

Gene Frost's and J. T. Smith's Human Institutions

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Which They Deny

Several years ago, brother Gene Frost obtained copies of the charters/Articles of Incorporation of several of the “orphan homes” among Churches of Christ. He reproduced them in an 8 ½ x 14 booklet and sold them to brethren. I bought a copy. The purpose of Gene's doing so was to show by the charters that the “orphan homes” were **human institutions** that provided a home for certain children. At the time institutional brethren would use the word “home” in **three** different ways and never indicate that they were changing the use of the word “home” in the sentence. Sometimes they used the word “home” to mean [1] the **people** or **parents** that had died or deserted the children. At other times they used the word “home” to mean [2] the **human institution** or **corporation** that provided a “home” for these children, with the word “home” meaning [3] the **house** or **shelter** in which the children lived. Most of the charters of these homes said something like this: “It is the purpose of this **corporation** to provide a **home** for desolate and dependent children...” The charters showed that there was a **corporation** with a **board of directors** that provided a place of shelter for these children. Thus, these were human institutions separate and apart from the church to which some churches just made a financial contribution and the human benevolent institution or corporation took care of the children.

While I was in Oklahoma City visiting family over the Christmas holidays (2008) I went over to the capital of Oklahoma to the office of the Secretary of State and obtained a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation for brother J. T. Smith's Gospel Truths, Inc. I also have before me a copy of the Articles of Incorporation from the Office of the Secretary of State from the Commonwealth of Kentucky for brother Gene Frost's Gospel Anchor Publishing Company, Inc. These two documents **prove** that Gene and J. T. have a **human institution** through which they oppose Guardian of Truth/Truth Magazine Lectureship! Yes, I know that both of them deny they have a human institution, but I have the proof that they do. Thus, they are inconsistent, besides not handling the truth very carefully. J. T. says, “I have insisted, but to no avail, that Gospel Truths Inc. is not a corporation or organization like Guardian of Truth, Inc. *Gospel Truths* is simply an extension of my work as an evangelist” (**They Have No Right**, page 203). In this quote, J. T. uses Gospel Truths in two different senses: [1] Gospel Truths, Inc. is the **corporation** and [2] *Gospel Truths* is the **paper** that is printed and published by Gospel Truths, Inc. J. T. says, “Gospel Truths, Inc. is not a corporation or organization like Guardian of Truth, Inc.” That is strange. In twelve pages of J. T.'s original and amended Articles of Incorporation, at least **sixty-one** times, it is called a “**Corporation.**” In the eight pages of Gene's original and amended Articles of Incorporation **thirty-one** times Gospel Anchor Publishing Co. Inc. is called a “**corporation.**” Does the Secretary of State

in both Oklahoma and Kentucky not know a corporation is when he/she sees one? All of Gene's and J. T.'s denials do not change the facts! This is the truth, brethren, and do not let J. T. or Gene deceive you into believing each does not have a human institution of which he is the President.

J. T. justifies the "corporation" by saying, "The incorporation was for the purpose of satisfying the government in order to receive a mailing permit" (*Gospel Truths*, April, 2007, page 17) which is strange in view of the fact that *Searching The Scriptures* and *Walking In Truth* were mailed for years and neither one was ever incorporated.

Gospel Anchor

Publishing Co., Inc.	Gospel Truths, Inc.	Guardian of Truth, Inc.
President Gene Frost	J. T. Smith	Mike Willis
Vice Pres. Fred Stacey	Joy Rivera	Andy Alexander
Sec. Bob Buchanon	Geneva Smith	Ron Halbrook
Treas. Martin Kennedy	Geneva Smith	Andy Alexander

What is the difference in these three human institutions? Each one of them has [1] a President, [2] a Vice-President, [3] a Secretary, and [4] a Treasurer. Just what is it that makes brethren Gene Frost and J. T. Smith so aggressively oppose to the Guardian of Truth Foundation which publishes *Truth Magazine* and sponsors the Truth Magazine Lectures? Good brethren can see that they are inconsistent in what they are doing. Gene, by his own admission in *Gospel Truths* for February, 2009, page 1, admits that for "twenty-seven years plus" he has been dealing with what he considers this issue. For "twenty-seven years plus" he has been stirring up the brethren, agitating a brotherhood over something he says is unscriptural **all the while he is doing exactly the same thing!** Of late, he has been joined by brethren J. T. Smith, Tim Haile, Don Martin, and others in opposition to Guardian of Truth having a lectureship. Even if there had never been a Truth Magazine Lectureship, Gene would be and has been for "twenty-seven years plus" opposed to Truth Magazine/Guardian of Truth Foundation and more recently to their lectureship! His opposition did not start with the Truth Magazine Lectures!

