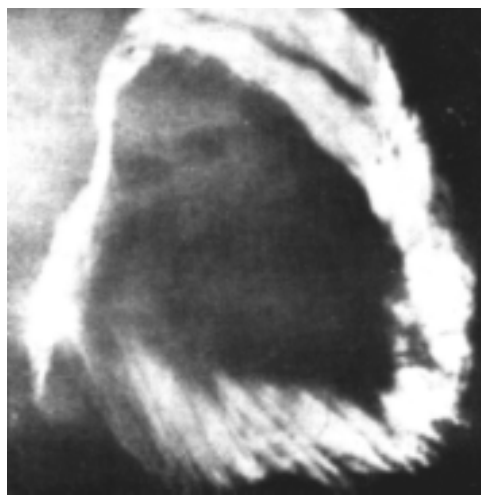


WHO HAS THE COPYRIGHT ON JESUS CHRIST?



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Who has the right on Christ? Brother Branham tells us that the Word of God is God Himself, in printed form. The Word of God is Christ. He tells us that the Word comes by the prophets. He was a prophet. So what he preached was the Word of God. He tells us that the Token is the Message (The Token par.274). The Token is the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit and Christ is the same. So the Message is Christ, again in Word form.

Now, if the Message is the Holy Spirit, Christ, who can have the copyright on Christ? Now, let us consider something. The Scripture says (I Cor. 7:4) that the wife has power on the body of the husband, as the husband has power on the body of the wife. Now, this is on the natural. But brother Branham tells us that the natural is a reflection of the spiritual. So if the natural is a reflection of the spiritual, and in the natural the wife is the **ONLY ONE** that has power on the husband, then it must be the same on the spiritual. It means that only the Bride of Jesus

Christ have the power on Him, as He has power on her. In fact the two are one. She is the Word as He is the Word. She is Himself, revealed (Christ is the mystery of God revealed, par. 252).

Now, who else than the Bride of Jesus Christ have rights on Jesus Christ, her Husband? No one else. And since Christ is the Word-Husband, then ONLY the Bride have the copyright on the Husband-Word. And since the Message is Christ, then ONLY the Bride have the copyright on the Message. And the Bride is not only in one place; She is all over the world!

How can men say they have a copyright on the Message? Around the world, there is more than one that claim to have the copyright on the Message. Some say they have the copyright on the tapes, others say they have the copyright on preaching It. Anyone can have the "right" to preach, but not the "copyright", because the copyright belongs to the "whole" body of believers, which makes the Bride.

Not only they claim they have the copyright, but they also claim that they are the only ones that are appointed by God to distribute the Message.

Now, let me tell you plainly: anyone that says that he has the copyright on Christ, the Word, is motivated by the same spirit that has motivated the Catholic Church through the centuries. They also have claimed the same thing, telling the people that only they could have the copyright to manage the Word of God. It is that same old spirit, only under a different form. It is a "nicolaitian" spirit. A spirit that wants to "control". No, my dear brothers and sisters, no one can control Christ the Message. Whosoever dears to do that, is motivated by a wrong spirit.

On the Church Age Book, pag.170, brother Branham says that one night the Holy Spirit told him to write a message "for the Church". The Message is for the "Church!". It belongs to the "Church". It is a "love letter from the Bridegroom to the Bride", and ONLY She has rights on It, because It was sent to Her. Now, who is that spirit that wants to control this love letter? It cannot be a right spirit.

We know that brother Branham speaks about "franchise" on the tapes. But we must be careful not to "twist" the meaning of what he says and "why" he says it. First of all it was not brother Branham that had the franchise on the tapes, but other brothers. Second, it was done because someone was breaking the tapes to let brother Branham say what he did not say.

Now, one thing is to deal with an unbeliever of the Message, and another thing is to deal with a believer in the Message. We can warn the unbeliever of what they do with the Message, but you cannot warn a believer. A believer can do what he wants with the Message, because It belongs to him. A believer loves the Message, and because he loves It, if he has a tape, his desire is to give it to somebody else. But he has only a tape for himself, and the tape is copyrighted, he cannot duplicate it! Nonsense! Before God he is not guilty if he duplicates the tape and give it to others. Maybe he brakes the rules of men, but not the rules of God. Maybe he brakes the copyrights of men's law, but not the copyrights of God's Law.

WHERE IS THE INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTER?

