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### "Birds of a feather flock together!"

It has just been announced that The Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary (PRTS) of Grand Rapids, USA, of which Dr Joel Beeke is the President, is to launch a research centre for puritans and establish a combined doctoral programme in conjunction with The Theological University of Apeldoorn. The cooperation is based on an initiative by TUA rector Prof. Dr. H. Selderhuis to give more attention to the research of puritanism in Apeldoorn and to seek contact with PRTS.

Details may be seen at <https://www.rd.nl/kerk-religie/tua-en-prts-starten-onderzoekscentrum-puriteinen-1.1429015>

Dr. Selderhuis is not only the director of the Refo500 Foundation; he is also chairman of the Refo500 Reformation Research Consortium.

Back in 2013, the character of Dr Selderhuis was clearly seen in the report of an interview he gave on the state of religion in Europe to the Acton Institute for their Religion and Liberty publication.

Part of the interview was reprinted and published by Pastor Ralph Ovadal in an article entitled: What a Difference Six Months Does Not Make! - Joel Beeke's Involvement with Refo500, ETS, and WRF, back in January 3rd, 2013.

Dr Selderhuis gave his view on the state of religion and what was needed in Europe.

"... Christianity as a way of life and a way of faith has a future and there are developments among young people. A perfect example is the young Catholic convention in Spain and the Pope attended the event there and hundreds of thousands of young people attended that Mass, and they were enthusiastic about it... . . . now who will give us straight talk? Who tells us what way to go? There is a need for that and the Pope is preaching a clear message and young people are attracted to that." (**see here**)

Dr. Selderhuis is an out and out ecumenist! In a recent video interview with Dr. Peter Lillback of Westminster Theological Seminary, an institution which has departed from the truth and from the views and position of its founder, J. Gresham Machen, Herman Selderhuis clearly indicates that Refo500 is an organisation in which both Protestant and Roman Catholic bodies can cooperate without either abandoning their views and beliefs.

This cannot be so. For such fellowship on the part of any Protestant body entails disobedience and defiance of Christ and His Word. Fellowship with Rome requires the abandoning of the clear teaching of the apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 6:4-18. If it is argued that Roman Catholicism is NOT amongst those referred to here, then there you have proof of a departure on the part of the one putting forth such a view in order to seek to avoid the charge of defying God's Word. Rome is a system of 'unbelief' of 'unrighteousness', of 'darkness', it is a citadel of Belial, a 'temple of idols'!

Herman Selderhuis' imperious pronouncements will not, cannot alter these truths.

(The video interview may be see **here**). The particular words referred can be heard at 11 minutes 40 seconds into the interview.

This man Selderhuis is someone Dr Beeke has long been linked to and with whom he is now strengthening ties.

Furthermore (and this shows the depths of Joel Beeke's sinful obstinacy) in the announcement of cooperation between Selderhuis and Beeke, it is stated: "The aim is to develop a connection with the academic world in Europe and the United States. Prof. Selderhuis announces that the center will seek cooperation with the Restored Reformed Seminary and the Stichting Studie Nadere Reformatie."

The Restored Reformed Seminary is the seminary of that denomination which has very wrong views on sodomy. (See my article: "**Joel Beeke preaches for and publicly seeks closer links with sodomy-**



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endorsing Dutch denomination!").

It is now seen that his desire for closer ties with this denomination is being fulfilled, despite the warnings he was given. Joel Beeke is intransigent in his determination to embrace error!

### Criticised

I was criticised by Free Presbyterian ministers for the September 2016 article but it is seen now that my observations of Beeke seeking closer ties with this Dutch denomination, with its utterly wicked views on sodomy, were correct and the foolish attempts to dismiss and minimise my criticisms of Beeke were inappropriate and wrong and deserving of an apology.

However, I will not hold my breath awaiting such a recantation!

Is there no end to Joel Beeke's disobedience and folly? His strengthened ties with a man who openly admires the pope's message and method and with the wickedness of the RRC (HK) Dutch church, is an indication of how far he has gone in his abandoning of Bible and Reformation truth.

The whole Beeke circus is an evil sham which must come to a sad and devastating end.

Rev Ivan Foster.

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