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Dear Brother Joseph,

I am writing you concerning the book, "Here I Stand." I feel really pressed of the Lord to reply to your book. You have publicly made a stand for what you believe to be the truth. And in doing so it forces the Bride to also make a stand. As you imply in your book. We are to stand with you and what you project to be your daddy's message or we will stand with the truth of what Brother Branham, God's Prophet really taught.

Brother Joseph after reading the book through several times I began to ask myself what is the real reason for this book? Why would a brother take such a stand upon an issue as this? When there are so many things that you could have took a stand on why on franchise and copyright? You could have informed us where you stand on paying tithes, you could have told us where you stood on going to church. You could have told us where you stand on women wearing split skirts. You could have told us where you stand on a return ministry. You also could have told us where you stand with those who believe you to be a Word prophet. But in your stand I find it interesting that you never even approach the real issue's concerning the Word. So what is the real motive behind this book? What would press someone to make statements as you made? After asking myself these questions I began to read the book again. This time I read it to try and find the answers to these questions that were in my mind. A person does not spend the kind of money that you had to spend on this book for no reason at all. There had to be something motivating you and moving you to write the things you wrote. After reading the book again I saw what was motivating you to put a book out like this.

In your book, "Here I stand" you constantly say that you are only trying to PROTECT this message. You use this word protection over and over again. You base your whole objective for trying to enforce a copyright and franchise on the basis of the PROTECTION OF THE MESSAGE. After seeing why you felt moved to put an elaborate book out that surely took thousands of God's dollars. I then asked myself another question. **What spirit was you under when you took your stand and placed YOUR BELIEF in a MANUAL for all to read?** Was it the Spirit of God or the Spirit of the Anti-Christ? I went to the message of the hour to find the answer.

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But as usual people don't heed God's warning. That revival fire built upon the sacred Word is so wonderful, and the manifestation of the Spirit so blessed, that a little fear creeps in and a whisper in the heart says, "HOW CAN WE PROTECT THIS TRUTH WE HAVE? What can we do to see this revival goes on?" **THAT IS WHEN THE "ANTICHRIST SPIRIT" COMES IN AND WHISPERS, "LOOK, YOU HAVE THE TRUTH NOW, SEE THAT IT DOESN'T GET LOST. ORGANIZE AND SET UP YOUR CREED OF WHAT YOU BELIEVE. PUT IT ALL IN A CHURCH MANUAL."**

Brother Joseph it very easy to see what spirit motivated you to put such a book out. God would have never motivated you to do such a thing. There has never been a time in history that God has ever needed anyone to PROTECT His Word. GOD PROTECTS HIS OWN WORD. Your argument would be that Brother Branham placed a franchise and copyright on the message to PROTECT it. Brother Branham as a prophet would never do such a thing. The copyright and franchise that the Prophet was speaking of doesn't have one thing to do with PROTECTION of the Word. If as you would imply Brother Branham was trying to protect the Word, you make Him a False Prophet. It is very plain to see that it is the spirit of the devil that comes in and says you have to protect this thing. As I mentioned God protects His own Word. God doesn't need human intervention. He doesn't need someone to put their belief in a book to try and subject fear upon the people. God simply protects it.

I recently was handed a "**Lifeline**" brochure that you put out in August of 1999. The subject is "*God's provision in a time of drought.*" As I read this article it again become very clear what Spirit told you to

put your beliefs in the "Here I Stand" manual. I quote you from this article, "I am so thankful to the Lord that His prophet, Brother Branham, spoke this Spiritual Food into existence. I am equally thankful to the Lord that HE CAUSED HIS PROPHET TO ESTABLISH A FRANCHISE SYSTEM To PROTECT this precious Word, whereby these Messages could ONLY be produced and distributed from **ONE SOURCE**. Voice of God Recordings has been given this exclusive right and RESPONSIBILITY **To PROTECT**, produce, and distribute this glorious Message to the Bride of Christ around the world in their own languages. I will be forever humbled and grateful to the Lord for the wonderful opportunity."

