

INTRODUCTION TO OPEN LETTER TO PASTOR ADEN RUSFELDT

Aden Rusfeldt is a pastor and open-air preacher in *Philadelphia, PA* who has both justified and defended the use of questionable, inappropriate, and vulgar language while preaching the Gospel. He participated in a widely promoted debate with *Pastor Aaron Brummitt* (*whom I've neither met or support*), known as the great '*Harsh Words & Railing Debate*', at a SOAPA conference in Atlanta, Georgia on October 13, 2017. I knew about the debate, but originally paid little attention as I considered such a debate needless. Since then, however, I have listened to the entire debate in an attempt to understand the arguments set forth to defend this grievous error.

In early November, 2018, *Mr. Rusfeldt* visited our church during our annual *Campmeeting*. I knew very little about him at the time, only that he was a pastor, that he claimed to be *Pentecostal* in experience, *Holiness* in doctrine, and that he practiced open-air evangelism. However, I soon learned he was the street preacher who defended using foul language at the SOAPA debate. I immediately expressed to him my strong disapproval but was still unaware of the depth of his error. Of course, during our campmeeting I'm extremely busy, so it was difficult to fully ascertain what *Mr. Rusfeldt* actually believed and taught, as he was only visiting for a week and I spent even less time with him personally. Hence, during our campmeeting, I attempted to minister to him but I didn't know the full extent of his error. He did forward me a copy of a book he wrote on *evangelism* and asked me to read and critique.

In early 2019 he texted me asking about more upcoming meetings and our plans for preaching *Mardi Gras* and the *St. Patrick's Day Parade*, insinuating he perhaps would like to preach with us. I took the opportunity to more directly address the '*cursing*' issue. Our dialogue from that point up to the *open letter* follows and should provide the reader with an adequate understanding of the circumstances that lead to me confronting *Mr. Rusfeldt*...

ME:

Hello Pastor,

I wanted to first write and let you know that I didn't find anything obviously unscriptural in your book; indeed, there was much good, practical Biblical information, correcting many popular but extra-Biblical errors of the modern church. Certainly, I believe it would be very helpful and instructional for anyone seeking the truth on Biblical evangelism.

If you're praying about visiting, we'd love for you and/or your family to be with us for the meetings. In regards to preaching with us open-air, this will be something we'll have to discuss before we would be willing to do so. As I mentioned to you, the concept of using 'curse' words while preaching (*or any time, for that matter*) is something I consider extremely unfortunate, even sinful in most cases. We are very conscious of our testimony and for that reason, would not want to preach open-air with you unless you were willing to completely denounce, and publicly so, the entire idea. I realize you graciously stated you would refrain from this practice out of respect for us if we preached together. I appreciate that, but *Pastor Aden* you must realize, after the debate on the internet (*seen by hundreds, if not thousands*), you've essentially become the face of '*defending-cursing-while-preaching*'. You are now known as the cursing-preacher apologist. So, please understand our position. Our testimony, including taking a very strong stand against this practice, would be both compromised and jeopardized by associating with you in evangelistic efforts, causing confusion for many. Again, this is not personal, but a decision based on Biblical principle. Again, I pray you understand.

If you'd like to discuss this further, I would be happy to do so when time permits.

Much love in Jesus,
Bro. Britt

ADEN:

Hi Pastor,

Thank you for reading my book. I really appreciate that.

Also thank you for not shunning us, many people do that when we preach true holiness to them (as you know because you've been shunned by many also). I rejoice in the shunning from the false Christians and do pray they repent and make *Jesus LORD*.

I've been slandered about cussing (as you have in other areas... but I did not listen to them about you..... and they were **WRONG** as usual) and won't write much here to "defend myself" besides to say:

We 110% do not cuss! Time tells the truth (if not in this life, then in the next).

Cussing is a SIN.

We do use synonyms for whore and sodomite and So Does Everyone else IF they ever say the word:

"Homosexual."

Homosexual is Not a biblical word, only sodomite is.

Since everyone I know says Homosexual the real question is "what synonyms can be used and which ones cannot and who has The Authority to determine that for the whole body of Christ? And if someone does have the Authority, why do they?"

I believe no one has the authority to make a list of synonyms because we will each answer to the Judge of judges all ALONE for Every word ever spoken. If that does not put the fear of God into a preacher then I'm not so sure they are even saved.

Therefore, if synonyms are banned, then NO ONE should use the word homosexual anymore, right?

Or the word lesbian. No one I've ever asked that question to has given me a Biblical answer OR agreed to Never use the word "homosexual" again. Pastor, I'm open to Biblical correction, I just need an answer about what I wrote above. It's ok if your busy and can't answer, just know that I HATE cussing and we don't cuss. We love Righteousness and Hate all iniquity.

My debate covered this foundational question.... and many of the side issues. It's because Aaron mixed in REAL cuss words on his 'fact sheet' that the default makes it look like I defend All those words in preaching, which I don't!

It's the way Typical slander works.... mix in Some truth. Myself and NO One in our church EVER says the F word, or the S word. You've been slandered tons, so I don't need to explain that at all.... I'm SURE you have been slandered more then I have.

I understand your position on not street preaching together.

Anyways, over the years I look forward to coming to camp meetings and having our families get to know each other better as we serve the Lord in the spirit of Holiness. We are in crazy liberal land here and your camp meeting was very refreshing and 10 times better than a SOAPA conference!

