

One Response to Wilson's Election

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This is the response of one Dutch Adventist member to Pastor Ted Wilson's July 3, 2010, General Conference Sabbath sermon, noting the reaction of some in leadership in Holland. —*vf*

A week after the inauguration sermon of the new president of the SDA Church, Ted Wilson—and there is a war of words raging through my mind. I cannot sleep, every hour of the day there are sentences in my head. Words of astonishment, of awe, of recognition, of thankfulness, of praise.

Finally, finally, I have my church back! The church I chose to be my spiritual home 30 years ago. Thank God, Thank God!!!

It was not in my plan to write an article, but reading all those defaming articles from the hands of some of our Dutch pastors triggers my mind to stand up for Brother Wilson a little.

Ted Wilson's sermon [at the General Conference Session] was all about Adventism. This is what the Adventist Church stands for - on paper, what many of us said "Yes, I do" to.

Some say he quoted Ellen White too much; but many quote each other, extra-Adventist theologians, or the newspaper.

Some say his sermon was full of legalism and lacked grace, but all I heard was that we should "Go Forward" to proclaim the grace of God to the world in the last warning message of Revelation 14.

Some say he puts the church 30 years back; but the last 30 years we were proclaiming Hybelism [referring to Bill Hybel and his Willow Creek, Illinois church training sessions, which many Adventist pastors have attended] and ecumenism, saying to the seekers for truth that it's all right to sin, to live in adulterous relationships; and to follow our own desire when we come to worship. It doesn't matter how we dress, that the music is so loud our minds stop functioning, that we drink alcohol, smoke cigarettes, eat pork—nothing matters. If it feels good and the church provides us with a stage to develop our talents, God must be honored.

Now this man [Wilson] spoke against dull ears and the owners [of the dull ears] got agitated. Instead of praying in supplication that "they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I [God] should heal them" (Matt 13:15) and ask the Lord "have we been wrong during those 30 years for You to set in this change?" they looked for the stick and surely found one or two. But, as the saying goes, one will always find a stick if one wants to beat a dog.

At least the words were clearly spoken, the course

set. The waymarks have been turned in the right direction once more and we have set off for the Grand Finale of this World Series! Now it comes to the marching of the saints. Should I go or should I stay?

According to the many comments on his appointment as president and his sermon on July 3, it seems that the feelings of euphoria or frustration depend on the side we've chosen to be; either we acknowledge the leading of the Spirit in the choice of the Nominating Committee to appoint Ted Wilson as president of our church for this coming 5-year period, or we deny the leading of the Spirit and start a campaign to make life as miserable as possible for this man. Those who scream havoc must be aware of committing the unpardonable sin though!

Here in the Netherlands it seems that especially the "top"—the leaders of the church, is shaken. What I saw happening this past week surpassed all my imagination of how insubordination is defined. Pastors, church leaders, former executive president, all of them seem to excel in revealing their secretly kept attitude of insubordination.

What I see is a vacuum of leadership, leadership which keeps silent and lets one pastor after the other publicly rage his indignation and contempt. It is as if the lid has gone off the box and the evil ghost escaped.

Are those men, who now for 30 years were raging rampant through God's church, expecting loyalty and subordination to the executive board in the first place and only second place to God?

Are those the men who in the past 30 years set themselves to tear down the house piece by piece, stone by stone, and filled the holes with cardboard?

Are those the men who were very harsh to members and pastors who wanted to abide by the unadulterated Advent truth? Have they finally found themselves at a side where they clearly do not want to be?

You know, the church is not a multinational business company, but even in world business affairs those men would have been sacked immediately for their public expressions of insubordination and disloyalty.

You know, when my boss tells me tomorrow that from now on I must work on Sabbaths, because of the world economic crisis the company cannot afford any longer to add the Saturday to the weekend, I have but one choice as a professing Seventh Day Adventist; I have to hand over my letter of resignation, even if it means starvation for me and my family. That is, if God comes FIRST.

Even a soccer player was send home a few weeks ago when he expressed his disagreements with his coach publically. It seems that only in the Advent Church pas-

tors can behave like journalists, expressing their carnal minds without reserve, and are not reprimanded! Only in the Advent Church the leadership kept silent for 30 years now, and still continues to, as pastors trample on the doctrines of the church to which they said Yes when they were ordained as holy men. Only in the Advent Church one can bite the hand that feeds him and still be caressed. I speak of the Netherlands, for I know not of other fields.

