

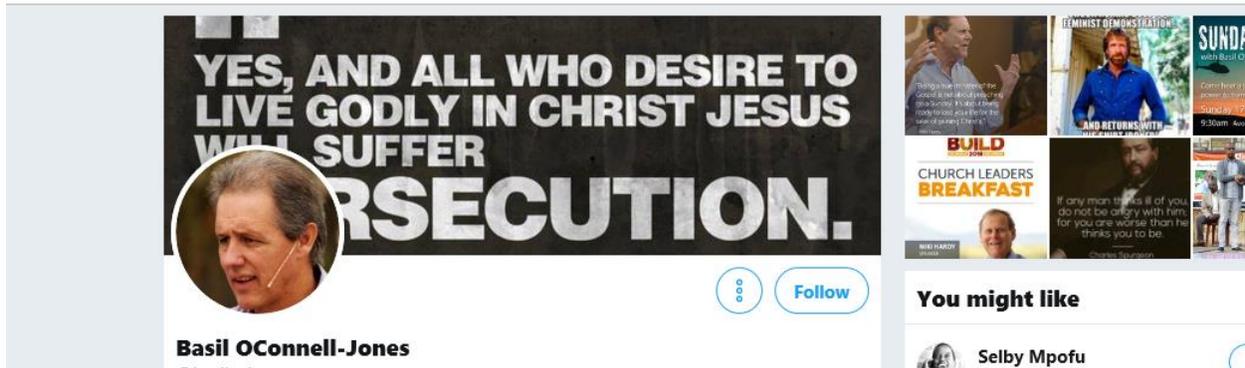
## The Subtle Power of the Persecution Complex in Cults

For ten years, The Concerned Parents Group has repeatedly exposed the “persecution complex” that is very much part of the fabric of CTMI teaching and propaganda. We have posted extensive evidence from members and leaders’ blogs and sermons.

Nothing has changed!

As we have recently stepped up our awareness locally and internationally, they have turned up the “persecution” volume!

Here’s Basil O Connell Jones’s Twitter wall:



And then on 22 May 2019 the following tweet was posted by a leader in Mauritius



**Jocelyn SERY**

@JocelynSERY

When someone throws mud to slander and persecute you, it does nothing but dirty your outer adornment such as your reputation. Your response is the only thing that can dirty the inner adornment, hidden in your heart. Better keep quiet and stay pure, isn't it?

Then Basil again tweeted:

**Basil OConnell-Jones**

@basilocj

.

Aug 18



**SPURGEON**

@SPURGEONdotUS

· Aug 18

Oh, believe me, Christians are not so much in danger when they are persecuted as when they are admired.

These repeated messages are a powerful tool in the *“thought control/brain washing/blinding”* influence of leadership over the flock. They serve to shut down any independent thinking and analysis of verified allegations. *“I can ignore all the info because it’s just persecution”* So the truth does not penetrate. Instead of feeling unsettled by verified and disturbing evidence, the blindly trusting member feels comforted and smug. *We are right, they are wrong. All their allegations for so long are not sourced in our church’s bad actions but their bad, bitter and unforgiving hearts!*

Furthermore, any further engagement is shut down with the instruction to silence and threat of losing their *“pure hearts”*. And so, the *“us -them”* wedge in families is driven in further.

## Our Response

**“Throwing mud and slander”** implies a bitter and vengeful spirit. We are deeply saddened by what this organization has done to our families and the only true gospel. But, by God’s grace we are enabled to forgive and are not personally vengeful. Rather, we are raising awareness to protect biblical truth. And protect others from similar pain.

In line with biblical principles of reconciliation, we have simply pleaded for ten years – *“please show us where our allegations are inaccurate or misinformed and we will repent and withdraw. Or acknowledge and apologise for the wrongdoing.”* To date this has not happened.

**“Persecution”** as the bible defines it, is opposing and running down the person of Christ, his true gospel and harming (usually physically in some way!) the people who are following his ways.

A careful study of all our information will show NOT ONE example of opposition to Jesus and his ways. **Only clear and obvious departures!** Jocelyn asks CTMI people to **stay pure**. We have only raised awareness because there is obvious evidence of teaching and behaviour that is far from pure. And we share this because we love truth, our family members and the communities that are threatened.