I think it is noteworthy that on the political scene there are those that oppose President Bush and Vice-President Cheney with the same personal intensity that Gene, J. T., and others oppose the Truth Magazine Lectures.

Every issue they raise in regard to the Guardian of Truth Foundation can be raised against **their** own human organizations. Where is the Scripture for their corporations? (1) If the Guardian of Truth Foundation denies the all sufficiency of the church, as they claim, then so does Gospel Truths, Inc. and Gospel Anchor Publishing Company, Inc. (2) If Guardian of Truth Foundation has taken over the work of the church, as they claim, so has Gospel Truths, Inc. and Gospel Anchor Publishing Company, Inc. (3) If Guardian of Truth Foundation is leading the church into apostasy, as they claim, then so is Gospel Truths, Inc. and Gospel Anchor Publishing Company, Inc. On the other hand, if these things are not so with Gospel Truths, Inc. and Gospel Anchor Publishing Company, Inc., then they are not so with Guardian of Truth Foundation. Any argument that J. T., Gene,

Tim, or Don have made, are making, or will make against Guardian of Truth Foundation can with equal force be made against Gospel Truths, Inc. and Gospel Anchor Publishing Company, Inc. Yet, brethren Don Martin and Tim Haile and others who oppose Truth Magazine Lectures have not said one word about the corporations of J. T. and Gene. Wonder why they have not? Tim has written a number of articles against the Truth Magazine Lectures. Why has he not written against Gene's Gospel Anchor Publishing Company, Inc.? Why has he not written against J. T.'s Gospel Truths, Inc.?

<p>Church Birchwood Church of Christ</p>	<p>What Is This? Anchor Pub. Co. Inc.</p>	<p>Individual Gene Frost</p>
<p>Is Not This Nebraska Avenue Church of Christ</p>	<p>Gospel Truths, Inc.</p>	<p>Is Not This J. T. Smith</p>

On the above chart are three columns. In the left column is the Birchwood Church of Christ in Louisville, Kentucky where brother Gene Frost preaches. It is not Gene Frost; he is just one of the members there. The Birchwood Church of Christ is not the Anchor Publishing Co. Inc. and has no connection with it. In the right column is brother Gene Frost, an individual. He is neither the Birchwood Church of Christ nor the Anchor Publishing Company, Inc. So what is Anchor Publishing Company, Inc.? It is neither an individual (Gene Frost) or a church (Birchwood Church of Christ). It is a **human corporation** (a collectivity of people, under common oversight and a treasury, but not the church) teaching the Bible, the very thing brother Frost says is the exclusive work of the church, as a collectivity of people.

In the lower part of the above chart, in the left column is the Nebraska Avenue Church of Christ where brother J. T. Smith preaches. It is not Gospel Truths, Inc. In the right hand column is brother J. T. Smith (an individual). He is not the Nebraska Avenue Church of Christ. He is just one of the members there. He is not Gospel Truths, Inc. So what is Gospel Truths, Inc? It is not a church (Nebraska Avenue Church of Christ) or an individual (J. T. Smith). It is a **human corporation** (a collectivity of people, under common oversight and a treasury, but not the church) teaching the Bible, the very thing brother Smith says is the exclusive work of the church, as a collectivity of people.

