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REJOINDER

I have read a statement published on your media platforms attributed to Lawyer Foh-Amoaning to the effect that “UN sacked Professor Adei for objecting to LGBTQ”.

Apparently, Lawyer Amoaning heard about an issue that arose when I was working with the United Nations and made his own conclusions from that.

To begin with, let me state here and now that I was never dismissed or sacked from my United Nations (the United Nations Development Programme to be precise) position or employment. For the records, I resigned my position and employment at the United Nations at the end of 1999 to take up the GIMPA appointment as Director General from January 1, 2000.

Anyone who doubts my claim of resignation from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) could verify the truth at the Ghana Office of the UNDP here in Accra or could do that anywhere else of the person’s preference.

Perhaps what Lawyer Foh-Amoaning missed out is the detail of the matter.

Here are the details:

1. In 1997, when I was still in the employment of the UNDP and prior to my resignation two years later, I published my book, “Seven Keys to Abundant Living with No Regrets”. In the book, I made the following statement that seemed to attract the concern of some persons at the United Nations:

“Homosexuality is not a thing, to me, to be discussed among Christians.”

What I meant by that emphatic statement was expressive of my Christian faith and belief. What I meant by that statement was that ‘homosexuality is clearly an abomination; the Scriptures condemn it and therefore it did not merit to be a subject for debate.’

2. That publication raised some issues about the statement I made in the book. It was discussed at the Disciplinary Investigation Committee level, which, of course, had the authority to determine the outcome of its deliberations and impose disciplinary action if necessary. At the hearing of the matter, I stood my grounds and defended my faith and action. I made them understand no one could stop me from living the principles of what Scriptures teach and attesting to those ideals anytime anywhere.

3. Having assessed the matter, the Disciplinary Investigation Committee arrived at the decision that: in subsequent editions of the book, I should endeavor to replace what they considered to be my own opinion on homosexuality (my statement in the book) with a direct biblical quote on the issue. I agreed with their admonition.
4. In consonance with that directive, I replaced the said statement with a quotation from **Romans 1:26-27** in all subsequent editions of the book:

..... Similarly, (Romans 1:26, 27) states that “God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations with unnatural ones. In the same way men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty of their perversion”. (Ref: Page 70 of “Seven Keys to Abundant Living with No Regrets”, 1997)

This is what, I am sure, Lawyer Foh-Amoaning heard about. But of course, when things go through many parties, it gets messed up. So, yes, I was clear in my book that homosexuality is unchristian. For that, some people within the United Nations charged me that I am more or less de facto discriminating against some people. I challenged them that they cannot stop me; it is my religion. They dropped the case; that was in 1997.

It was two years after that, that I resigned to take the GIMPA position. Therefore, the bottom line is that, yes, during my career at the United Nations there was an issue with LGBTQ, but that was in the middle of my career. it had nothing to do with my resignation.

That said, as a Christian, I stand in the same position as Lawyer Foh-Amoaning. Therefore, this should not be misconstrued that I shifted position. As a Christian, I consider that LGBTQ is unchristian. However, I love them because Jesus Christ loved me when I was a sinner. But that is different from accepting what God’s word, to me, clearly says it is a sin.

I hope that you will give this rejoinder the same prominence on your media platforms as you have given this wrong information about how I left the United Nations. I am looking forward to that.

I thank you so much.

