthy of his time.

The next day, my husband took me out to dinner and gave me a card in which he wrote that we had enough love to make it through. Just when I thought that things between us would get better, he informs me that he had been recently chosen to participate in an intense Bible study training course where he would learn to teach 30 subjects in 30 days. That would mean that he would spend every day in the WMSCOG until very late at night and all day Sunday being tested from 9am to 6pm in the afternoon. I thought that it was pretty convenient that he would be "chosen" for this "intense training" that would make it nearly impossible for us to see each other, not too long after I was kicked out. The goal of this training sounded unrealistic and seemed like a ploy to set members up to fail. Why not set unattainable goals for your members to keep them focused, working hard, and feeling guilty and inadequate when they can not meet your demands?

Now going to the WMSCOG right after working and coming home after midnight was not enough. My husband would also stay up reading the WMSCOG books until almost 2 am. Then he would wake up at 5 am to pray. The WMSCOG was keeping the both of us sleep deprived. The strain on our marriage continued.

My husband had always told me that he wanted to have children and start a family. This was no longer the case after I was kicked out of the WMSCOG. He told me that he would not bring a child into this world and have the child's blood on his hands because he knew that I would not allow our child to be baptized by the WMSCOG, and thus they'd be "spiritually dead". So our plans to have a family were no longer important either.

At this point, things seemed to be hopeless. I wasn't spending any time with my husband because he was never home. When he was home, he would pretend that I didn't even exist. How could my husband of only one year, who I believed loved me very much before, have so much resentment for me only 6 months after I initially left the WMSCOG? A few weeks after our anniversary, my husband informed me that he no longer wanted to be with me. He decided that it would be best for the both of us since he felt that we would never agree about his involvement with the WMSCOG. He admitted that "the church was always the problem" and he would under no circumstances compromise the amount of time he spent at the WMSCOG in order to try and work on our marriage.

I was at my wits end. I believe that this was what the WMSCOG wanted all along. Why else would they have pushed him so hard? Why would they go on the internet and try to monitor my personal activity? Why would they want to track down my IP address? And what about the way that the WMSCOG pastor threatened me during the meeting? How could he just ignore their distasteful behavior? I tried everything to get my husband to see the contradictions to no avail. I just couldn't take the emotional abuse and neglect anymore and about a week later, I gave my husband an ultimatum. It was the cult or me. He chose the WMSCOG and moved out again that very evening.

I am completely heart-broken over the decision that my husband made to just abandon me the way that he did. He rarely even speaks to me these days. He says that it upsets him that I speak out about my experience with the WMSCOG and how it destroyed our marriage. But if I can help even one person out there to avoid the pain and suffering that I am enduring because of this destructive organization, then it is worth the embarrassment of posting my story online for everyone to read.

I love my husband very much and all I can do now is pray that he wakes up and returns home soon.

And we are all praying with you. Please comment below to let our friend know you support her in this difficult time.

Would you like to share your experience in the WMSCOG with us? [Contact us](#) to tell your story.

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*MountainMom* [August 2, 2011 10:20 AM](#)

This is exactly like what has happened to my son and his wife due to his involvement in the COG. They do everything they can to cause trouble in marriages where one is a member and one is not. In cases where the two are only engaged, they break them up and then suggest that the member immediately get involved with someone else in the church for their "spiritual growth." I wonder if they do this with the Korean members in order to get them U.S. citizenship. Also, being married to a member makes it harder to leave the church. They have this all thought out, don't they.

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*nick* [August 3, 2011 12:53 AM](#)

I understand it can seem strange [this debate moved to the forum by admin at [this thread](#)]

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*Jesus is the Only way* [August 3, 2011 12:48 AM](#)

This is horrible. My girlfriend goes to this church and made about a year this month. Thanks to the help of this former member's story and her evidence of their falseness I am trying my best to show the members and my girlfriend that this is a business. The word of life is free and God dwells within you not a worldly "Church of God." Im sure me and my girlfriend are done with since she hasn't responded to my phone calls or text messages. Even if she does answer I am going to tell her that their is only One God and the only person that is coming back is Jesus Christ. God bless all that have been tricked by these false prophets and may the truth be told. Amen!

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*Alonna* [August 3, 2011 1:47 AM](#)

I can't believe he left you. I can't believe the WMSCOG would do that to someone. They're slowly taking over this guy's life. Every day I pray to GOD and I thank him and my family for helping stay away from this cult. The church still contactd me today, but I never answer. It's weird they still contact me and it's been months since I left the cult. This ending brought tears to my eyes and can't bare seeing my love one choosing which is basically a lie over me. I hope you stay strong; if GOD plans for you guys to get back together it will happen just be patient.

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*admin* [November 11, 2011 1:07 AM](#)

Here is a verse for the husband in the above story:

"If a man has recently married, he must not be sent to war or have any other duty laid on him. For one year he is to be free to stay at home and bring happiness to the wife he has married." Deuteronomy 24:5

I hope he thinks about this verse the next time he asks someone if they "believe the Bible".

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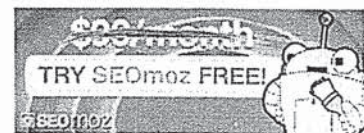
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