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To Metropolitan John,
Fr. Enoch and Dn. Joseph Suaiden:

I've received the poorly written missive from Fr. Enoch and Dn. Joe Suaiden. Neither are competent intellectually or spiritually to deal with these issues. Fr. John, you've never been a good judge of character, my ordination being a case in point.

The name worship paper they don't understand and hence, are not competent to have an opinion one way or another. Regardless, its is a question of fact, not doctrine, and hence, its not a proper question for an ecclesial trial. My point was that no one in the world believes that the literal name (CHRIST) is God. 18 months ago I asked for proof that anyone believed this. I received nothing. Furthermore, I sent that article to you TWICE and it was approved without comment. So the trial, even if there were grounds, is over.

I can clarify all they would like via email or phone. Strangely, they will not do this. Perhaps its not sufficiently dramatic for them. I've addressed their illiteracy concerning the nationalism issue. I can say nothing more. Again, teach them how to properly use an email system to contact me.

Most importantly, they lie when they say that there have been many attempts to "correct" this. I've heard from neither about the issue, as I've already made clear. There have been no attempts to contact me for clarifications, which I would have happily provided. All my contact information is public. No smoke signals, Morse code; African dream root maybe? Whatever works, but at least try.

Hence, there are no grounds for a trial, as you well know. The first is a matter of fact, not doctrine, and the second would require so much education that I would have to charge them tuition. Finally, its prefaced on a lie, since I've heard from neither of these theological luminaries, the grounds for a trial collapse.

That parishes threaten to leave is not my problem. Heimbach has brought over 100 people to me for instruction, which oddly, received a giant yawn from the Metropolitan. So people leaving is clearly not the issue.

Let me repeat, using simpler words for you all:

If there's a problem, use this email address to ask questions.

One more time: All anyone needs to do is write me (I prefer email), and I shall clarify any issue they are struggling with. I cannot promise, however, it will be free of charge. I mean, if they can't use an email system, how are they going to understand the ontology of divine

Energies?

If there are actual attempts at clarification (and if you didn't have the essays well in advance, Fr. John) more than once, then maybe a trial would make sense. And it would also have to be a matter of doctrine, not fact. I know they're new to this, but this attempt at a ecclesiastically dramatic flourish to deal with a totally different problem is clumsy and stupid. C for effort, D+ for execution.

Since no one has contacted me in any way, I can only conclude they are acting in bad faith. Thus, one needn't be at the advanced level of theological science as the Deacon and Hieromonk to see that there are no grounds for a trial.

Next time guys, start lower, someone who doesn't know much about this stuff. I can't blame you all for setting your sights high, but for your first time, you need to catch a few flounder. Rather, you went right for the deep sea swordfish. What did you expect? You need a bigger boat.

Don't let my comedic hyperbole disturb you, I still am quite willing to answer all questions anyone has about any of these issues. Despite your attempts at serious theology, you've lost this one. I am still willing to call you friends however, as we all have a long history together. But always remember, there ARE stupid questions, despite what professors might have told you.

In Good Faith,

Raphael Johnson, priest (for now)