Also on this there is something that is misused. If we consider the subject rightly, we find out that there is great difference between an headquoter and an “international” headquoter. Brother Branham had his headquoter in Jeffersonville. Not in his house, but in the “church”. He had the headquoter in Jeffersonville because his church was in Jeffersonville. In this sense, any pastor have his headquoter, which is his local church. But the “international” headquoter of the “churches” is NOT in one place on this earth. The “international” headquarter of us all is CHRIST, the Word. That is the “international” headquarter.

When brother Branham says that Jeffersonville was his headquarter, he said that because there was his church; he belonged to that group there, he was part of that local church. But now in Jeffersonville there is “Voice Of God Recording Inc.”, which is just a “Company” and not a “church”, and someone claims that that was brother Branham headquarter. No, this is not right. This is to “misuse” the words of the prophet. Also, Voice Of God Recordings Inc. has nothing to do with the Tabernacle Branham, which was the headquarter of brother Branham. At the time of brother Branham, the headquarter of brother Branham was a “body of believers”, where he preached the Word; now for same the “international headquarter” is a “business company”, called: Voice of God Recordings, Inc. See the difference?

No, my dear brother and sister, do not make any international headquarter! Your Headquarter is Jesus Christ, the Message of the Hour. And the Message of the hour is not in Jeffersonville. It was preached and stored, at the time the prophet preached It, in Jeffersonville, but NOW It is in the BRIDE, all over the world. Christ is the Headquarter of the Bride. Do not run to Voice Of God Recordings Inc. International Headquarter! Do not run to Krefeld International Headquarter! Do not run to New York international headquarter! Do not run to any other international headquarter, but RUN TO CHRIST, THE WORD! He is our International Headquarter.

WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO TRANSLATE THE MESSAGE INTO OTHER LANGUAGES?

Some say that no one has a right to translate the Message into other languages, unless it is done under the control and direction of the International Headquarter in Jeffersonville. Well, at the time that the prophet was still preaching the Message, he says that the tapes went all over the world, and that the Message was ALREADY been translated in other languages. He says also that It has to be translated in other nations:

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18 The tape ministry is a worldwide thing, everywhere. I think it's one way God has got scattering the Message back into the heathen lands, back in where that it has to be translated. And in Germany, and so forth, they got tapes they go to their congregations, of hundreds and hundreds of people; and put little things in their ears, and run it onto a tape. And just as I'm speaking, the minister stands there making the same expressions, and in the other languages, and bringing it out before hundreds. And hundreds are being saved and healed, just through the tapes

going out across the world. All in English, but being translated in many, many different language in tribes around the world. We hear from them, back through the mail.

Notice: see where the Message has to be translated? Not in Jeffersonville, but in the place where the people speak their own language. In other words: Jeffersonville was the place where It was “preached in English”, and from there It was spreading all over the world, and being translated in their own nations and in their languages.

CHOOSING OF A BRIDE - Los Angeles CA - 65-0429.2E

And now in this, it doesn't exactly mean that I'm speaking this to this congregation present, but these tapes go around the world. They're translated in practically — oh, a great deal of the languages, even into the heathen lands around the world. We send them tapes free on a society of the church, and they're translated in all out through the jungles of Africa and to India, and around the world goes these tapes.

CHURCH ORDER - JEFF. IN - COD 871-917 - 63-1226

The tapes, I—I want nothing to do with them, myself, if anybody can use the tapes for furthering the Gospel, amen!

COUNTDOWN - JEFF. IN - 62-0909.1M

Because these tapes go out to many, many nations, and they take them even back in the tribes in Africa, back in there, and they sit there, and the minister takes it and interprets those tapes to the people, back in where they don't even know which is right and left hand. See?

...And remember, these tapes are played back in there. The Message you're listening to here is played back in there, by hundreds of missionaries taking these tapes and playing them back in there, and interpret It to the people.

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I'm not a tape salesman, and I don't stress those things. We get them, and we've got a tape business around the world, way into the jungles and everywhere. They have a little something they put in their ears, they got. And they can tape it into the tape and stand there and translate that right into the language. And it goes around the world.

Notice: the tapes were being translated ALREADY at the time brother Branham was still here. Now, at that time there was not Voice Of God Recordings Inc. At that time there was not a Company that was printing the Message as it is now. At that time the only company there was was those brothers that recorded the tapes, duplicated them, and sent them every where there was a request. Now, that was the original way, when brother Branham was here. And in that line it should remain, if we want it stay in the perfect will of God.