The former president, high in rank within the church, proves to be the champion of insubordination by, first, praising a Dutch delegate for writing history for his attempt of broadening the fundamental belief on Marriage to include homosexual couples. The fact that this man dared to place his finite judgment opposite to the judgment of the Lord, in an attempt to make homosexuality a good practice when the Lord says clearly in His Word that He abhors it, made no impression what so ever on his mind.

Second, defaming the new president in his weblog in a most unbecoming manner. And the past week we saw that one by one many of "his sons in faith" parroted him by expressing the same pretentious words.

I am deeply ashamed of the amendment of the delegate who wanted to rewrite the Bible on the matter of marriage and making a holy institution from Eden into something ugly and sinful. I am deeply ashamed to see the semantic game this delegate played in advocating a genderless "deacon" to cover the desire of a rather small group in the church to go against the Bible to ordain women deaconesses.

Have we thus added to the verse, "A deacon must be a man of one wife," the words, "and a woman of one man?" On whose authority? How can we vote against a "Thus said the Lord"? This is devilish pretense!!

And how will these men preach words of subordination to, and honor, the leadership from now on?

How will they hold before the people an example they have not set for themselves? Are we now free to cast their words into the bin too?

How will they tell us that God's Spirit is leading His church, of Him appointing leaders and Him putting them off, and keeping His church safe, when they so clearly demonstrate that they don't believe in the leading of the Holy Spirit when the outcome is against what they have in mind?

Have those men thought about the fact that maybe, maybe these past 30 years has filled the cup of the Lord to the rim, and that He heard the pleas of His people for revival and reformation and the closure of His work, and that He stood up to bring about a change?

And how can men fight Him? By being rebellious? Did the Egyptians succeed when they rebelled when the Lord got up to free His people?

There were around 70,000 Adventists at the Georgia Dome, a fairly good representation of the 16 million around the world. When here in the Netherlands they

take an election exit poll sample of 3,000 for the 16 million inhabitants, the outcome proves to be astonishingly correct. Do those 2,400 delegates [who elected Wilson] and those 70,000 who shouted Amen [as they listened to him speak] count for nothing?

You don't have to like it, but our church's decisions are based on a vote of the majority. The outcome may not be God's will, for men are not infallible; but everyone—and I mean everyone, and that counts for former presidents, pastors and executive leaders too, must abide by the GC decision! If they find it difficult to do so, it's time to reconsider their position in the church—for the leadership cannot approve of insubordination in the clergy; for it will bring about anarchy in God's church.

If they ask it from the people, they have to set the example first! Besides, history shows that apostasy always originates with the leadership; the common people do not have the authority to introduce new theology.

God has a Plan that originated in heaven, way before the foundation of the world. He did not go into counsel with earthly leaders as to what His Plan would be. And He will do according to His will and no man will be able to stop Him! No one, no matter how high his star rose during his leadership, how high he esteems himself as a pastor or scholar, how eloquent he can beat around the bush.

If God wants Ted Wilson, He will stand beside Him and "they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the Lord, to deliver thee" (Jer 1:19). If Ted is not the man, we will see it soon enough; for nothing that is not of God will last. The past 30 years proves to this.

Call to Urgent Prayers

Ted Wilson is a finite man, he too needs God's grace every day. Therefore, I urge and plead with all the Seventh Day Adventists here in Holland and around the world,—please pledge yourselves to pray a short prayer for guidance, strength, perseverance and wisdom for Ted Wilson every morning and every evening.

I have read about those who are against his appointment; the Lord knows Wilson will need our prayer support to do God's will. If he is not God's choice we will see it soon enough. We can trust God's work to Him, when we have done what we can judge with our finite minds.

A prayer call is what the mocking leaders should have aired. For Ted Wilson has said nothing more or less than what the Advent movement is about on paper, and the basis on which they themselves got appointed.

It's more than time that we adhere to what we write down in our policies and statues. God knows that we have drifted far off here in the Netherlands in those past 30 years.

Time indeed, to move on and to Go Forward!
IAWH, 11 July 2010. Romans 6:4.

Government Food Control

— WHAT SOME GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE TRYING TO DO

“If people let the government decide what foods they eat and what medicines they take, their bodies will soon be in as sorry a state as are the souls of those who live under tyranny.”—*Thomas Jefferson*.

