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### Brother Millevo Letter about ~ Here I Stand ~ January 27 2002

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Dear Brother Mariano,

This is to inform you that I have received from you some hard copies of your tracts called "Who has the Copyright on Jesus Christ?" last December and lately this January, I received the "How did I become a Thief, according to VGR" article, through the post mail. I did not know where you got my address but even though before you ever sent me these print-outs, I have already read most of your articles through website - the wmbp3.com.

I appreciate your stand with regards to the foreign translation issue, and I understand how you feel about being tagged as a "thief" if you are not to cooperate with how VGR wants to run the translation work outside the U.S. This is a very troubling issue nowadays, and I know there are pro's and con's regarding these. Even in the days of the apostles, Paul and Peter had some disagreements, but that did not hinder God in continuing with his perfect plan on earth. Nevertheless, Brother Branham, in one of his messages, assured us that the "The will of God will be done, regardless." ... read more ...

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I find no fault in people translating the Message on their own languages outside of the U.S. (as long as the translation is perfectly guided by the Holy Ghost) since this has also been my burden for my country, and have been giving away also translated tracts of the Message for FREE in the past 10 years. I highly regard ministers who have this kind of motives and desire; I esteem their zeal and blessed effort to propagate the revealed Word in their own limited resources, without burdening and begging people for support, and obliging people to give money for their work. I believe that this Message was never meant for money-making, even as the Scriptures tell us to - "freely receive, freely give."

I, for one, have in my full possession, a complete MP3 message set of the prophet, as donated to me by precious Brother Harold Hildebrandt of Edmonton, Canada, plus the MP3 player he bought from mp3.com for us, which we play in church during regular services. They're of good quality and are clear and have reduced the noise at the backgrounds. Why would I refuse such a great blessing, which if we buy them ourselves, we could not have afforded the price from our own pockets. Bless God for brothers like Brother Harold Hildebrandt for the MP3 set and for his printed blue books called "In the Days of the Voice..." as they come regularly to us by mail for FREE. If we preach that the rapture is at hand, then when can the churches ever have a full copy of the Messages without paying so much money? If not for people like Brother Hildebrandt, who's burdened for the less privileged in life more than any copyright issue, we would not have such access to the foods of the gods. I don't care if others tag it as "stolen food", but for us, the Message, according to the Bible, is "for whosoever will, let him come" and let them have it.

One thing I noticed in the past, the VGR office in the Philippines has never been effective in their message distribution here in our country. This is due to the seemingly "uncommitted" representative they have wrongly chosen. Their books are given out by favour : to those who cling more to the ideas and caprices of those chosen representative; the more they are privileged to receive these books. I have seen thousands of undistributed books in some libraries here that are just being eaten by rats and cockroaches, when they should be handed down to the needy bride of our country. Yet the representative(s) keep it in exchange for future favours from their chosen ministers. I have personally been under the pastorship of one of these first library custodians of VGR here (1980's) who later we found out had an affair with a 16-year old sister, molesting her and having a baby with her. He was later sued in court by the unbelieving father of this sister and was put to jail for a short while. And if not for a foreign brother-minister who flew from Arizona coming here and paid the bail for him, he would not have been freed from the charges. The worst part of it is that, he was even featured in our local newspapers and in our TV broadcasts for such heinous crime, bringing a reproach to the Message and ministry of William Branham in the Philippines... no doubt his church later broke-up to pieces, and he is now reaping what he had sown. I have the papers and the court documents to prove that these things are true.

The second library custodian after him (1994's) was lately found out also

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to have secretly pawned his church building for 1.5 million pesos in the bank, without the laity knowing nor approving of such. He later lost the church to the bank and it was forfeited due to unpaid accumulated interests. His flocks just discovered it later and they didn't know where the money went. They were now distraught by such event, and have separated and formed their own assembly elsewhere, leaving this man on his own.

Now, the third and current custodian of VGR in the Philippines is a businessman, yet is nowhere to be found in the Philippines. He is now an immigrant to Canada and has no permanent address here. He has sold the VGR office here and left the distribution work floating with no permanent person to man the work. The people here are confused as whether there is a VGR office or not, and they don't know where its office is located to ask for the books and tapes. The man still holds on to his being VGR representative for no reason at all (maybe just because of the prestige that goes with it and his good friendship with Brother Joseph Branham), yet the books and tapes are not reaching anyone in here anymore effectively. The majority of the ministers here even wrote an official letter to the VGR's president last year to replace him due to the inadequacy of the office, yet to no avail. Brother Joseph Branham wants him still, regardless. I am sorry to reveal these things, but God knows, they're true; ministers here know these things are true, and we have the papers and the documents to prove these things are true.