Now you may say: “But, brother, now the work has increased a lot more since that time. Now we have the printing process”. Well, fine, print It in “English”, duplicate the tapes in “English”, work on that line. And if you have the possibility to “help” some brother in other countries on their printing, well, do it. That is fine. But when it comes to the point that no one has the right to print the Message except Voice Of God Recordings

Inc., then we go off the original line. When it come to the point that Voice Of God Recordings Inc. has to control the translations, then we go off the right line, because we come to the point of “controlling where we should not control”. You English speaking believers, make sure you do a good job on distributing the Message in your language, but let the others do a good job on their languages. Do not interfere with the work others are doing! Because, if Voice Of God Recordings Inc. is the controller, then, who controls Voice Of God Recordings Inc.? Are they the “absolute”?

Consider this: If the translation of the Message tapes should be controlled by Voice Of God Recordings Inc., then why did not brother Branham stopped those pastors that was “already” translating the tapes in their own languages to their congregations? Brother Branham never stopped that. He rather was glad that the Message was being translated in other languages. Brother Branham had “no control” on that. He let the Message to be translated “freely”, without putting any control over It. Then, why don't we continue on the same line? Or we think we have a better wisdom than the prophet?

And also: how can those pastors in different countries could translate the tapes, if the tapes where copyrighted? Where they breaking the laws of copyright or franchise? Why did not brother Branham put a translation office in Jeffersonville, and order that all translation must be done there, under his control, because they where his tapes and his Message, and it was copyrighted, no one had the right to translate it in other languages unless it was done under his written permission? Why he did not do it? Rather, he let the tapes go all over into other countries, where he could not have any control, and let the pastors of their countries translate them for their congregations. This was the right way! And this is STILL the right way of God. The way is going on now in Jeffersonville is not on the same line of the prophet. It is going on on the same line of denominations: Controlling, ruling. No, my brothers, no, this is not the right way! That is still a form of “nicolaitism”.

WHO HAS THE COPYRIGHT TO SPREAD THE MESSAGE?

Brother Branham tells us that in every age the Light (the Message) comes through some God-given messenger in a certain area, and then from that messenger there spreads the Light (the Message) through the “ministry” of other who have been faithfully taught (Church Age Book, pag.156).

Now, around the world there is more that one who claim that only he, or only they, have the copyright to spread the Message. This is not what the prophet taught. There is one in Germany, in Krefeld, who claims that one night God spoke to him, and gave him the commission that only he is appointed by God to distribute the Food (the Message) in the right season. Then there is Voice Of God Recordings Inc. who claims that only they have the copyright on the Message and, automaticly, only they have the right to spread It. I know there are some others that claim the same thing. Now, this is really a pitiful thing!

On the same page 156 of the Church Age Book, brother Branham tells us how important

it is to say ONLY what the messenger has spoken. Brother Branham tells also that a lie is the truth told in the wrong way. Then, judging by this meter, we know that to “force” what the prophet says about copyright on the tapes, is a “lie”. To force what the prophet says about spreading out the Message, is a “lie”.

For a spiritual mind, when you see people, ministers, or groups, doing that, that is: to claim that only they have the right to spread the Word of God for this Age, it is clear that they are motivated by a wrong spirit. As I said before, this is that same “nicolaitian spirit” that works among the ranks of the Christian Church. There is no other explanation.

The apostle Paul said (Ph. 1:15-18) that some preached Christ for envy, other for strife, and some also for good will. But he said: *Anyhow, the important thing is that Christ is preached.* If we are motivated by that same Spirit, we will say the same thing about spreading the Message.

One day the disciples, when they had not yet received the Holy Ghost, met a man that was doing exactly what Jesus and His disciples was doing, and John went to Jesus and said:

Master, we saw one casting out devils in Thy Name; and we forbade him, because casting out devils is a copyright that You have given only to us. This man is not working in our Company. He is doing it not under our control. He does not work with us here at the International Headquarter of the Message of the hour.

Jesus said unto him: Forbid him not, for he that is not against us is for us (Luke 9:49-50). See the perfect will of God on spreading the Gospel? We should come against them that are working “against” the spreading of the Message, and not against them that work “for” the spreading of the Message, otherwise we fight against ourselves. See the difference? But you know why today we still have those that want to stop others that are spreading the Message, unless they work with the “international headquarter”? It is for the same reason that was then with John and the disciples. THEY DO THIS BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT YET BEEN ON THE “UPPER ROOM”, WHERE THEY COULD RECEIVE THE HOLY GHOST. That is the problem! They are still working as “carnal minded men”, not as “spiritual minded men”. That is why they claim all this copyright, and international headquarters, and commissions given by the Lord to spread the Message. “Fleshly minded believers”, that is what's the matter.

