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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is addressed to all orthodox Christians who may have heard various aspersions cast upon my friend Dee Dee Warren. This letter intends to defend Dee Dee against certain charges made against her, which cluster around several points: 1) Dee Dee attacks people unfairly, 2) Dee Dee is “unloving,” 3) Dee Dee runs away from debate after attacking people.

First, let me say that I first met Dee Dee after having attacked publicly the neo-Hymenean heresy, which, among other doctrinally deviant things, denies the physical resurrection of the dead, both saved and unsaved. After the publication of that article (“Why it is Perfectly OK to Say Naughty Things About Heretical Preterists”), I was the recipient of very many attacks, which might be summarized this way: 1) I attacked people unfairly, 2) I was “unloving,” and 3) I ran away from debate after attacking people. Dee Dee ran to my defense, as I intend to do here.

First, let it be said, if you are an orthodox Christian, you need to thank God for Dee Dee Warren. She has not attacked anyone unfairly, she has attacked a vicious heresy, the same heresy which caused Paul to brand its adherents as “blasphemous” and “gangrenous.” Dee Dee has done exactly what the apostle Paul did, which is to defend the faith once for all delivered to the saints, and she has done it well. She deserves accolades for this, not condemnation. Those who are saying that Dee Dee has attacked people unfairly, and that she is unloving, need to read what Paul said about the Hymeneans of his day: they were shipwrecked in their faith, handed over to Satan, blasphemers (I Tim 1:20). They were worldly and empty chatterers, ungodly, gangrenous, people who had gone astray from the truth, faith-upsetters, wicked (I Tim 2:19) Was Paul attacking people unfairly? Was he unloving? If you say not, please note: Dee Dee has done nothing except what Paul did.

As for the charge that Dee Dee runs away from debate, I would ask you to consider Paul’s attitude towards the Hymeneans of his day. Did he ask them to debate with them? Or did he in no uncertain terms request that his readers to have nothing to do with them? With reference to the Hymeneans, Paul said “AVOID worldly and empty chatter.” (2 Tim 2:16). Paul told Timothy to “INSTRUCT certain men not to teach strange doctrines” (I Tim 1:3), he didn’t ask Timothy to sit down and debate with the men of strange doctrines. As an orthodox Christian, do you ask Jehovah’s Witnesses, or Mormons, to sit down and debate theology in your church?

Dee Dee, having once almost lost her faith to this unfortunate heresy, has the compassion to help others influenced by neo-Hymeneanism, and has led several back to orthodoxy. She has taken her valuable time to help a good friend and ministry associate of mine, whose church was almost destroyed by the heresy, to win back the church to orthodoxy. Dee Dee is not afraid to debate issues with those who are open to the claims of two millennia of orthodoxy. She will patiently go through every conceivable issue raised by the neo-Hymenean heretics to help someone sincerely seeking the truth. But she will not debate heretics, and I applaud her decision.

Dee Dee has been the victim of vicious personal attacks by some (not all) neo-Hymeneans, and it is quite incumbent upon all of us who want to see the truth defended, and not destroyed, that she be upheld and supported. She is probably the most theologically astute opponent of the neo-Hymenean heresy in the country. One day, you and your church may need her. You need to publicly support her at every opportunity.

Sincerely,

Dan Trotter