**William F Dankenbring – a Note**

The following was recently written about William F Dankenbring

“He remained a member of the WCG, but he founded Triumph Publishing and started writing independently, commercially marketing his books during the WCG’s Feast of Tabernacles. Many expressed astonishment that Mr. Dankenbring was not prevented from doing this, especially because his material was not entirely in harmony with the WCG’s teachings. His Triumph Publishing grew until 1980, when he published an article that proposed a new explanation of the 2,300-days prophecy of Daniel. As a result, the WCG disfellowshipped him. He then established Triumph and published a monthly magazine, Prophecy Flash, since that time.”

However, in the “Questions and Answers,” *Pastor-General’s Report*, 23 April 1982, vol 4 no 17 (pages 1-2) we have the following statement about him:

QUESTION: Several ministers have asked about Mr. William Dankenbring's advertisements for his books which have been distributed to members through mailings, at Feast sites, etc. Are the books endorsed by the Church? Does the Church approve of them or recommend them? Is Mr. Dankenbring still a member of the Church?

ANSWER: Mr. Dankenbring is classified as a member of God's Church. But that does not imply that his privately-sold writings have the approval or endorsement of the Church.

Human nature seems to want to use God, or God's Church, for personal gain or profit. The moneychangers used God's temple as a place of business to sell at a profit to God's people. In blazing anger, Jesus drove them out. Jesus said, "Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise" (John 2:16). We, the members, are God's house, builded into a HOLY

In I1 Peter 2:3 God warns, "And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you." Yes, SELLING FOR PROFIT their words in writing to the members of God's Church.

Perhaps the selling of doves and things for sacrifice was not in itself wrong, but exploiting God's HOUSE as a place or means of selling to God's people was.

The membership of God's Church has been exploited for private gain a number of times by those no longer members.

God has commissioned HIS CHURCH--not private members on their own--to feed the flock. The Church publishes much literature-- magazines, booklets, books, reprint articles besides the personal ministry, to feed the flock--AND WE DO NOT CHARGE A PRICE OR MAKE MERCHANDISE OF OUR MEMBERS IN SO FREELY GIVING GOD'S TRUTH! TEMPLE (Eph. 2:20-21).

Although Mr. Dankenbring is a graduate of Ambassador College and has studied under Mr. Armstrong and our ministers, he has stated in writing, "I appreciate him (Mr. Armstrong) very much, although I have disagreed with him from time to time on some relatively 'small' matters or 'little' things.'' But what the writer might consider "small" or "little" disagreements might in God's eyes be vitally important disagreements.

God's Church therefore does not endorse nor give approval to Mr. Dankenbring's books, nor those of others than the Church's own publications or those definitely approved.”

So the claim that Herbert W Armstrong excommunicated hi is incorrect and instead, was undertaken by Tkach, snr in late 1986.

HWA never excommunicated Dankenbring. We have no evidence that he was even suspended either by him.

Dankenbring died 29 August 2017.