THE RIGHT WAY OF SPREADING

THE MESSAGE

I believe the right way of spreading the Message, is this:

- 1) the English speaking part of the Bride have already the Message in their language; they are the privileged ones. And because of this, they should help, in the measure they can, to let the Message, in tapes or book-form, keep spreading all over the world, as much as they could, and in the cheapest way possible;
- 2) when in a nation God arises someone with the burden to translate the Message in his language, if he needs help, and the English part of the Bride can help him, help him to do the job RIGHT IN HIS OWN COUNTRY. Help him to translate and print the

Message there. Help him to make and duplicate tapes there. Let that work be INDEPENDENT from others. Let it run by itself. Do not control;

3) let every national body of believer support their own local work. The money given by the believers of that nation should stay on that nation, to support their own work and not send the money and tithes to the International Headquarters. The Tithes should go only to the local minister. Only if they have extra funds they can help other nations; but this must always be done in a way of not controlling the local work by the mean of the support, otherwise it becomes “nicolaitism”.

This for me is the right way of helping the Cause.

WHO IS QUALIFIED TO TRANSLATE THE MESSAGE?

I believe that it is “God” that has to send out laborers into His harvest, not men. And when one is send by God, it means that God has equipped that man for the job. So, when a man has the burden to do this job of translating the Word of God for this age, he should start to translate It without asking permission to nobody. If someone that will read this brochure feels from the Lord to translate the Message into his own language, just go on and do it. But make sure it is from God! Remember: this Message is the Word of God, then handle It with all sincerity and seriousness. Translate EXACTLY what is on the tapes. Not what is on the English books, because the books (except the Church Age Book) are not the original. The original are the TAPES. The translator should work from the TAPES. You can use the English book for an help, but you must translate from the ORIGINAL, and the original are the TAPES. The translator must know good English, especially the “Biblical” English. Because someone could be master in English language, but he does not know the “Bible terminology”, and so he cannot make a good translation. The translator MUST be born again and filled with the Holy Ghost. But, of course, if the man is chosen by God, then God knows what He does. I suggest that a pastor should be involved in the translation work, at list to check It before given to the people. I say this because the Message is not just a simple something to be translated; It is the WORD OF GOD! And we know that the Word of God should be handled by ministers. And every minister is responsible for his own nation.

The ministers of a nation should work toughether for bringing the Message to their own country. They are responsible for their own people. They should support FIRST their own work in their own country, to help spread the Message as much as they can in their own language. But I found out that in some countries believers send the money to their “international” headquarter (there is more that one international headquarter), and neglect to help the work in their own nation, their “national” headquarter. This is wrong. You must help FIRST to let the Message be spread in your own language, because you are responsible for the people of the nation God placed you in, if you want to do God a service in His will. Of course, if you want to do things according to your own will, then go on and do it; one day you will pay for it!

DO NOT IGNORE THE WORK OTHERS DO

I feel very sad when somebody ignores the work of others, and at the same time tries to present his own work. I believe it is not the Spirit of God in doing so. We see brother Branham always admiring the effort of others in the harvest of the Lord. Many times he praises others for what they were doing. Why don't we do the same? Of course, it is a matter of spirit, I know!

In the Message realm there are some magazines going around the world telling how much is doing the group that stays behind that magazine. Not long ago I read one of those magazine that comes from one of these international headquarter, and I was very displeased by the way they ignored COMPLETELY the work that others are doing on translating and spreading the Message. This is very bad!

I know that around the world there are many brothers that are working on translating the Message, independently. It is not only Voice Of God Recordings Inc. that is working on spreading the Message. No. There are many others. Of course, Voice Of God Recordings Inc. has done and is doing a great job. We must acknowledge that. May the Lord bless them for this. But they are NOT the only ones that are working for spreading the Message. For example, there are the believers in Vancouver, Canada, that are doing also a great work on spreading the Message. There are the believers in Edmonton, Canada, that have done a great work on spreading the Message. There is Word Publications, in Phoenix, Arizona, that is doing a great work on spreading the Message. There is Eagle Computing that has done a very great work, by putting the Message on computer. There is Tucson Tabernacle Books that has done a great work. In Europe there are different ones that are working on spreading the Message.

Of course, there are also some that are doing wrong translations. Some are doing it for personal gain. Some preachers are using the Message to promote their own ministry. Well, that is normal. We have had that in every age. Woe unto them! They will pay for it! They cannot play with God's Message.

