

**What is Anger? (3-9 to 11-01)**  
*by Scott Hoefker (Milton, Wisconsin)*

**3-9-2001**

Hello Laura,

I received yet another packet in the mail this early am. Please save yourself the postage and do not send me "your" material anymore. (I do not remember requesting it... similar to many others who did not ask for your info.) (Man's Name Removed) in (Town Name Removed), (one of our members) recently on a visit also asked me to convey the same request regarding the packets/letters you are sending him...

Laura, I have known you for many years... please ask yourself the candid question... what exactly is it that makes me so angry towards **The United Church of God IA**, its Ministry and leaders? Reading your material, it jumps out clearly to me. I have partially read your material, repetitive as it is... and will pray for you and Darwin.

Some things never seem to change...

Regards,  
Scott Hoefker (Via E-mail)  
Milton, Wisconsin

**Answered on March 10, 2001**

Dear Scott,

In regard to (Man's Name Removed), I actually do not even know (Man's First Name Removed), and until I received this letter from you, I had absolutely no idea he was a member of the **United Church of God AIA**. On January 29, 2001, I received the following from (Man's First Name Removed):

Greetings: Darwin & Laura,

I received your informational letter yesterday, but you are so far away. I have no need for any more information, so please take me off your mailing list.

Thanks!  
Best Regards  
(Man's Name Removed)

We took (Man's Name Removed) off of our mailing list the very same day that he requested to be taken off. Was I required to send him confirmation that his name was removed?

You state that you have partially read our material, and unless someone else gave you our **111 page document**, then we know that you didn't read that either, for we never mailed that to you, and that disappoints me Scott. I would think that you being a deacon and all, that you would know what your Bible says. Read this:

Proverbs 18:13

#1--King James--He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him.

#2--New International--He who answers before listening--that is his folly and his shame.

#3--Living Bible--What a shame--yes, how stupid!--to decide before knowing the facts!

#4--New Revised Standard--If one gives answer before hearing, it is folly and shame.

Quite frankly Scott, you and I have never discussed anything in regard to any of what happened between August of 1998 up until we were disfellowshipped. This E-mail is the first correspondence I have received from you since I moved from Wisconsin in April of 1999 and actually even before that I never received phone calls of friendship from either you or your wife, even when I only lived 16 miles away from you. You state that you've known me for many years. A truer version of that, would be that you knew I existed for many years, and you knew my name, and we had a few conversations, and I even came to you a couple of times and asked you a question or two, because you were a deacon. Many of the conversations that we had though, would never have been, had I not mowed your lawn for you for 2 years. The relationship which I shared with you and your family, was pretty much the same as many church members in a congregation have--very superficial. I never got a feeling from you that I was like a family member to you or your wife.

We did not get any warnings from Paul Luecke before he suspended me (Laura), I only ever had 3 conversations

with the man before I received a suspension letter from him, and none of those conversations had anything to do with telling me I was going to be suspended. We tried to get a meeting right away, it took 4 months. We were told that we could have a second meeting, and they kept refusing to set it up, because we wanted witnesses there, and they did not. In my opinion Scott, the ministry seems to be the ones who are angry, because if they truly wanted reconciliation with us, then they wouldn't have had a problem setting up meetings with us according to Matthew 18:15-17. We wanted to straighten the matter out with them but one cannot do that if one is not allowed the time to do so.

Have you ever gotten mad at a person, and then went around for a period of time not speaking to that person, because you were...what??? angry at them. Not talking to people, shunning people, marking people, those are all actions which are carried out through anger directed at the other person. One does not do those actions out of anything other than anger towards another.

If on the other hand, you feel bad, because you may have offended someone, your goal would be to talk to that other person and try to make that relationship work on some level, even if you decided that you do not agree on all matters, you might through talking at least be able to find common ground.

You have children Scott, which method do you use on your children when they make you angry?? Since I have a daughter of my own, and understand that concept, it is my opinion, that you, as I would, try to talk to your children and try to mend the break in the relationship which happened. If I am wrong, and you would use the shunning method on your children for long periods of time, then I sincerely feel sorry for your children.

My question to you, would be, what makes you think that I am angry at the **United Church of God AIA**, its Ministry and leaders? I am not shunning them, I am not refusing to speak to them, in fact I would welcome the opportunity to reconcile with all of them according to Matthew 18:15-17, as God tells us to do. They, as you and your family, are all welcome in my home. Ask yourself, am I welcome in yours?

Most of the material in my last newsletter was not even written by me, I just typed it and sent it. Both articles written by Arlan Weight, were Biblical, and if you can find where these **articles** go against scripture, then please show it to me, and I will print it. The **letter** which Norm Edwards went over, was written by my husband, and was a mix of facts and opinion. Norm Edwards wrote what he did based upon reading not only our **111 page document**, but other things also. Neither Darwin or I personally really know or have ever personally met Norm Edwards. The other article was an actual **letter of Appeal** written by Ned Dancuo in Canada. I have never met Ned. I only know him through E-mail. In my opinion, the actions of the leaders in many corporation churches are disgusting, and perhaps we need to look closer at these actions, because they in some cases, and probably more than we know, are discouraging people from having a relationship with God. God wants to build a family, not destroy a family.

We also receive much un asked for mail, every week, so I feel for you in that regard, however, our mailing list is actually none of your business, however, I will tell you, many ministers in your **organization** are on our mailing list and receive our **newsletter**. Now, I believe that we are talking about adults here, and all people on our mailing list including yourself were told right up front on the invitations that were mailed in Nov, Dec, and Jan, that if they did not want to receive this information from us that all they had to do was let us know, and we would be glad to take them off of our mailing list. We assume that as long as people do not request to be taken off of our mailing list that they want to continue to receive our **newsletter**. So if you wish to control our mailing list, you will have to do it from your end, because you have no authority here.

If people are telling you that they do not want to receive our **newsletter**, just tell them to drop us a note stating that they no longer want to be on our mailing list, as (Man's Name Removed) did. Snail mail is best. Another way to do it, is instead of opening the letter and looking at it, just write refused on it, and the post office will see that we get it back. When we get refused mail we assume automatically that you do not want anything from us, and we automatically take you off of our mailing list. If they use the telephone method, they may well not get good results in having their name removed from our mailing list, as we have a digital answering system, which requires a person to leave a message before the beep tone, rather than after the beep tone, as many have been trained to do for years. E-mail is also an option for letting us know that you want your name removed from our mailing list. Here's one more thing to keep in mind, if they write me a letter as you did, I will respond with a letter as I did with you. As per your E-mail request, your name has been removed from our mailing list.

Scott, I still consider both you and Gayle and your children to be a part of God's family, just like I and Darwin are part of God's family. With that in mind, as I said earlier, you and your entire family are always welcome in our home, should you ever be in the Bismarck, North Dakota area. We thank you for your prayers, and we will also pray for you and your family.

With Much Love,  
Darwin & Laura Lee (Via E-mail)

**3-10-2001**

"We took (Man's Name Removed) off of our mailing list the very same day that he requested to be taken off. Was I required to send him confirmation that his name was removed?"

Of course no confirmation needed, just following up on his request. Thanks for doing so. I will let him know he has been removed. No further comments on your letter Laura...

Scott Hoefker (Via E-mail)  
Milton, Wisconsin

**Editor's Note:** The ... was the way Scott ended the above letter. There was no more to it.

**Answered on March 11, 2001**

Scott,

Ok, and remember you and your family are always welcome in our home.

With Much Love,  
Darwin & Laura Lee (Via E-mail)