As you know most of those guys have families out of order and I'll be going to WAY less of those SOAPA's (although I Already did commit to hosting one in May, with the condition that certain men are NOT allowed to preach, which Ruben already agreed).

I do tell Ruben each time I see him that Billy G is in hell! Maybe eventually I'll get through to him... maybe not. I know he (or NO ONE) will ever change my mind about Bill G..... or Jed.... or Jim Gilles (unless those 2 repent AND show Massive Real fruit of repentance).

Did I ever tell you we have lots of death threats here and Jim gave up my home address AND the churches address! Wow.... that is how the end times will be. I forgive him, but that was just more confirmation of how wicked these Goats will become.

God bless you pastor and thank you for the CDs they are great! Also your wife is a great inspiration and reference point for my wife, tell her thank you please.

Brother Aden
Hello Pastor Aden,

At this point, I went on-line and more carefully listened to the, "Harsh Words & Railing" debate at the SOAPA conference...

ME:

When you contacted me several months ago I had no idea who you were. It wasn't until after we had spoken several times that I learned you were the man who defended using questionable/filthy language in the SOAPA debate. I had never listened to the debate and knew very little about it as I am not associated with 'SOAPA' and generally do not read or listen to material generated by their ministry. However, because we were communicating, I felt I needed to educate myself on your position. Of course, after listening to much of the debate on 'cursing' I knew I did not agree and immediately expressed that disagreement to you. However, I didn't recall details and after our recent correspondence the past few days, I wanted to make sure I understood your position so I went back today and listened more carefully to the first hour and a half. Somehow, when I listened the first time, I assumed the bulk of the 'cursing' debate was over and missed the latter portion where you made the amazing assertion that God's Spirit could lead someone to call someone a '*M_____therF—cker*'. Moreover, you affirmed, under questioning by *Pastor Brummitt*, that the '*Two Witnesses*' in the *Book of Revelation*

could very well use such language. If this were not so absolutely absurd, even blasphemous, it would be amusing (*and I'm being gracious*). In fact, that statement may be the single most ill-advised, stupid, and baseless doctrinal statement I think I've ever heard anyone make. I am appalled. Had I known you made such assertions, there is little doubt, I wouldn't have ever allowed you to fellowship with our church. Dear Pastor, I have grown fond of you. My wife has enjoyed communicating with your wife and we love your family. Nevertheless, though I knew these ideas/practices would cause issues in any relationship we might develop, these statements are of a deeper and much more serious and incriminating nature than I had originally assumed. These ideas are heretical, false, and grossly misrepresent the God of the Scriptures. To unashamedly express such concepts reveals an utter blindness, a shallow, at best, revelation of *Jesus Christ*. I consider such extra-biblical pontification sinful in the extreme. In fact, if that's the *jesus* you fellowship with, then make no mistake, I am demon-possessed. For I know of no such *jesus*. I even utterly HATE such a *jesus*. And just to make myself very, very clear, these condemning declarations are not merely exaggerations of religious rhetoric—I, with calculated and principled forethought, having full understanding of the spiritual ramifications, do boldly, and without the slightest apprehension or apology, do BLASPHEME, with all my heart, mind, soul, and strength, any *jesus* and any spirit that would assert that the term '*M__therF__cker*' is in the divine vocabulary—that *jesus* is the DEVIL. Furthermore, I boldly declare—the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and His Spirit, the Holy Ghost, have NEVER and WILL NEVER lead anyone to call anyone a '*M__therF__cker*'. Never—end of conversation. How do I know? Because I know Him and He doesn't use such language.

My apologies for just now seeing this. I am grieved beyond words. I do love you and will continue to communicate with you if you so desire, but I do not and will not consider you a Christian without an absolute denouncing of these ridiculous and heretical ideas. Again, I am willing to dialogue with you for the purpose of seeing you brought to repentance (*I am not even remotely open to believe such nonsense and never will*). However, I cannot, in good conscience, allow you to fellowship with our church without a complete, full, and thorough repentance (*publicly denouncing these erroneous assertions and a sincere repentance for misrepresenting God on the internet before hundreds/thousands*). Again, Pastor Aden, I am not personally offended nor do I have a personal vendetta, these decisions are sincerely based on Biblical principle alone.

Praying for conviction,

Bro. Britt

After a few more exchanges, I sensed God wanted me to address this topic thoroughly, offering in depth Scriptural rebuttal, that would not only silent Mr. Rusfeldt, but would offer a rebuke to multitudes of other street preachers who have been leavened by these lies and provide a sound apologetic for those seeking to debunk these extra-biblical justifications for inappropriate language.

ME:

Good afternoon,

As I mentioned, my time has been limited this weekend, so my response would be delayed until time permitted. However, after further meditation, I'd like to invest even more time, study, and prayer to this issue so as to offer a more thorough rebuttal. Watching the debate again concerned me greatly, also many in our church have seen the debate and are equally troubled. So, in my estimation, a deep and very thorough examination and *fleshing-out* of our differences is in order before we determine how much fellowship we can enjoy. I intend on carefully listening to the debate again, reading over our correspondence, studying the Scriptures, and praying to God for wisdom, direction, and truth before I offer a response. Give me some time, perhaps 2 to 4 weeks, and I will forward my conclusions. Then, if God permit, we can hopefully arrive at some agreement.

Much love in Jesus,
Bro. Britt