

"The Scripture Cannot Be Broken." - John 10:35

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To: Whom it May Concern:

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For the past 43 years of studying, teaching, and writing on orthodox Christian doctrine, it has been my opportunity to review numerous cultic, unorthodox, and aberrant teachings that claim to be Christian. During the past fifteen years or so, the teachings of the Witness Lee and the Local Church have come to my attention.

Having looked carefully at the many statements they have made concerning the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, I have noticed repeated statements that cannot be called orthodox in any biblical, historical, or creedal sense of the term. Indeed, they fall into the category of Modalism, a heresy condemned by the orthodox Christian Church.

Since the terms "cult" and "cultic" are often used to describe a group that claims to be Christian but denies one or more of the fundamental historic Christian doctrines (like the Trinity), in my opinion these terms would appropriately apply to these unorthodox statements of Witness Lee and the Local Church. This is true, despite some inconsistent statements made by them on this topic which have a more orthodox sound. Unless these clear and emphatic modalistic statements are repudiated, they have no rightful claim to historic Christian orthodoxy.

Sincerely in Christ,

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