In the middle column on the above chart is Anchor Publishing Company, Inc and Gospel Truths, Inc. which are neither an individual or a church. They are human corporations or human institutions. Gene and J. T. can deny it all they want, but their articles of incorporation call them "**corporations.**"

Publishing Company Is Not The Paper

Anchor Pub. Co. Inc.	publishes	<i>Gospel Anchor</i>
Gospel Truths, Inc.	publishes	<i>Gospel Truths</i>
Guardian of Truth Foundation	publishes	<i>Truth Magazine</i>

In the same way that brother Frost and brother Smith argued that orphan homes were institutions that cared for orphans, so also are Anchor Publishing Co., Inc. publishing *Gospel Anchor* and Gospel Truths, Inc. publishing *Gospel Truths*. Brethren need to understand that the **publishing company** is **not** the **magazine** or the publications that they produce. *Gospel Truths* is the paper that is produced by Gospel Truths, Inc. *Truth Magazine* is the paper printed or published by Guardian of Truth Foundation. Likewise, *Gospel Anchor* is/was the paper produced by Anchor Publishing Company, Inc. Because there is a similarity in some instances between the name of the publishing company and the magazine they produce, some might conclude they are the same. They are not. The publishing company is one thing and the magazine produced by them is something completely different.

Article II of the Articles of Incorporation for Gene Frost’s Gospel Anchor Publishing Company, Inc. says, “The corporation is organized and shall be operated **exclusively** for **religious, charitable and educational purposes**” (emphasis mine, TGO). Is this religious corporation a rival of the church? Article III says this corporation is “to publish and disseminate **religious** literature and **religious** periodicals. . .” (emphasis mine, TGO). Gene has not a secular corporation but a **religious** corporation. And yet he has agitated good brethren for “twenty-seven years plus” over this issue, which is a long time before Truth Magazine Lectures were started. These lectures just gave him an opportunity to rejuvenate himself on this issue.

Article III of J. T. Smith’s Gospel Truths, Inc., says, “This **organization** is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes” (emphasis mine, TGO). J. T. has an “organization” that educates people, but not in law, agriculture, or economics. His is religious education. Does this organization rival the church when it teaches the gospel?

Each of these corporations is controlled or operated by a Board of Directors.

Gospel Truths, Inc.

President - J. T. Smith
Vice President - Joy Rivera
Sec. - Treas. - Geneva B. Smith
Gospel Truths, Oct. 2008, page 19

Gospel Anchor Publishing Company, Inc.

President - Gene Frost
Vice President - Fred Stacy
Sec. - Robert Buchanon
Treas. - Martin Kennedy

Art. 8 of Articles of Incorporation

Guardian of Truth Foundation

President -Mike Willis
Chairman - Dickey Cooper
Vice President - Andy Alexander
Sec. - Ron Halbrook
Treas. - Andy Alexander

Connie W. Adams, Andy Alexander, Dickey Cooper, Steve Curtis,
Ron Halbrook, Dan King, Fred Pollock, Tom Roberts,
David Shadburne, Mike Willis, Steve Wolfgang

Now, what is the difference in these corporations? One has three directors, one has four and the other one has eleven. Is the number on the board what makes two scriptural and the other one unscriptural in the eyes of J. T. and Gene?

Florida College

Written (Lectures, Books)
Oral (Lectures, Classes)

Gospel Anchor

Publishing Company, Inc.

Written (Paper, Gospel Anchor)

Gospel Truths, Inc.

Written (Paper, Gospel Truths)

Guardian of Truth

Foundation

Written (Truth Magazine, Books)
Oral (T. M. Lectures)

What Makes Some Scriptural and Others Not?

Consulting the above chart, one sees Florida College provides instruction in the word of God via [1] the written word with their lectureship and others books and materials they publish, and [2] in oral presentations via their lectures each year and in their classroom instruction during the regular school year.

Gospel Anchor Publishing Company, Inc. provides instruction in the word of God via the written word in their *Gospel Anchor* magazine.

Gospel Truths, Inc. provides instruction in the word of God via the written word in the *Gospel Truths* magazine.

Guardian of Truth Foundation/Truth Magazine provides instruction in the word of God via [1] the written word in their *Truth Magazine* and in the books, tracts and other material they publish, and via [2] the oral lectures that they present in the Truth Magazine Lectureship each year.

What makes two of these above organizations scriptural in the eyes of the opposition and two of them unscriptural? Is it the fact that they are doing **oral** teaching that makes them wrong, sinful, and unscriptural? What is the difference in oral teaching and written teaching? Both are teaching. Are these brethren like the brethren that oppose written literature? It is scriptural to speak the truth in a sermon or class, but sinful if the same sermon is committed to the printed page and studied in a class? **And, if they believe that Florida College is guilty of the same "sin" as the Guardian of Truth Foundation when it conducts a lecture program, why have they ignored it and never attacked it as an organization involved in sinful activity?**

I realize that I have been very plain in what I have had to say and I make no apology for that. I want my reader to understand the issue at hand and what I am saying. But I do not want my readers to think that I have unkind personal feelings toward these brethren with whom I disagree, for I do not. Those of them whom I have personally known I have considered friends over a number of years. I have worked with them in Gospel Meetings either where I preached or where they preached. I have eaten at their tables and slept in their beds. Others I have never met but think of them as friends I have not yet met.