Brother Joseph when did God ever institute a system that had the sole exclusive right and responsibility to protect, produce, and distribute His Word? You say that's what the franchise and copyright is about. But does your theology line up with the Word of God? You also say that God CAUSED His prophet to establish a franchise system to protect the Word. Where in the message of the hour does Brother Branham say that? In the days of Isaiah when He said, "a virgin shall conceive" did God cause him to set up a system to protect his prophecy or did God simply protect it Himself? When Moses wrote the first 5 books of the bible did God cause him to set up a franchise system to protect the Word so that it would not be tampered or did God protect it Himself? When Paul the first church age messenger preached the Word did God cause Him to set up a copyright and franchise system to protect the Word or did God protect it Himself? Can you show me where any prophet in the Bible ever set up a system of protection and turned their message over to ONE MAN? Remember a prophet can only say and do what those before him said and done. Brother Branham as a true prophet of God could NEVER institute any system that would turn the Word over to ONE MAN, and for the Word to be CONTROLLED, and GOVERNED by ONE MAN. This has NEVER been God's order and never will be.

The Spirit that comes in and tries to set up a SYSTEM as you are trying to incorporate is not the Spirit of God but the SAME ANTI-CHRIST spirit that crept into the Ephesian Church ever so gently. It took the Leadership away from the people and put it into ONE HOLY MAN. You in your "**Lifeline**" brochure and your "**Here I Stand**" manual declare YOURSELF to be that ONE MAN.

I quote you," Voice of God Recordings has been given this exclusive right and responsibility to protect, produce, and distribute this glorious message to the Bride of Christ around the world in their own languages. **I will be forever humbled and grateful to the Lord for the wonderful opportunity.**" Brother Joseph you place this as YOUR WORK declaring YOU ALONE have the EXCLUSIVE RIGHT. In simple you are calling yourself the ONE MAN.

In your "**Here I stand**" manual you also state, "You might be eating stolen bread, my friend, but it is not because there is a famine among the Bride or because **I have schemed to keep Food from your table**, as some would have you believe." You again self proclaim yourself to be the ONE MAN that has the exclusive rights to the Word. You declare that you are the ONE MAN that puts food on the Bride's table.

I quote you again, "Books are frequently translated, printed, and distributed without **MY KNOWLEDE**. Then, these unchecked translations are spread among the people, and another, inaccurate "version" of the Message takes hold and adds to the confusion already among the people." Brother Joseph here you again declare yourself to be the ONLY MAN that has rights to the Word.

Where does this ONE MAN spirit come from? Is this God's institution or Satan's?

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160-4 {295} Remember in the church ages when we opened the first church age back there, we found out that the Holy Spirit was against a certain thing that got started in that church age, and that was called "the deeds of the Nicolaitanes." You remember it? "Nico" means "to conquer." "Laity" means "the church, the laity." "Nicolaitanes" "to conquer the laity": **take the Holy Spirit out of the church and GIVE IT ALL TO ONE HOLY MAN, let him be THE BOSS of all of it.**

It was an ANTI-CHRIST spirit that come in amongst them and took the leadership of the Holy Spirit away from the people and put it into ONE HOLY MAN. This spirit said, Let him be the BOSS of all of it." Brother Joseph it is evident what spirit you are working under. You declared in your MANUAL that YOU ARE THE BOSS and only what you say is correct is right. Any translation that you the BOSS doesn't put out is an inaccurate translation of the message. You said, "Books are frequently translated, printed, and distributed without **MY KNOWLEDE**." You are placing the sole authority in your hands,

ONE MAN. You also say that, "you might be eating STOLEN BREAD." This statement implies that you believe the message belongs exclusively to you, ONE MAN.

I also want to point out what this ONE MAN spirit is all about. Not only does it come to control and take the leadership of the Holy Spirit away from the people of God. It also comes in for FINANCIAL GAIN.

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E-60 First, it was the Nicolaitanes. Mean... "Nico" means "to conquer the a-laity," take all the Holy Spirit out of the laity, and **PUT IT ON ONE MAN**, a bishop, pope, or something. The dignitaries want it that way, so that he could be the sin bearer for all of them. We got one sin bearer: that's Christ. But that's what they want. Nico-laitane... "Nico" means "to conquer." "Laity" is the church. Take all the Holy Spirit... They're not holy; just ONE HOLY MAN. **IT'S THE IDEA OF GETTING MONEY INTO THE CHURCH ON CONFESSIONS.**

