

ANONYMOUS PERSONAL STATEMENT

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WRITER'S STATEMENT

I am [REDACTED] graduate of Rhema Bible College. I have been following your interviews on YouTube, and I wanted to reach out and share a little bit about my experience at Rhema.

When I started my first year, Craig was over the Coffee Banc, and he also taught the Financial Management class. I was at the Coffee Banc a lot, and from the interactions I had with him, he always came across as arrogant. Among the friends I made that first year, the Financial Management class was a running joke. We would frequently discuss how much we despised the class. At the time, I was employed at [REDACTED], and one of my coworkers was a high school senior who had grown up at Rhema. In fact, she is currently the children's pastor at RBC. I remember her telling me one time that she had so much respect for Pastor Hagin and Lynette, mainly because their families were close. However, she said that she would NEVER have any respect for Craig. She did not elaborate, but I always thought that was intriguing.

Fast forward to the next year: I was working at [REDACTED], and one of my coworkers found out that I was attending RBTC. He went off and said that he did not see how anyone could go there, because they let their son get away with anything. He then said that it was a known fact that Craig was always seen at clubs and bars, dancing and drinking, and that did not make sense, because Rhema's student handbook forbade those activities.

One interesting thing happened toward the end of my second year, right before graduation. There were whispers and rumors going around campus that a few students were involved in some activities that were immoral. However, to this day I do not know any details. I just remember the dean at the time (Marvin Yoder) publicly chastising students in class, warning them that they were on the verge of being expelled. Then one day, at the Tuesday Exaltation service, Pastor Hagin came out and preached a "turn-or-burn" sermon. He said he had reports of unacceptable behavior among the student body, and that if things did not change, the entire second year risked not being able to graduate. By the end of his message, the altar was full of weeping, repenting students. I remember running to the front myself, knowing that I did not have any active sin going on, but just in case there was something in my heart that should not be, I wanted to cover my bases. Looking back at it, the whole thing just seems weird to me, and in light of the current situation, I am questioning why they are holding paying students to standards they will not hold their own family to!

After I graduated, I got a job in [REDACTED] at Rhema. When I started, that department was going through some leadership changes, and Craig had since been moved from the Coffee Banc to executive leadership. Mia was the director of Partner Services, and I had many interactions with her. From what I remember, she was always full of joy and she would light up the room whenever she walked in. My heart breaks for her, and I am livid when I see not one comment on Craig's posts that show

any concern for her at all. I personally know a lot of the people who have commented, and I am flabbergasted that they show such blind support for him.

Anyway, that is my story. If you do share any of what I have said, I would like to remain anonymous.

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