In exposing error I am not going to be vindictive toward the one that I oppose. [1] Brother William (Bill) E. Robinson, Sr. wrote me some time back saying, "When you disagree with a brother, you do not leave the impression that you despise him. But my impression is that you **love** him and want to help him see the truth. Brother O'Neal, please do not lose that touch. It is to be greatly admired." [2] Brother Louis J. Sharp said in regard to my dealing with "Divorce and Remarriage; The Deity of Christ; Review of Homer Hailey's Book, etc." that "even in review of error, you have been considerate and kind, yet, unyielding. Keep up the good journalism!" [3] Brother Steve Dewhirst wrote, "I'd like to commend the latest issue of **Walking In Truth**. Not only do I appreciate your analysis of Charles Holt's teaching, I particularly appreciate your fair and gentle spirit. Without question, I believe brethren must attack error; but using sarcasm and personal insults never serves the cause of Truth. . . . I'm grateful for your willingness to expose error **without** doing a hatchet-job on Holt. Keep up the good work!" I hope that as I deal with this matter that brethren see what these three gospel preachers saw a few years ago.

Some Progress Made

Brother Frost said that Bill Cavender was a “Board member” of the Guardian of Truth Foundation (**We Have A Right Answered**, page 43). However, he was mistaken in this and comes back in **They Have No Right** (pages 110-111), and corrected this and says, “I apologize...and again, I apologize.” Apology accepted.

Frost Wrong

James R. Cope]

Roy E. Cogdill]

Connie W. Adams]

Larry Ray Hafley] (

Donald P. Ames]

Bill Cavender]

“Some of these men are presently on the board of the G. O. T. Foundation”

We Have A Right Answered, page 40)

**Only Adams & Cogdill Have Even Been on the
Guardian of Truth Foundation Board
Presently (2009) Only Adams Is**

In my article entitled “If I Were Going To Oppose The Truth Magazine Lectureship” which was printed in the revised edition of **We Have A Right** by brethren Daniel H. King, Sr. and Mike Willis (pages 363-384), I pointed out the error Gene makes in this. Yet, he does not correct this in **They Have No Right**. Two things stand out: [1] it shows the lack of good research on Gene’s part, and [2] if things that we can check or know about are in error, what about matters of which we do not know or do not know to check about? Are they in error too?

In **They Have No Right** which Gene published this year (2009) he proposes to answer what brethren have said to what he and others have written. He even has other brethren writing chapters for his book. In my article, “If I Were Going To Oppose The Truth Magazine Lectureship,” I deal with issues that neither Gene or any of his writers in the book deal with and I think I know the reason why.

False Charge Number 1

Doing The Work Of The Church

**“There is no authority for any other organization
doing the work of the church.”**

(J. T. Smith, *Gospel Truths*, Sept.. 2006, page 4).

Universal Church

No Work

Local Church

**Which local church has Truth Magazine
taken over her work? SPECIFY**

Among those brethren who oppose the Truth Magazine Lectures, they say that

there is no authority for a human institution to take over the work of the church. If they do not use those exact, specific words, they use words that for all practical purposes mean exactly the same thing. Now, it may come as a surprise to them, but I agree with them and so does every other preacher and brother I know. **I do not know of any preacher among us who believes some human institution has the right to take over the work of the church.** What Gene, J. T., and others have done is **assumed** without any proof that somebody believes that and that Truth Magazine Lectureship has actually taken over the work of church. They evidently think that, if they will repeat that enough times, some will think that is true. In the above mentioned article, I called upon them to prove this, but they continue to circulate this, but without any proof. It is easy to keep repeating this, but it is another thing to prove it. They have ignored this. They need to prove it. **Who** said this? **When** was it said? **Where** was it said? Let Gene, J. T., Tim, Don produce the proof that someone has said there is authority for some human organization to take over and do the work of the church.

