

# Attempted reasoning

3/12/25, at 11:51 AM, Amberli

Hi [MIQ],

I have been trying to deal fairly and respectfully with [Disputer] these last few days in hopes we can iron some things out that can pave the way for repair and reconciliation of the relationships that have taken a hit since November of 2023 (UK trip).

However, it occurred to me that perhaps it would be much more effective and efficient if you and I sat down and talked instead of me trying to go through [Disputer] as a third party. That has not proved to be very helpful as she seems to have her own agenda regarding what she feels her mission is in all of this.

If you are willing to sit down with me or even talk on the phone I can explain some things about the divorce process that need to happen for you and [Wife] to properly end your marriage in the eyes of the law and in the eyes of God based on both spiritual and legal counsel Denver gave [Wife]. I am very up to speed on all this, and I speak to [Wife] frequently.

But what is **not** helpful is [Disputer] calling \_\_\_\_\_ to persuade her to "inform" on her adult daughter regarding rumors going around about [Wife] \_\_\_\_\_. I also heard that rumor on Saturday and immediately reached out to [Wife] to ask if that was true. She told me there was no truth to that. I shared that information with [Disputer] on Monday night. But despite that, [Disputer] reached out to \_\_\_\_\_ last night anyway to pump her for more information. Can you agree that by any reasonable standard that comes across as very underhanded, and manipulative?

If you have a question about [Wife], you should be the one to reach out to her via email or phone. Having [Disputer] make those calls in place of you is simply not a good look and is not helping to build any bridges of trust or goodwill with anybody on any level.

So, if you want answers about how to move forward, I am happy to sit down with you as your old friend and lay them out for you. Come to my house and we can sit in my front room as we have many times before and just talk through some things in a safe environment.

Additionally, I proposed to both [Disputer] and Stephanie that one way forward through this logjam of hurt feelings that have festered for the last 16 months is for those of us from the UK and Israel trips is for all of us to sit down with Denver and Stephanie and talk things out as friends. Not as a women's council, with charges + witnesses + evidence. But as a group of friends who were hurt by some events in the past but are willing to reason together and offer apologies and extend grace and forgive.

I see that group being me and \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. We could meet at a neutral location with Denver and Stephanie present and just talk as the old friends that we all are.

If you would like to bring [Disputer's Husband] with you for support (as [Disputer] suggested on Sunday) that would be fine.

So, if you are open to this idea, please let me know. I can make it happen. And if in the meantime you would be willing to sit down with me and have a face to face conversation in my living room, then I would be happy to make that happen as well.

This fracture has gone on too long. We all have important things to do to prepare for what is coming and this divide has done enough damage in trying to prevent an important work from going forward.

Sincerely,

Amberli

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03/19/25 at 6:46:07 PM MDT

Amberli -

I am sad for you in reading the letter that should have come 16 months ago.

There is no trust or safety remaining in our relationship. Your actions have not been those of a friend and sadly, words alone can not repair the damage that has been done.

Friends would have reached out to me for conversation and clarification long before calling a women's council. Friends would have asked about, and considered my life circumstances when planning the meetings. Friends would have heard my concerns about the processes of my women's council, and they would have attempted to find agreement before moving forward. Friends would have reached out with concern for my well being during the past 16 months. Friends would have considered it of the utmost importance to understand me in the midst of this mess. Friends would have held a fair council. You could have held a fair women's council and remained my friends. You have done none of these things.

Regarding my relationship to [Wife]: Nothing of God or reason, requires me to answer to you about this. I will, however, comment here for the sake of publicly clarifying my position on the matter.

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Let me therefore state clearly; in mutual agreement with [Wife]'s words and actions; I am not married to her. There is no legal marriage to dissolve. I'm at peace with God in this matter. Your input here is inappropriate and unnecessary by all standards.

As for reconciliation with you and the group you mentioned in your email: I don't believe you are offering remorse, accountability, or friendship. Looking at the record of your behavior over

the past 16 months, it's obvious that your motivation for requesting this meeting is simply to avoid a women's conference.

You have poisoned my relationship with as many of "the movement" people as would listen to your version of reality. What might have started out as foolish gossip and untruths have devolved into scheming, backbiting, and lying. Please understand; I'm not name calling here. Rather I'm describing a cause and effect situation.