Brother Joseph by setting yourself up as the BOSS of the message, the ONE MAN that has control over the Word and how it is handled and distributed you also set yourself up for financial gain. You are not trying to impose a franchise but a MONOPOLY, which is *the exclusive possession or control over a commodity*. You may say that's not what it is about but that is exactly what you have declared it to be. In your MANUAL you use the word COMPETITION over and over again. Webster's dictionary defines competition as *the act of competing, as for PROFIT or a prize; rivalry between two or more businesses STRIVING FOR THE SAME CUSTOMER OR MARKET.*

I quote you from your MANUAL. "We believe that a vital and far-sighted (or, to be even more correct, we should say "eagle-eyed") protocol was left in place that we must follow. Brother Branham's statements, regarding the correct manner in which the spiritual provisions that he stored up were to be distributed among the people, left no room for amendments, and no need for interpretation. If followed to the letter, there would be **NO COMPETITION** among the brethren, no discrepancies and variations among the translations, and no shortage of material."

You also state, "With the introduction of NEW TECHNOLOGY and the easy access to the very public forum and **marketplace** of the World Wide Web, the **COMPETITION** among these dissenting parties has become so ruthless and disgraceful, that it is hard to believe that any good can ever be the result if this is allowed to continue without correction."

I quote you again, "Satan has schemed to cause **COMPETITION** to arise from a situation where there should never be any."

Brother Joseph it is plain for all to see what your real motive is. You don't want any competition. You want to be the SOLE PROPRIETOR of the message. If you are the ONE MAN who has the exclusive rights or has a monopoly then all the **money** will go to **you**. This is what the ONE MAN spirit is all about.

I also find it rather interesting that you say that this is Satan's scheme. How can you call the furtherance of the gospel Satan's scheme?

Brother Joseph when I first came to the message 8 ½ years ago. I called Voice of God to get some books. Most of the books that I requested wasn't in print or wasn't even printed at all. It was hard for me to believe that in 30 plus years God's voice wasn't in print for the Bride to read and at present still isn't. It was a big let down to me because this message became my very life. I was then told that a brother had a computer program that had every sermon Brother Branham had ever preached on it. I immediately sold my motorcycle and bought a computer with the Message Software on it. I want to point out that at this time Voice of God didn't have one thing to do with this program. This computer program became my source for reading the message of the hour. It has only been in the last couple of years that you have taken on the Message Software. By what you have said in your book. This Software that has helped countless of people read and study the message is SATAN'S SCHEME, because for years it didn't come from YOU. If it wasn't for brother's who were led by the HOLY SPIRIT we wouldn't have the message on computer today.

I also want to point out something else that you call SATAN'S SCHEME. A few years back another brother was moved upon by the HOLY SPIRIT to place all of Brother Branham's sermons in audio on

the internet. By doing this it would make God's Voice available to everyone that wanted to hear it **free of charge**. Is this a scheme of the devil or is it the leading of the Holy Spirit? Is it Satan that wants God's Voice to this age available to everyone around the world or is it the Holy Spirit? It is evident that you don't believe it is of God. I quote you "*With the introduction of NEW TECHNOLOGY and the EASY ACCESS to the VERY PUBLIC forum and market place of the World Wide Web, the COMPETITION.....*" You declare that the Prophets messages on the internet "very public forum" is competition. You call this competition "SATAN'S SCHEME." I call it getting the Word to as many people as we can.

More recently there was some Brothers who again was moved upon by the Holy Ghost to place the prophets messages on an MP3 Player. You have also called it COMPETITION or SATAN'S SCHEME. Brother Joseph I ask you, Is it Satan or God who would want to place the **ENTIRE MESSAGE** in every home at an **affordable price**?

**Can't you see why God left us a BODY MINISTRY and not ONE MAN who wants to be the equipping part of the Body.** The message is where it is today because GOD CALLED MEN have yielded themselves to the Lord and have done what God wanted them to do. If I were to have solely relied upon Voice of God for material I would only have about 200 books, which I am thankful for. I still wouldn't have an ENTIRE LIBRARY of tapes because you charge more than \$8000.00. I am so thankful that there were some Brothers who made every sermon available for less than a \$100. Brother Joseph it has taken the efforts of every person that has been led of the Lord to get the message where it is today. God has a BODY MINISTRY not ONE MAN

Brother Joseph as a God Called Minister of this Message I call on you to Repent and to deafen your ears to the whispers of the anti-christ that would move you away from the Word. **There is a real work to be done, and it will be done by a MANY MEMBERED BRIDE not ONE MAN.**

Your Brother In Christ,

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