

Letter 477
I Did Not Swear
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Dear Dan,

In July of 1995, while I was still an employee for a bio-tech company named (G8) (see Letters 13 and 14 Volume 1), I was hit by another vehicle while I was riding on my motorcycle.

After the “dust began to settle” in the first few days, my boss at work called my wife and said that the corporate attorney for (G8), (P18), knew a friend and fellow attorney, (P19), that worked at a law firm in Seattle and specialized in personal injury cases. After (M) spoke with (P18) and (P19), he came to see me in my room at The Branch Villa nursing home in Seattle, where I was a guest for two and a half weeks after leaving Harborview.

We talked as much as I could, considering I was still high on pain medication and spiritual trauma, but (M) and I decided at that point to go with him as our legal representation.

He had access to a private investigation firm, who he put right to work on discovery research and accident re-creation, etc. He was very thorough and professional. It was (P19) who I later called to get help when Satan was trying to take my audio away from me at work (see Letters 57 and 58 Volume 1).

After I was healed enough to leave the house on my own, one of the things I had to do was to give a deposition, in preparation for the lawsuit against (G31) and (P20), who was driving the Jeep Cherokee that hit me. The Jeep was owned by (G32), which had no culpability.

Because a deposition is a formal courtroom proceeding, even if not held in an actual courthouse, I pretty much knew that I would be required to raise my right hand and swear to tell the truth.

But I also knew the Scripture where it says:

*“But I say to you, **do not swear at all**: neither by heaven, for it is God’s throne; nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Nor shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black. But let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No,’ ‘No.’*

For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.

Matthew 5:34-37

AND

*“But above all, my brethren, **do not swear**,
 either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath.*

*But let your "Yes" be "Yes," and your "No," "No,"
lest you fall into judgment.
James 5:12*

So, in the time leading up to the day of the deposition I was wondering how I was going to answer the question "do you swear to tell the truth ..."?

I don't remember exactly when the Holy Spirit gave me the solution, but I remember saying one word out loud that changed the meaning of my entire response.

When the court stenographer asked me to raise my right hand and swear to tell the truth, I actually found another answer. Here is the question and my answer.

STENOGRAPHER: "Do you ___(insert name)___ solemnly swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God"?

I did NOT say "I do"; as in "I do swear to tell the truth."

Here is what I did say:

ME: "I will..."; as in "**I will tell the truth.**"

I spoke the two words "I WILL" out loud, while silently saying the rest of the sentence to the Lord in prayer. By changing this one word verbally and making further appeal to Heaven from me own Heart, I was able to say that I would tell the truth, and avoid agreeing to swear. My unique response garnered no opposition from anyone in the room, so I was able to give the rest of my entire deposition without any further complication.

But I did not swear. Satan's resources were also there to see if I was going to open up that door to hell. But they were plum out of luck. That's probably why, when we settled out of court, the other side just caved in to our negotiations, all the way up to (redacted)*. I remember when the representative from (G31) came back into our room to make the final offer, after we accepted and they left the room, (P19) let out a long whistle of amazement, and (P18), the corporate attorney who had become part of our team from the beginning, burst out in a shout of joy.

Apparently, they were as surprised as we were at the offer. But I could also tell that the Holy Spirit was encouraging (G32) and its team as only He can to come up to the dollar amount that He desired.

*In the out of court settlement, I agreed not to divulge any details of the compensation agreement.

Blessings...

R. C. Theophilus