

New comment In response to Ken Baker

Stand for the truth (small t) just commented on [Letter from Mike Hassett, Alberta overseer.](#)
In response to **Ken Baker**:

How could anyone write this letter and state everything is great in the kingdom??. When it certainly is not , here on the east coast there are problems as well as world wide problems with coverups and abuse...csa/sa etc etc

A quote widely attributed to Mark Twain, goes something like 'It is far easier to fool someone, than to convince someone they've been fooled'. Oh, how true. The numbers of attendees at the convention (which Hassett seems to be so proud of) have nothing to do with the scriptural veracity of the sermons, or the recognition of the abhorrent problems within the ministry. Maybe people were looking for honesty, a way forward? And didn't get it? Or maybe they did, to their satisfaction, and will plod forward, convinced that this ministry is pure and not rife with child sexual assaulters, women assaulters, and overseers who run cover for them? Maybe they will continue to believe their salvation is in the hands of these workers? This is just a blip, caused by outsiders, worker haters, etc,etc.

I posted yesterday about JA's April 29 'Letter to Workers and Friends'. He mentions Dean Bruer, and then 3 other workers/overseers in the northwest who had been removed due to child sexual assault in a 1 month (approx) period. Then he stated "I would say there was no connection between these situations apart from human nature". No connection? Really? No connection apart from a cultish, secretive, abusive religion that is a fertile ground for pedos, encourages ministers to stay in homes of the faithful with young children, and then relies on intimidation (don't tell & don't question us and step into darkness...), and has a network of overseers that apparently have vowed to run cover for the abusers. This has been going on for decades, but the blissful ignorance of the faithful, and the willful denial of those who know the truth (small t) will apparently keep this going forward, albeit with somewhat smaller numbers. I guess this is the 'winnowing out' I heard of as a child?