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CFC Council of Elders or Pharisees?

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Yesterday I learned the CFC council of elders led by Dr Joe Yamamoto had expelled Tony Meloto from CFC.

EXPELLED Tony Meloto from CFC?!

What gives?!

Tony Meloto who has helped build up CFC, brought countless faithfuls to CFC, dedicated his life, committed his family, extended family and friends to CFC; a true pillar to CFC, the community and our country.

I am not a CFC member.

But I have learned about it, joined and participated in a few household meetings, spoke and shared at a CFC national assembly in Miami.

I have the utmost respect and appreciation for the organization.

I have also made several deep and meaningful friendships with many CFC leaders and members.

I remain an avid admirer of CFC as a Christian organization and its committed members.

While the split between CFC and GK was very sad, it was a purification process necessary for both CFC and GK.

When then CFC president, Joe Tale, a very good friend from college and glee club days, announced it was okay for CFC members to continue working with GK at the GK Boston Summit last year, everyone applauded with relief.

But the CFC "Inquisition" soon followed. In the last 15 months, CFC leaders and members were made to painfully choose between CFC and GK.

Those who chose GK were stripped of leadership positions. Gone was the brotherly CFC tradition of "one on one" when they were mentored when deemed falling short of their responsibilities.

They were simply replaced. Dismissed from their positions for working GK.(?!)

Sadly, many have very reluctantly left CFC.

Was this necessary ?

When GK donors requested their donations specifically given for GK through ANCOP, amounting to some 1.6 Million dollars to GK, CFC/ANCOP council of elders refused, even now.

CFC is a very well respected, veritable Christian organization. However, these decisions made by the CFC council of elders were forced on CFC members in “blind obedience”.

The CFC council of elder can list their reasons. But when their actions seriously hurt their leaders, their members, their partners, and particularly the poor; when it scornfully scald their cause, their very organization ; the catholic church, it’s mission and the poor:

Something is seriously wrong!

How unChristian of a Christian organization council!

Expel a national icon such as Tony Meloto from CFC? What gives the CFC council of elders this right?

How righteous can righteous be? How Pharisee can this be?

Smells of Pride and Envy!

The membership, not the council of elders, make an organization such as CFC.

Tony Meloto cannot be stripped of his lived CFC membership by the council of elders. He remains CFC in his heart, soul and action.

The CFC membership cannot remain in blind complicity with the council of elders’ folly. Jesus Christ as God is the perfect model of His Christian movement. The council is drawing lines in Christianity Jesus Himself has not.

Blind obedience to an unChristian council of elders is not Christian. A council of elders leading its membership to wrong should awaken to their misdeeds or be CHANGED by its members promptly.

Would have the membership of Jone’s congregation survived had they refused mass suicide in Ghana in blind obedience? Would have the Davidians?

Obedience is Virtue, a vow embraced by Religious orders. But blind obedience to obvious wrong can be temporally and spiritually fatal.

CFC is defined by it’s members, not an erring, misled council of elders.

The sooner CFC members wake to this reality, the better.

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