“There is no right to consume or feed children any particular food. There is no generalized right to bodily and physical health. There is no fundamental right to freedom of contract.”—*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 2010*.

“The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.”—*9th Amendment, U.S. Constitution*.

On March 3, 2009, Senator Richard Durbin [D-IL] and Cosponsors Lamar Alexander [R-TN], Jeff Bingaman [D-NM], Richard Burr [R-NC], Roland Burris [D-IL], Saxby Chambliss [R-GA], Christopher Dodd [D-CT], Michael Enzi [R-WY], Kirsten Gillibrand [D-NY], Judd Gregg [R-NH], Thomas Harkin [D-IA], Orrin Hatch [R-UT], John Isakson [R-GA], Edward Kennedy [D-MA], Amy Klobuchar [D-MN], Ben Nelson [D-NE], Tom Udall [D-NM], and David Vitter [R-LA] introduced Senate Bill S 510, entitled *The Food Safety Modernization Act*, into the Senate. This is an active bill which will continue until that Senate term ends in late 2010.

This bill was considered in committee which has recommended it (on November 18, 2009) to be considered by the Senate as a whole. Although it has been placed on a calendar of business, the order in which legislation is considered and voted on is determined by the majority party leadership. Keep in mind that sometimes the text of one bill is incorporated into another bill; and, in those cases, the original bill, as it would appear here, would seem to be abandoned. [Last Updated: Jun 27, 2010 8:27PM]

The most recent action was on Dec 18, 2009, when it was placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 247.

Some thoughtful observers consider S 510 (*The Food Safety Modernization Act*) to be **one of the most dangerous bills in the history of the U.S. Congress. It is to our food what the bailout was to our economy and the Health Law is to our medical care.**

Dr. Shiv Chopra, a Canada Health whistle-blower, wrote this:

“If accepted, S 510 would **eliminate the public’s right to grow, own, trade, transport, share, feed and eat each and every food that nature makes.** It will

become the most offensive authority against the cultivation, trade and consumption of food and agricultural products of one’s choice. It will be unconstitutional and contrary to natural law or, if you like, the will of God.”

It is similar to what India faced with the imposition of the salt tax during British rule,—with the exception that S 510 extends government control over **all** food in America. **This violates a fundamental human right to grow and sell food, and personally decide what one will purchase, grow, and eat.**

Monsanto says it has no interest in the bill and would not be benefited by it; yet Monsanto’s Michael Taylor, who gave us rBGH and unregulated genetically modified (GM) organisms, appears to have designed the bill and is waiting as an appointed Food Czar to the FDA (a position so far unapproved by Congress) to administer the agency it would create—**without judicial review**—if it passes. No court in the land could rule that his decisions are wrong. S 510 would essentially give Monsanto unlimited power over all U.S. seed, food supplements, food, and farming.

Let us begin with some past history:

In the 1990s, Bill Clinton introduced HACCP (*Hazardous Analysis Critical Control Points*) purportedly to deal with contamination in the meat industry. Clinton’s HACCP delighted the offending corporate (World Trade Organization) meat packers; for it allowed them to inspect themselves, eliminated thousands of local food processors, and centralized meat into their control. Monsanto promoted HACCP.

In 2008, as part of her campaign for president, Hillary Clinton urged that a powerful centralized food safety agency be set up. Her advisor was Mark Penn, CEO of Burson Marsteller, a giant PR firm representing Monsanto. Clinton lost; but Clinton’s friends, such as Rosa DeLauro (whose husband’s firm lists Monsanto as a major client and globalization as an area of its expertise), advocated early versions of S 510.

Here are TEN FACTS about S 510 that explains why it fails on moral, social, economic, political, constitutional, and human survival grounds.

1. It would place all U.S. food and all U.S. farms under Homeland Security and the Department of Defense, in the event of contamination or an ill-defined emergency. It thus resembles the earlier Kissinger Plan, which was never enacted.

2. It would end U.S. sovereignty over its own food supply by insisting on compliance with the WTO (*World Trade Organization*), thus threatening U.S. national security. It would end the *Uruguay Round*

4 *Agreement Act of 1994*, which firmly assured that U.S. sovereignty and U.S. law would remain under the U.S. Constitution and our Congress. Instead, S 510 says:

“Compliance with International Agreements.