**Standing for truth in our church communities and exposing obvious error is NOT persecution. Rather it is what followers of Jesus are instructed to do:**

**Jude 1:3** - *I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to **contend earnestly** for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.*

**Ephesians 5:11** *Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead **expose them**.*

**Titus 1:9** *He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give **instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it**.*

**At the heart of all the awareness we have raised are Three fundamentals:**

1. **A false Gospel.** Check out every CTMI conference and sermon. The “gospel of the cross” is guaranteed a mention. Sounds great to all believers who love the true gospel where Christ’s work on the cross is the vital core. Unfortunately, *“the most dangerous lie is the one closest to the truth!”*

Instead of focus on the person and work of Christ, CTMI glorifies **US taking up OUR cross**. The gospel of the cross is actually “*self denial*” and “*dying to self*” It’s about **US!** This robs Jesus of the glory due to his name and finished work. (Revealed most clearly in Audrey Hardy’s statement in a TV interview “*When my heart is pure, why do I need the blood of Christ?*”)

Just like the Galatians were “bewitched” into adding **their own work of circumcision** to be fully accepted by God, CTMI, similarly, add our works to the gospel. Only, it’s not external circumcision but internal! They could be called the “*heart circumcision party*”!!

**Galatians 1:6-8** *I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel - not that there is another one, but there are **some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ**. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed.*

2. **Undermining God’s Family Unit.** Forbidding contact with loving parents and refusing to engage and answer respectful questions, violates the often-repeated biblical commands to “*Honour your Father and Mother*” and “*Love one another as Christ has loved you*” There are a wide variety of testimonies with common patterns regarding this despicable tactic, common to all cults.

Separation in the New Testament is only recommended in the final stages of church discipline for sexual immorality committed by someone claiming to be a believer!! The standard response from CTMI leaders and members is the callous and twisted out of context quote - “*Christ came to bring a sword in families*”

3. As if the above were not enough to justify raising awareness (that is **NOT** persecution), there are also the following **verified allegations**:
  - No closure in a case of repeated sexual abuse by an elder, acknowledged in a recording by Miki Hardy.
  - Verbal abuse and bullying of the victim’s son when he approached Miki Hardy. We have the recording and a witness – a pastor who was present with the son. French believers who translated the recording were horrified.

- A mountain of evidence of malpractice by CTMI and their network of NGO's by an award-winning journalist in Mauritius.
- Forbidding a devoted father speaking to his daughter alone in Mauritius. Organising a threat by police of arrest and *"you better leave the island"* to this parent.
- Instructing members to lie to customs officials upon arrival in Mauritius.
- Verified evidence of fraud and deceit in a land deal. The sellers, in a sworn affidavit, claimed their signatures were forged in order to submit documents at half the actual selling price to reduce transfer fees. At first, CTMI denied having anything to do with this land deal. Neighbours were deceived into believing a planned church would be a school. CTMI then admitted they planned a church. Then their lawyer later denied this in a public hearing?!
- Proven deceit in most of Miki Hardy's answers on Carte Blanche TV programme. (*We do not instruct visitors to lie. I am not the apostle of CTMI. We do not invite people to Mauritius. We do not criticize other churches. We do not discourage university study. We have nothing to do with all the hurt in so many families.. We do not influence government officials. We did not encourage sterilization of wives. We did not arrange the illegal removal of children from their family to Zimbabwe.*)
- Arranging marriages (at times without parental support or even knowledge) and breaking up marriages.
- Verified deceit regarding Miki Hardy broadcasting on Trans World Radio.
- Verified deceit in use of funds raised in San Diego church. (Members left after discovering money they donated *to missionaries in Africa* were used for the Trianon conference centre, now hired out for commercial gain)
- Verified deceit attracting folks to Mauritius for "Impact School of Ministry" which essentially did not exist.
- Regular, indiscriminate and generalised writing off of "the church today". (An active member of a thriving, bible believing evangelical church was recently told *"Your church is just mere religion and not of the heart. You should visit us"* by a CTMI member who knew absolutely nothing about that church!)
- Significant evidence of manipulative control and influence of unquestioning followers by leaders.
- Refusal of numerous appeals by families, pastors fraternal and reputable Christian leaders to meet to address all of the above the biblical way – open and honest discussion.

Any one or two of the above would be cause for great concern. Verified evidence of them ALL being entrenched patterns is **extremely serious**.

**This is why we continue to raise awareness with truth in love.**