NO [Disputer]'s actions are not out of line. In fact, they are the opposite. It is my experience that [Disputer] goes right to the source face to face every time. I've never heard the expression "frontbiting."

Although I have attended every possible gathering to which I have been invited, I have never claimed any other fellowship as my home fellowship except the ones the Willis family and I have participated in together. Regardless, it is only common sense and common knowledge that each of us gets to choose our own home fellowship.

If one is ignorant, or perhaps just misinformed, and admit they don't know someone else's part, it might have been an honest misunderstanding. But when a meeting is suggested only after a sustained one sided attack upon a person, including the spreading of blatant lies, distortions, and disinformation in an attempt to destroy another's reputation within a whole community of people, that's not a misunderstanding.

I have not held a council against any of you.

I have not written a disparaging blogpost about any of you.

I have not spread gossip about any of you.

I have not used my social or political clout to militate against any of you.

I have written one private text to the two men I had a responsibility to, then privately yelled at one of them for peppering me with a series of shameful demonstrable lies.

Trust and safety, if there ever were any, let alone friendship, is impossible. By calling for a face to face meeting at this point; at least you are admitting you don't know my part. The problem is, after 16 months of aggressive ignorance, calling for a meeting now is insincere and a self-serving manipulation on your part. This is not an honest attempt at learning the truth. None of you have tried to contact me during the past 16 months to learn my perspective. You can't and don't know my part. Since it's my personal life and my heart under the microscope here, you, by definition, have been "gossiping" and "backbiting" by disseminating inaccurate information to others. "Scheming" criteria is met when you use your social influence and status within your "remnant" community to sway others and encourage them into gossiping and backbiting as well. Since, to this moment, you don't know my perspective or the details of my personal life, again by definition, you can't pretend to know "the truth". You offer me no reason (or reasoning) to believe you've changed either your intentions or your heart, let alone acknowledge you've done anything wrong.

If I am incorrect in this assumption, please tell me:

What is your part in the damage?

What do you believe you have done wrong?

What mistakes have you made concerning your use/abuse of the "women's council" process?

Do you, or any of your mentioned group believe they have acted as a trusted friend to me?

If you're not interested in discussing the above questions, you'll understand why I have no interest in speaking with "friends" who only reach out when they wish to avoid accountability.

If you think you've acted justly over the past 16 months, why would you not eagerly share with me the details of the "women's councils" discussing my behavior? It's a curious thing if you've destroyed the transcripts as you've claimed. I am asking again that you send me the **written** details I have requested about your "women's councils". You were all present, you know what was said, and you know what details you based your judgments upon. I am asking that you reconstruct what you remember about the "councils."

Please provide the details of what you've judged that I've done wrong, and what testimonies you've based those judgements on. Who and what was witnessed against me? If repentance and reconciliation is truly your motivation, how can I determine what I have to repent of, and

with whom I need to reconcile? Otherwise, repentance can only be between myself and God, and you have proven by your actions who and what you are. I do not desire or need a meeting with you about this matter. The **written** details will suffice.

You've betrayed trust, and sought to destroy my reputation within a movement I once loved and thereby caused extensive damage to innocent bystanders. The spiritual stability and probably physical safety of many folks exposed to your machinations has been compromised. You are responsible for the handful of people I might have reached or could have baptized.

In closing I hope you understand that I hold no ill will toward any of you or against [Wife]. You have unilaterally rid me of a \_\_\_\_\_ and cowardly dishonest people posing as "friends". Meanwhile, I have had the great blessing of many folks coming to me in private to ask me my part and express support and love. As a result, I've identified a surprising number of true friends. They are friends indeed. How can I feel anything but blessed and grateful?!

As for you and your suggested meeting? I detect no evidence of sincerity on your part for reconciliation, nor remorse for your attempts to damage me (or for the peripheral damage you have inflicted upon the "remnant" community). Trying to drape backbiting and gossip in some kind of religious garb is just bizarre, repulsive, and shameful.

If anyone wants to know my perspective or wants to show concern for my well being, they know how to get a hold of me. You could have been my friend AND held a fair council. You did neither. I simply have no desire to associate with you any longer.

Very truly,

[MIQ]

*"The treacherous thing about accusing another person of being evil; if it turns out you're wrong, you're the evil." - RF*