Nothing in this Act (or an amendment made by this Act) shall be construed in a manner inconsistent with the agreement establishing the *World Trade Organization* or any other treaty or international agreement to which the United States is a party.”

(You will recall my earlier reports on the 2005 attempt by the WTO and *Codex* to limit all vitamins and nutrients to international *Codex* control: *Codex Alimentarius Ahead!* [WM-1270] and *Codex Attack on Vitamins* [WM-1280-1285].)

3. It would allow the government, under Maritime Law, to define the introduction of any food into commerce (even direct sales between individuals) as “smuggling into the United States.” Since under that law, the U.S. is a corporate entity and not a location, “entry of food into the U.S.” covers food produced anywhere within the land mass of this country and “entering into” it by virtue of being produced.

4. It imposes Codex Alimentarius on the U.S.—a global system of control over food. It allows the *United Nations* (UN), *World Health Organization* (WHO), *UN Food and Agriculture Organization* (FAO), and the WTO to take control of every food on earth and remove access to natural food supplements. Its bizarre history and its expected impact in limiting access to adequate amounts of vitamins, minerals, and other nutrients (while mandating GM food, GM animals, pesticides, hormones, irradiation of food, etc.) threatens all safe and organic food and health itself.

5. It would remove the right to clean, store—and thus own—seed in the U.S., putting control of seeds in the hands of Monsanto and other multinationals, threatening U.S. security.

6. It includes NAIS, an animal traceability program that threatens all small farmers and ranchers raising animals. The UN is participating through the WHO, FAO, WTO, and *World Organization for Animal Health* (OIE) in allowing mass slaughter of even heritage breeds of animals and without proof of disease. **Biodiversity in farm animals is being wiped out in order to substitute genetically engineered animals on which corporations hold patents.** Animal diseases can be falsely declared.

7. It extends a failed and destructive HACCP to all food, thus threatening to do to all local food production and farming what HACCP did to meat production; that is, place it in corporate hands and thus worsen food safety.

8. It deconstructs what is left of the American economy. It takes agriculture and food, the cornerstone of all economies, out of the hands of the citizenry and puts them under the total control of multi-

national corporations influencing the UN, WHO, FAO, 4 and WTO, with HHS and CDC acting as agents and *Homeland Security* as the enforcer. The chance to rebuild the economy—based on farming, ranching, gardens, food production, natural health, and all the jobs, tools, and connected occupations—would ultimately be eliminated.

9. It would allow the government to mandate antibiotics, hormones, slaughterhouse waste, pesticides, and GMOs. This would industrialize every farm in the U.S. and eliminate local organic farming. It would also greatly increase global warming, from increased use of oil-based products and long-distance delivery of foods, and make food even more unsafe.

10. It introduces “food crimes” as the entry into police state power and control. The bill postpones defining all the regulations to be imposed; postpones defining crimes to be punished, postpones defining penalties to be applied. **It removes fundamental constitutional protections from all citizens in the country, making them subject to a corporate tribunal with unlimited power and penalties, and without judicial review.** It would be similar to C-6 in Canada.

The list below shows legislation in this session, and previous ones, of Congress that had the same title as this bill (S 510). Often bills are incorporated into other omnibus bills, and you may be able to track the status of provisions of this bill by looking for an omnibus bill below. Note that bills may have multiple titles.

These related bills are:

H.R. 1332: *Safe FEAST Act of 2009*

S. 429: *Ending Agricultural Threats: Safeguarding America’s Food for Everyone* (EAT SAFE) Act of 2009

H.R. 999: *Keeping America’s Food Safe Act of 2009*

S. 1693: *Safe Food for Schools Act of 2009*

H.R. 815: *Safe and Fair Enforcement and Recall for Meat, Poultry, and Food Act of 2009*

S. 1269: *Food Safety Rapid Response Act*

H.R. 814: *TRACE Act of 2009*

H.R. 841: *Protect Consumers Act of 2009*

S. 1527: *Unsafe Meat and Poultry Recall Act*

S. 384: *Global Food Security Act of 2009*

H.R. 3262: *DSHEA Full Implementation and Enforcement Act of 2009*

H.R. 759: *Food and Drug Administration Globalization Act of 2009*

H.R. 2749: *Food Safety Enhancement Act of 2009*

It is only by the continual protection of God that we will not be destroyed before the Second Advent! Some may wish to contact Congress:

Capitol Switchboard (main switchboard for your congressmen and senators):

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