False Charge Number 2

Guardian Of Truth Claim (?)

“The Guardian of Truth Foundation claims ‘We Have A Right’...to create and maintain a human organization, which usurps the role of churches of Christ, in disseminating the Gospel of Christ and conducting public worship.”

(Gospel Truths, Nov. 2006, page 12; Preceptor, Dec. 2006, page 28; Preceptor, Jan. 2007, back page)

Proof: Who? Where? When?

It is one thing to make the charge and another thing to prove it. In the above mentioned article that I wrote, I called upon these brethren for the proof of this charge. Notice that these words were set in quotation marks which means they are quoting from someone. Who I do not know. Who wrote this I do not know. If I were going to guess, I would say Gene Frost. That is only a guess; I am not so charging him. I would guess this since this is in the advertisement for **his** book. The charge is made that Guardian of Truth Foundation thinks they have the right to usurp the role of churches of Christ. **Who** ever said such? **When** did they say this? **Where** did they say this? Until whoever is responsible for the advertisement in which this is said produces the proof, it is a false charge and the one responsible should be ashamed for falsely charging his brethren. The publishers of both of the above journals in which this advertisement appears also bear some responsibility for circulating this false charge.

False Charge Number 3

Don Martin wrote & J. T. Smith published

“One family that attended the ‘Third Annual Guardian of Truth Foundation Lectures’ told me: ‘Brother Martin, the Foundation is doing a wonderful job in preaching the gospel. In fact, they are able to do what local churches cannot do...’” (Gospel Truth, Nov. 2006, page 19).

Proof: Who? When? Where?

Observe the above quotation was placed in quotations marks by brother Martin. This means he is directly quoting from someone. Who he does not tell us. In my article “If I Were Going To Oppose The Truth Magazine Lectureship” which was written well over two years ago, I called upon brother Martin to produce the proof where this was said. **Who** said it? **When** was it said? **Where** was it said? Two years later brother Martin still has not given the proof, yet, he still writes against the Truth Magazine Lectures. What brother Martin and Smith need to do is either produce the proof of **who** said this, **when** it was said, and **where** it was said or withdraw the charge! Which will they do? Until they do, they have lost any credibility they might have with honest brethren.

Brother J. T. Smith published the above material from brother Martin. I not only called upon brother Martin to produce the proof concerning the above statement, but I call upon brother Smith to produce the proof. I call upon brother Smith to call upon brother Martin to produce the proof. If he does not, brethren will know that brother Smith will publish in *Gospel Truths* that which is not the truth. Both brethren Martin and Smith have their reputation on the line. Brother H. E. Phillips constantly cautioned me, and I would think the other writers for *Searching The Scriptures*, which would included brother J. T. Smith, to be prepared to completely document any thing said or any quotation used. I am calling upon both brother Smith and brother Martin to do just that.

Brother Smith says that brother Gene Frost asked him “to reply to brother O’Neal’s article” (**They Have No Right**, page 200). J. T. has yet to “reply” to my article, “If I Were Going To Oppose The Truth Magazine Lectureship.” He has written two articles about it, one in the above mentioned book (pages 200 – 207) and his other article is in *Gospel Truths* (April, 2007, page 17). But he does not deal with the proof of these quotations that I have called for. He and everybody else that has written on this subject have ignored them. I do not believe they can produce the proof. Until the proof is produced, I personally believe that they have been fabricated! Even if they could produce the proof, nobody associated with Truth Magazine believes them.

False Charge Number 4

Don Martin wrote & J. T. Smith published

“In closing, I view those more honest who say, ‘We are not satisfied with just being members of a local church and therein collectively preaching the gospel, we demand the right to have our

own societies, foundations, and orders in which to preach the gospel. After all, we think that we with our president, board members and own treasury can do a better job than the local church with its oversight and treasury!” (Gospel Truths, Nov. 2006, page 19).

“Some foundation promoters have even told me, “Don, we believe our foundation can do a better job of preaching the gospel than local churches are doing!” (Gospel Truths, March, 2007, page 9).

Proof: Who? When? Where?