Some are doing wrong translations. You know why? Because they do not believe that ALL that the prophet spoke on the tape is the Word of the Lord. They believe that brother Branham made same mistakes. They believe that brother Branham was still a man. Sure he was a man, but what he preached was the WORD OF THE LORD FOR THIS AGE. But some do not believe this, and so, when they translate the Message they change something; they take out something or add something, because they do not believe It ALL as It is. But brother Branham told us not to do this!

Church Age Book, pg.156, he says also that:

Any man or woman that puts anything to what I say, don't believe what I say.

C.O.D. Vol.2, pag.976, he says:

God's prophets make no mistake.

The Conflict Between God And Satan. 62-0531, he says:

Yet they say: `Brother Branham is a prophet when he is anointed, but when the anointing is off of him, oh, I don't know!'. What a... If that isn't a mark of a-a-a-a mixed-up theologians!

The Token, par.83. 64-0308, See what the prophet says?

If the prophet made mistakes, it was GOD HIMSELF that corrected His prophet, and the corrections are on the TAPES. No man has the right to correct a prophet of God. Even if he made mistakes, we should remain reverent and respectful, and let God ALONE correct His servants.

But there are also believers, ministers, that are translating the Message for the people of their own country exactly as It is. For example the believers in Rotterdam have translated many Messages in their own language, without depending from nobody, but only from God. Not only they translate the Message independently, but they also help others in their countries to translate and print the Message in their own places. In France also there are brothers translating the Message, independently. In Germany also. In Switzerland also, there is a brother-minister that has translated, and is still translating, many Message, printed and on tapes. In Check Republic also there are brothers working on translation, independently. In Sloven also there is a brother working on translation, independently. In Croatia also there is a brother working independently on translating the Message. In Italy also there is a brother-minister that has translated many Messages, and is working independently. In Ukraine also. Oh, there are so many that are working in God's vineyard all around the world! And they are working INDEPENDENTLY from any human control. They do not belong to any "international" headquarter, but dipent from the "Heavenly" Headquarter. They have got from God the permission to translate and distribute the Message.

But, you see, there are some that are writing their magazine, and in there they are telling that they are the only ones that are working for spreading the Message, IGNORING the work that all the other brothers are doing, trying to break their influence, and, in some cases, trying even openly to stop them, or telling them that they are out of the will of God, because they are breaking the "copyright". They are doing exactly what the apostles did with that man that was casting out devils but was not in their company. Oh, what a pitiful thing it is!

I found out that in those magazine they say also a lot of things which are not true. They OVER-EMPHASISE the things. Why? I do not know! But there must be a reason behind. Could it be for money? Could it be for popularity? Could it be to spread their own influence? I do not know, the Lord knows. But behind it there sure must be a reason!

Why don't they write a magazine and tell in there all they know about the work OTHERS are doing? If you are working for the Lord, and I am working for the Lord, then it is not OUR work, but the Lord's. Now, if it is the Lord's work, then why they that right the articles on those magazines are afraid to put also the work of the Lord that others are doing? You see, they don't do it because, in their heart, they think that it is THEIR work, and not the Lord's. This seams rude, but it is the truth, anyhow.

I am not writing any magazine, I feel not lead to do it; but if I should write one, you know what I will do? I will write about what I know of the work that OTHER brothers are doing for the Lord, included mine. Because, in doing so, the glory goes ONLY to God, and not to same man or organization.

CONCLUSION

I am glad that, beside what man may try to do with the Word of the Lord, It does exactly what God intended to do by It. God had a purpose on sending this Message, and this purpose will be accomplished in spite of all. Blessed be His Name!

- He sent His Message to call the Elect, and it will be done.
- He sent His Message to call the Bride, and it will be done.
- He sent His Message to give us rapturing faith, and it will be done.
- He sent His Message to bring the children back to the faith of the fathers, and it will be done.

— He sent His Message to take us out of the mess of the present religious world, and it will be done.

— He sent His Message to reach every corner of the globe, and God has His men that spread It, and they are doing it even breaking all the copyrights and opposition from men. God has His headquarters, and they are in the hearts of His believers: the Bride of Jesus Christ. So they dipend directly from the Headquarter that is in their hearts. And that Headquarter is Christ, the Holy Spirit. Amen.

I am glad that this purpose of God on sending the Message and spreading It is working in my life, too. I bless the Lord for sending us a messenger with **THUS SAYS THE LORD**. And all I want is to stay on the Word that the Lord has spoken for this hour by the prophet of Malachia 4.

Will you do the same?

God bless you!

Written by a brother that loves the Truth.



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