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Beeke Backtracking!!!



Dr. Joel Beeke at the launch of Refo500
in North America

Not for the first time Dr Joel Beeke has been found wanting when it comes to honesty!

Recently, Pastor Ralph Ovadal published an article on his site, "The Downward Spiral of Dr. Joel Beeke's Ministries Continues." Click **here** to read.

That article contains the following statement:

Dr. Joel Beeke and Refo500

Together again, or more accurately, the illicit affair continues.

"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." 2 Corinthians 7:1

"In the previously mentioned June of 2012 article, Rev. Foster and I documented—as it turned out, only began to document somewhat—Dr. Beeke's involvement in Refo500, an organization of new evangelicals; Roman Catholics; and full-blown apostate Protestants, including the Remonstrant Church which outright denies any number of essential Christian doctrines, ordains women as ministers, was a founding church of the World Council of Churches, and boasts, "The Remonstrants were the first church in the world to open marriage for same-sex couples. It did so as early as 1986."

At the time we published that first article, we did not realize that Dr. Beeke was actually in on the launch of Refo500 in this country! In the aforementioned subsequent article published six months later, dated January 3, 2013, I provided more information on Dr. Beeke's ongoing involvement in Refo500; and then on May 23, 2013, I aired an in-depth Heart of the Matter documentary on Refo500 titled "A Popish Octopus with a Very Long Reach." In the course of that documentary, Dr. Beeke's ongoing relationship with Refo500 is naturally included. Then in July of 2013, we published a full transcript of the "Popish Octopus" HOM program, complete with appropriate graphics. This, like all of our articles, had a wide circulation.

Close to six months later, in the fall of 2013, we heard that Dr. Beeke had finally left Refo500 and cut all ties with the organization. We had heard that more than once before from his defenders, including right after our first article was published in June of 2012. But this time, there seemed to be some hope that it was true, other than the fact that Dr. Beeke's book publishing company continued to market books by Refo500 leaders, including Dr. Beeke's friend, Refo500 director Dr. Herman Selderhuis, who is also the president of the Refo500 Reformation Research Consortium.

However, it was recently brought to our attention that Dr. Beeke has not even ceased speaking at Refo500 events, as evidenced by the fact that he is a featured speaker at a Refo500 conference in the Netherlands scheduled for August 31—September 2, 2016. This Refo500 event is being held at the Theological University Apeldoorn where Dr. Herman Selderhuis is Professor of Church History and Church Polity."

Why are hearts not troubled and consciences stirred?

What is stated here regarding Dr Beeke going back on his word does not seem to have bothered most of his supporters. Certainly here in Ulster, where the assurance that Dr Beeke had broken all ties with Refo500 as he had been unaware of its ecumenical links was first given to me by those who would claim to be Joel Beeke's friends, there has been no evidence of any concern amongst those who were prepared to publicly call us "liars" because we were prepared to expose the dishonest activities of Joel Beeke.

That is both sad and reprehensible! Why are men prepared to continue supporting a man and continuing to



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associate themselves with him when it is seen the man is dishonest?

Is there any greater stain that can become attached to the name and character of one who claims to be a minister of God's TRUTH?

The following three links show:

1. Dr Beeke advertises himself as a speaker at a REFO500 event. ([link](#))
2. Refo500 site advertises the same event. ([link](#))
3. A full announcement of the event is found on the webpage of the Theological University of Apeldoorn in the Netherlands. ([link](#))

Refo500 director, Dr. Herman Selderhuis is Professor of Church History and Church Polity there. He holds unscriptural and ecumenical views. He is on record as saying back in 2012:

"... Christianity as a way of life and a way of faith has a future and there are developments among young people. A perfect example is the young Catholic convention in Spain and the Pope attended the event there and hundreds of thousands of young people attended that Mass, and they were enthusiastic about it....
... now who will give us straight talk? Who tells us what way to go? There is a need for that and the Pope is preaching a clear message and young people are attracted to that."

Just what will it take?

Just what will it take for those who profess allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ and His gospel to come out against this man and disown his deceits?

Is it not pride that is at work, as it was amongst the supporters of Billy Graham a generation ago when his betrayal of God's truth was exposed?

Men would sooner persist in supporting Beeke rather than acknowledge that those who they wrongly and sinfully mis-called and criticised for revealing Joel Beeke's unethical behaviour, were in fact right.

No one is looking for apologies but the truth must be owned and confession made to the Lord for the refusal to examine the facts that were plainly and repeatedly presented and for the continued support given to this deceiver.

Ivan Foster.

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