My reader should observe that brother Martin in both of the above quotations represents himself as personally being in conversation with the person or persons making these statements. Therefore, it should not be difficult for him to recall exactly who made these statements to him. What he needs to do is document who made these statements. **Who** made them, brother Martin? **When** were they made? **Where** were they made? With this information, the reader can then contact the party who made the statements and verify for themselves that these statements were actually made. Or were these statements also fabricated?

Again, brother J. T. Smith published these statements. Did he publish that which is not the truth? Do you begin to get the reason brother Smith wrote articles **about** my article and not articles **in reply** to my article? I have documented what I have had to say in this article. Now let brethren Smith and Martin document what they have said. Let them answer what I have said, if they can, not just write another article.

False Charge Number 5

Mike Hughes Wrote & J. T. Smith Published
“Then the argument that really floored me was, ‘The foundation could preach the gospel better than the church could’.” (Gospel Truths, Dec., 2006, page 11)

Proof: Who? When? Where?

I call upon both brethren Hughes and Smith to document this charge. Who said it or who made this argument? When was it made? Where was it made? It is one thing to make a wild charge or make it appear as if someone actually made such an argument and it is another thing to prove that such a charge was actually made. If brother Hughes actually heard such a charge made, surely he would not have great difficulty remembering **who** made it, **when** it was made, and **where** it was made? Let him document this for us. Brother Smith bears some responsibility in publishing this charge. I

call upon him to assist brother Hughes in documenting this charge.

*Over two years ago I called for the documentation of the above **five** charges and so far as I know, no body has even made any effort to document them.* Wonder why? Until they do, the reputations of brethren Don Martin, J. T. Smith, Mike Hughes and *Gospel Truths* hangs in the balance! What I have said, I have documented who said it, when they said it, and where they said it. Now, let them do the same. They should listen to brother Tim Haile when he said, **“It is dishonest to ascribe a statement to a man with absolutely no proof that he ever made it”** ([http://bible banner.com /articles/ mdr/gwinev_intro.htm](http://biblebanner.com/articles/mdr/gwinev_intro.htm)). On that statement, I agree with Tim.

However, if it could be proven that someone actually made the above charges, which I doubt, they would be wrong. They could not successfully defend these charges. If I knew who they were, I would be more than glad to try and show them the error of their way.

In *The Preceptor* of May, 2009, page 10 an effort is made to convince the reader that Gene and others have answered what has been said about their efforts to oppose the Truth Magazine Lectures. It is said, “Reaction from the foundation advocates resulted in *We Have A Right (Revised)*, in which again the principal arguments are ignored and the reader is now treated to quibble after quibble. Having answered everything else, and unwilling to allow even quibbles to go unchallenged, we now respond in our most recent book, *They Have No Right.*” If Gene is the author of this *Preceptor* article, he knows neither he nor any other of his authors have made any attempt to answer the above five false charges that I have pointed out, to say nothing of their having actually answered them. They have chosen to ignore them completely. Until they document them, it appears that they have been fabricated or made up out of thin air, thus, making a “straw man” that they can then destroy. The hobby horse continues to be ridden by them.

They Have No Right

They Have No Right is the latest book Gene and others have put out. What I have to say here is not intended to be a review of it. If others want to have something to say about it, they will do a better job than I would. All I plan to say is in response to some of what is said in the book about what I have written.

[1] Brother Smith answers the questions I posed in my article, “If I Were Going To Oppose The Truth Magazine Lectures,” by saying “No” to questions # 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, and “Yes” to numbers # 7, 8, and 9. These were not questions to be answered in a public forum but were rather asked to get some brethren to do some soul searching as to the real reason or reasons they were opposing the Truth Lectureship. (My readers can see these questions on pages 366-367 of *We Have A Right (Revised Edition)*).

My question # 11 was “Tom, is the reason you oppose the *Truth Magazine* lectures because you have a different judgment about some matter from those responsible for them? Are you going to oppose them, withdraw from those that favor them, and

divide brethren over that which you admit is just a matter of judgment?” That question involves [1] different judgment, [2] opposing them, [3] withdraw from those favoring them, and [4] dividing brethren. J. T. does not answer these, but says, “...this is not just a matter of judgment. It is a matter of one usurping the work of the organization that God has arranged for the preaching and teaching of the gospel” (*They Have No Right*, page 202). Which way is it? J. T. says, “It is a matter of one usurping the work of the church that God has arranged...” and Gene says that the work of any church has not been usurped, that it is only an ideological concept. Gene does not believe that the work of any church has been usurped by any organization, including Guardian of Truth, but only that **it could be** usurped (see *We Have A Right Answered*, page 41; *We Have A Right*, pages 376-377). Brethren, which way is it; it can't be both ways? After Gene has said that it is an ideological concept, which means that in reality it does not actually exist, that the work of the church has been usurped, J. T. says “it is a matter of one usurping the work of the organization that God has arranged for the preaching and teaching of the gospel.” I will let them debate it among themselves and then they can tell us.

