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To: The Biblical Research Committee Chairman

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Re: Research Presented to B.C. by Bros. I. Sam and M. Graham

A (1) The B.R.C. was asked to prove that the sermons published after Feb. 5, 1955 were actually delivered by Bro V. T. Houteff. The only concrete proof that can be brought forward is to obtain as much of the original manuscripts as possible, and compare them with the published works.

Bro. N. Archer sent a copy of the original manuscript for 12 SC 5- Jacob's Typology. We see that the only changes made were, spelling or grammatical errors, but there were no changes made to alter the overall meaning of what is being said.

I would recommend that a local committee be formed to compare as many manuscripts etc. that can be found, with the published works, and verify as much as possible that the codes are authentic.

In 3 SC 5,6 :12 (Blue Bk. 326) The question is asked: "To what extent is the Code Authentic?"

Answer:

"The only changes that are ever made in the material submitted to the Code, are in respect to the laws of language—grammar and logic- but never in respect to doctrine.....only such contributions as are in perfect harmony with the sealing message , and are both encouraging and beneficial to all who may read the "Code" are sent to the press. Therefore, those who study but part of the Code are depriving themselves of a blessing which others wish they might have."

So we see that a procedure was laid down which I personally believe that this procedure did not change drastically as soon as the prophet died.

A (2) After reading all the materials submitted I believe that the seeming inconsistencies mentioned in sermons purported to be delivered by the

prophet were actually progressive truths, i.e. further clarifications on the point and not errors. They were not contradictions but rather further understanding on the subjects in question as the scroll unrolled. This does not include studies written by Sis. Houteff.

B (1) From the materials submitted I can understand that some portions of the original Codes were not published because they were repetitions of previously published TGs. and compilations of V. T. Houteff's published works, also letters from the mail bag or Sabbath School Lessons. From the quote in SC 326 (Blue Bk.) I see no reason why they should not all go into print and made available to all. The Codes with comments and studies by Sis. Houteff also minutes of board meetings etc. should definitely be separated and made available to the brethren as historical references. Up till now much of what happened after Feb. 1955 was understood only by hearsay, it would be good to have a written historical reference.

B (2) Are the sequence of events mentioned in 2 TG 10: 28-31 to be taken as sequential and chronological?

Bro. Houteff did not state that the sequence of events written in 2 TG 10 were in chronological order. When one read all the points one will see that the prophet was naming many high points of the message, many future occurrences are left out. The exact sequence of the events was not the main focus, e.g. The Special resurrection is not mentioned, the resurrection of Ezek. 37 was not mentioned, the reign of the Scarlet Colored Beast is not mentioned plus many other important points. Therefore one cannot take this list as complete, conclusive or chronological.

B (3) Jacob's Time of Trouble. before or after the purification.

We know that there are two soul harvest: 3 Tr. 68, 3 Tr. 71, 2 TG 46:28, 2 TG 11:5, Jacob's Time of trouble is for the first fruits, while the time of trouble such as never was is for the second fruits. We read in 2 TG 10:30 that "the time of Jacob's trouble (Jer. 30.7) for the 144,000, the sons of Jacob, logically develops on their way home (Gen. 32.1, 24) to the land of their fathers (Ezek.36:28; 37:21,25).

In 1 TG 47:13, 14 "The people that have come to this antitypical time of trouble are returning to the homeland, are comforted.

2 TG 8:21-22 tells of the solemn assembly from which none is to be excluded, then it goes on to say, "Here we are plainly told that God's people are to face persecution and distress, and unless they keep close to the Lord their very existence may be at stake..." These statements prove that Jacob's Time of Trouble is before the purification.

B (4) Statements published by the prophet giving permission to publish any of his unpublished sermons.

5 Ans. 56 "Teach only in the light of the Rod those passages which in one way or another need to be interpreted."

SC 326 "...and only such contributions as are in perfect harmony with the sealing message, and are both encouraging and beneficial to all who may read the "Code" are sent to the press."

B (5) Explain the statement "Teach only that which is revealed and published".... by Executive Council or V.T. Houtell?

SC 269 "...we request that all Present Truth followers refrain from teaching anything more or less than has been published in the Code, the books, and the tracts. The messages are plain in themselves, and you need not enlarge upon any point, but rather make sure that you, yourself, are walking in the light only as far as the light of Present Truth leads you, for which light and progress in the in the Christian pathway you, yourself, and those whom you teach, are responsible."

From this quotation and others I understand that we must teach only what the prophet taught. It is my understanding therefore that anything that the prophet taught which is in line with what the Rod message has already taught, is okay to be printed and taught.

The 42 months

There are two statements in the writings of the prophet which were published before his death. These quotes are Tract 5:111 and 2 TG 15:9,10 these quotations show that there is a antitypical, present day application to the 42 month prophecy which ends when the times of the gentiles in the promised land is fulfilled. These quotes do not state when the 42 months

begin. In 2 TG 42:27 we read "... and since these prophecies are made to be understood only when they are being fulfilled or after fulfillment, verse 45 is not as clear as we should like to have it." From these statements I understand that the modern day application of the 42 months was not Sis. F. Houteff's idea, her mistake was, setting a date for its starting point and ending.

The Starting point of the Sixth Trumpet

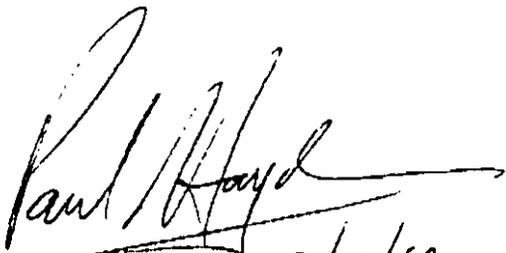
This point was dealt adequately in the materials submitted by Bro. Archer of which I agree, and I need not repeat them. The prophet clearly stated that all trumpets begin at a specific time, but overlap each other. This means that events of one trumpet can take place during the time of another trumpet. The seeming contradiction submitted is due to where the emphasis is being placed in each quotation, while when one look at the subject on a whole one would see that there is no contradiction since events in trumpets overlap.

Conclusion

Are the distributed Five volume Codes authentic?

From the sample of manuscripts sent out by Bro. Archer, and after comparing them with what was actually printed we see that the only changes made were in respect to grammar and spelling. These Codes do not contradict any previously taught doctrines, but rather shed more light on the message.

I conclude that the distributed Codes are authentic and we should continue to print and distribute them.



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