

# Similarities to Terry McLean's Booklet

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With minor modifications, the following documentation was copied from recent e-mails, in which I responded to questions as to which portions of Brother McLean's booklet are identical to my study.

Note to Readers: I would like to clarify my intent here. In the beginning, I did believe that Brother McLean had plagiarized my study. But after corresponding with him, he assured me that he was unaware of my study; and I believe he is telling the truth. So, I am no longer accusing him of plagiarizing my study.

Brother McLean also told me that he would investigate the matter; he said that he would check and see if an inadvertent cutting and pasting could have taken place somewhere along the line. I therefore believe there is an honest explanation somewhere; I'm just waiting for him to complete his investigation. In fact, I did my own investigation, too. For comparison to the current version of my study on the Internet, I went back and dug out some earlier versions, dated 1992 and 1993. At that time, I had sent copies of these versions to various dispensationalists around the country, and happened to file away a couple of extra copies. Although I have made several changes to it since then, these earlier versions still read close enough to the current Internet version that I'm convinced I didn't somehow copy from Brother McLean. I'm eager to see what his investigation turns up.

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If you copy my study on the Basics of Mid-Acts Dispensationalism and convert it to a Word document with Arial, 12 Point font and .5 inch margins on left, right, top, and bottom, you should be able to locate the passages fairly easily.

Here are the main ones I see at a glance:

In Brother McLean's booklet, half of page 40 through page 44 are almost identical to two different sections of my own study. Specifically, in Brother McLean's booklet, the second half of page 40 through pages 41 and 42 are almost identical to page 7 of my study, with the last sentence on page 41 reading word-for-word like the last sentence on page 7 of my study. Likewise, in Brother McLean's booklet, the second paragraph on page 43 through the end of page 44 (excluding the last sentence) is almost identical to the last 1/3 of page 8 through the first 1/3 of page 9.

In Brother McLean's booklet, the middle portion of page 62 is almost identical to the first sentence in the next-to-last paragraph on page 18 through the first part of page 19 of my study:

"The apostles, then, knowing that the prophesied sanctification of Gentiles must occur through the exaltation of Israel, had no reason to go directly to "all nations" in the "Great Commission". Instead, they expected the kingdom to first be "restored again to Israel", as their own words reflect in Acts 1:6-8 -

"When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

"The apostles' question in verse 6 above demonstrates their understanding that the prophesied kingdom must first be established, before the Gentiles could ever be made acceptable to the Lord."

Likewise, in Brother McLean's booklet, the next-to-last paragraph on page 71 is almost identical to the first sentence in section 11 of my study (page 17).

In Brother McLean's booklet, the last half of page 73 through almost all of page 74 (through his quote of Acts 10:28) is almost identical to the last 1/4 of page 15 through about the first half of page 16 in my study, or the first portion of Section 10.

In Brother McLean's booklet, the middle half of page 80 is almost identical to the middle of page 22 in my study.

Here are a few other notables:

In Brother McLean's booklet, the second half of page 31 (excluding the last sentence), beginning with the sentence "John the Baptist first began preaching that the kingdom of heaven was "at hand" in Matt. 3:1-2", is almost identical to the middle of page 4 in my study.

In Brother McLean's booklet, at the bottom of page 23, the last sentence looks almost identical to the second sentence in the fifth paragraph on page 3 of my study.

In Brother McLean's booklet, the first sentence in the fourth paragraph on page 30 is almost identical to the third sentence in the second paragraph on page 4 of my study ("Yet prior to the Lord's crucifixion, the 12 apostles never realized Jesus had to die at all; much less that He would die for the sins of Uncircumcised Gentiles.")

And finally, the following examples can probably be debated; they just read too similarly for me:

In Brother McLean's booklet, the middle of page 48 reads almost identical to the first portion of Section 7 in my study (in the middle of page 10).

In Brother McLean's booklet, the third sentence on page 57 reads almost identical to one near the bottom of page 13 in my own study ("Only after the Gentile woman acknowledged her own inferior position as a Gentile, thus effectively blessing the nation of Israel (the seed of Abraham), did He agree to heal her daughter...")

In Brother McLean's booklet, the last sentence on page 52 ("It was in this manner, then...") reads almost identical to the first sentence in the third paragraph on page 12 of my study.