Brother Smith tells us “I do not look at the college [Florida, TGO] in the same way I look at the Guardian of Truth organization” (page 203). That is part of their problem. When they look at something, their perception of it becomes reality with them, whether that is the way it really is or not. It doesn't make any difference how he looks at Florida College, it is exactly like Guardian of Truth Foundation in structure. Yes, there are differences, but these differences are not what makes one scriptural and one unscriptural. One is a Kentucky corporation and one is a Florida corporation; one has students and one does not; one teaches the sciences and the other does not; one has a gym and the other does not, and one has a sports program and the other does not. Both are human organizations teaching the word of God. If one is accepted, the other should be. If one is rejected, both should be rejected. “They stand or fall together.”

Brother Smith writes several pages attempting to answer what I have written and this is his second effort to do so. However, in his first effort he did not deal with what I had written. In this second effort, he still does not. He still had not answered the five false charges that I have listed in the first part of this article. If he should write yet another article, he still would not answer what I have written.

2. Brother Bob Dickey in this book tries to reply to me. He says that Tom O'Neal “publicly made an attack on the Brown Street church” (page 223 and also 225) as well as “against me” (page 219 and page 229) and has a “divisive spirit” (page 226).

Brother Dickey in a January 29, 2006 sermon at the Brown Street Church in Akron, Ohio represented brother Roy E. Cogdill as appealing to Churches of Christ in general to send money to the Akin Foundation of Texas. The details that brother Dickey gave evidenced that he was completely uninformed about the matter at hand. I neither made a personal attack on him or the Brown Street Church. It is strange that when someone tries to correct faulty information, they are accused of making a personal attack on someone or on some church. What I had to say about brother Cogdill and the Akin Foundation, my reader can examine for themselves in *We Have A Right* (Revised Edition)

pages 369-376. Instead of just admitting he was ill informed and therefore wrong about the Akin Foundation and what brother Cogdill tried to do for it, brother Dickey comes up with the claim of a personal attack has been made on him and the Brown Street Church. Nothing could be further from the truth.

First, brother Cogdill did not make an appeal to Churches of Christ in general for funds to be sent to the Akin Foundation. The truth was that no funds were to go to the Akin Foundation. Whether brother Dickey got his facts mixed up and was completely misinformed, I do not know. I do know that what he represented as the facts was wrong. What brother Cogdill said was, "What do you think and what will you do about it? Those of you who through the years have been supported by and have participated in its help, what will you do to help preserve it -- both churches and individuals are urged to respond."

Please observe that brother Cogdill appealed to those individuals and churches that "through the years have been supported by and have participated in its help." Right or wrong and whether you agree with what brother Cogdill said is not the issue here. The issue is what did he actually say, not what someone wished that he had said, could have said, or should have said.

Another thing that brother Dickey failed to notice in what brother Cogdill said was that any money raised was to go to brother Cogdill for him to pay an attorney to represent the interest of conservative brethren in this matter. No money was to go to the Akin Foundation because it did not need any money. The Akin Foundation was part of the money of brother John W. Akin that he put into a "fund." It **gave** money; it did not **receive** money.

However, after my going into the detail that I did explain the operation of the Akin Foundation, brother Dickey does not correct his error or apologize for it. Neither have the elders at Brown Street made any effort to correct the error that was presented by brother Dickey to the congregation. How sad.

If Gene and others want to continue to be the spiritual "energizer bunny" they can have at it. I am willing for them to write the last word. There has been sufficient written if someone really wants to learn what all is involved in this question. Unless something else of significance is produced, I doubt there is much profit from reading anything else Gene and his companions on this subject will have to say. After twenty-seven years plus of writing on this subject, what else can Gene say? [April 17, 2009]