

In 1987 the Brethren brought a law suit against the author (Mr Ouweneel) and publishers of a book about the Brethren in The Hague, Netherlands.

Here is a copy of part of the testimony that the Brethren gave to the Court in 1988 under oath. It is noteworthy that Mr Ker admitted that his wife had been in bed with Mr Taylor, and that Mrs Ker admitted that she was naked at the time. This couple were and still are staunch supporters of Mr Taylor, so any incentive to distort the facts would tend to be in Mr Taylor's interest. (The testimony was written in Dutch and the following is a translation into English.

ALAN and MADELINE KER TESTIMONY

Robert Alan Cameron Ker

Age 52 years

Occupation: Chemist

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Declares/Promise/:

I have read the book, which was written by Mr. Ouweneel. I have read this in the English translation. I can declare to you that the impression which is given in this book of Mr. Taylor is totally unjust.

I got to know Mr. Taylor very well in the period from 1960 till his death.

My impression of Mr. Taylor was that he was an extremely integrity person. Mr. Taylor never drank too much. Mr. Taylor was always utmost correct and friendly towards everyone and was very cooperative. He has twice over stayed at my home and I have got to know him as a friendly honest, stately person. I have met him at least an hundred times. I have often been at his home in New York. I have been about 60 time in my life to America for business. I was there then as chemist for an oil company for which I work. I knew Mr. Taylor very well. He told me of his life and his business. He has never mentioned anything that pointed towards him being declared bankrupt and I'm positive that he has never been declared bankrupt. It is untrue that Mr. Taylor tried to be dominate over the Taylorism. He did not have the slightest wish to be dominating to anyone. His wish was to bring people to the Lord Jesus. In connection of which is mentioned on page 278 and which is underlined I declare that I found Mr. Taylor an extremely gentle person. His object was that the doctrine of Jesus was observed and therefore the rules who are known from the scripture had to be followed. That means that pupils had to follow in difficult regimen. In Luke 14 it states, "If any man come unto me and hate not his father and mother and wife and children and brethren and sisters, yea, and even his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple."

All followers were sorely afflicted if they wished to follow the doctrine. Some felt happy under the circumstances while others felt less happy. There was indeed in that time a lot of rebellion and uncertainty in Aberdeen. Taylor tried his best to bring these bad influences to the surface with the idea to attack them better in that way. It is total blasphemy that Mr. Taylor in this book is portrayed, as a licentious, alcoholic person. It is indeed true that the young man named on page 280 committed suicide. This young

man was very unstable. It was a young man who in all sorts of areas during his life caused problem. And it is unrighteous to put the blame of his consequence to the influence of Taylor. I have received this information of a brother in Portsmouth who has had intensive dealings in this matter. The happenings which are written on page 284 and following is concerning my wife are in wider aspect true. My wife has indeed been in bed with Taylor, but the door of the bedroom was partly open so that everyone could see what happened inside. I can guarantee that between Taylor and my wife nothing happened what could be called indecent. The problems developed when McCallum and Gardiner forced their way into the bedroom. Taylor had tried in a meeting in Aberdeen to bring out the evil that ruled in Aberdeen which had failed and therefore he tried to create a crisis to try as yet to bring to the fore ground this evil. With this in mind he asked and got permission to isolate himself with my wife. When McCallum after his entry in the bedroom saw in what situation Taylor was, he drew the wrong conclusion. McCallum accused Taylor of immoral behavior that gave Taylor the opportunity to accuse McCallum of being immoral himself. It was perhaps difficult for outsiders to understand what was happening. Also, I myself did not quite understand Mr. Taylor's intention. But after I realized what his real intentions were. I understood his action, the reason being to let the people live as the Lord Jesus would have them to live.

Mr. Taylor was a linen merchant. It is totally untrue and slanderous that Taylor wanted money from his followers. Taylor had only one object and that was to persuade the people to follow in the footsteps of the Lord Jesus Christ. Besides, Taylor had money of his own.

Read and signed by Alan Ker

Madeline Rosemary Davidson Ker

Wife of R.A.C. Ker

Age 48 years

No Occupation

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Declares/Promise/:

Mr. Taylor was a pure being. To us he represented the Lord Jesus. Taylor drank now and then but never much. Taylor didn't strive for power. He did have power in this sense that he desired to do what he wished we would do. I have perhaps 10 times met Taylor personally. Taylor did not try to get money of his followers. If those followers gave him money, it was only because they loved him. There were no collections taken. It is indeed true, in the sixty's that amongst the brethren there was unruly, licentious behavior and immorality present. You asked me if this was caused by the doctrine or not withstanding the doctrine took place. My answer is; that it was against the doctrine. You asked to give a clear answer to the question, and so to answer the question; if perhaps the doctrine was the cause, that I would not say. As concerning me isolating myself with Mr. Taylor in the bedroom, I can only declare that nothing improper has happened. It is only that I lay totally undressed under a sheet. Taylor wore his pajamas. I also found it strange indeed, but I did it because he asked. At that moment I did not fully understand what his intentions were. Now I know. I understand now, that he tried to draw others into an ambush and in this way the misunderstandings created by others put to the test. Taylor

was extremely pleasant, friendly man, delightful. The group to which I belong consider themselves as the true followers of Mr. Taylor. We tried to live as he would wish us to. There have been followers of Taylor who have separated themselves after the happenings at Aberdeen.

Read and signed by Madeline Ker