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Ato Abera Jembere,
Secretary General,
Ethiopian Ecclesiastical Head Office,
Addis Ababa.

Sir,

Ministry of Justice File 1053/1/46

Under the Ethiopian Constitution there is no punishment for theological views, be they ever so heresy.

While some of the sentences used by Ato Zemanfas Kudus Abraha in his theological expose against Ethiopian clergy may be called rude or disrespectful, I regret to inform Your Beatitude that there is nothing in the Ethiopian Penal Code which makes this a criminal offence.

I understand that the Ecclesiastical Editorial & Chronical Section has published a book showing up therein the errors and false views held by Ato Zemanfas Kudus Abraha. In my opinion this is the best way of dealing with the matter and the matter should stop there.

In view of the above I hold that no criminal offence can be attributed to Ato Zemanfas Kudus Abraha and the file is therefore returned with a copy of this opinion to C.I.D. Addis Ababa.

Respectfully,

Nathan Karein
NATHAN KAREIN
ADVOCATE GENERAL.

Copy to:
H.E. The Vice Minister of Justice.
Ato Zemanfas Kudus Abraha.

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