I thank God He provided a second alternative source. He sent Brother Ed Byskal, Tony Abma, and Ernie Villanueva and set-up a Cloverdale Bibleway office here in 1994; so that this new office now fills the need and shortcomings of VGR for the necessity of the Filipino believers for tapes and books, bibles; and even used clothing, and e-books, too (for the ministers). I just hope VGR can resolve this situation, and uphold their appalling reputation here, which was brought about by the inadequacy, not of their main headquarters at Jeffersrsonville, but of their local representatives here in the Philippines.

I can't judge Brother Joseph Branham for his actions and decisions, neither do I judge you, Brother Mariano, for your stand. We are not told to judge, but to pray for one another. We all have to stand before God, and each man will have to answer for his own motives and actions - whether we have become hindrances and stumblingblocks amongst God's little ones, or we have truly become God's examples and instruments to the dispensing of God's perfect will and purpose to our generation. I agree that God's Word cannot be copyrighted by any man or group, as they are God's Words and not man's (be it a prophet, pastor, teacher, or whosoever else's). Man are just instruments or mouthpieces of God to deliver His sacred Messages. Man can copyright the distribution FORMATS, yes, (e.g. tape formats, CD or MP3, real audio, etc.) but I am talking about the Word of God, which no man has authority over. Can anyone tell me who's got the copyright on the 66 books of the Bible these days? Oh, don't tell me it's the Catholic Church, for Luther translated them to the German language even without and against the approval of Rome.

I have read different documents regarding the Mamalis case, the "public

domain" issue, the Sothmann franchise, the transfer to Brother Joseph Branham, the claims on the name of "William Branham" by Bibleway, what else is there in store for the Bride? )... would God ask us over on the other side whether by which copyright have we got saved? I say, if Noah ever copyrighted his endtime Message in his days, it would not have mattered anyways, for in God's plan, it was only good for eight (8) people. And that was for a 120 years of gospel propagation. So shall it be in the coming of the Son of Man.

Then what good will this copyright issue ever serve us anyway? My answer from what I see is confusion and discord. If a common person would see this and see something in it as about "royalties", and "profits", and as "putting down the other competition", then this is clearly a BIG issue. An issue, not for the Bride, but for those who are capitalizing and getting personal gains from the distribution of these Messages. Just let me assure you, brother, I myself would immediately want to be out of that cesspool... Jesus told us that money is the ROOT of all evil. The same spirit have fallen on Judas when He sold Jesus to the Pharisees for 30 pieces of silver, the same thing happened to a genuine PROPHET Balaam when He sold Israel for money and popularity, and the same thing (MONEY) will cause the DISCREPANCY in the Bride in this last days. Truly, strait is the gate and narrow is the way, but FEW there'll will be that'll find it.

What I can finally say, brother, is this: you abide in the calling that God has called you and make the most of what is given in your hands to do by God. We are not responsible, only for our own. Each local assembly is sovereign; no bishops over him, no presidents, no overseer, but the Holy Ghost in the man leading him. That's the very word of our prophet, William Marrion Branham. I don't sell tapes nor books. I preach the Word. Whatever books I have, I give them out freely, regardless of the source where they come from (VGR, Bibleway, Edmonton, what's the difference?)...as long as it's the unadulterated Word of the hour, and it's Brother Branham preaching, I let God do the talking and the dealing with whosoever individual SOUL gets in contact with that book. He knows His own, we do not. But a stranger they will not follow, and for sure none of them will be lost ...(can we teach sheep which grass is copyrighted or not?)

I think this is just a petty problem that the Bride is experiencing now and will sooner be overcome, by God's grace. It will show us who is Bride or not. Man's courtroom is never an alternative for God's children to settle an issue, in the Bible. It's Cain's alternative - I mean his children and seed. The Bride will stay humble, immovable in what God has revealed to them. She is told to pray for them that persecute them, and pray even more for those that spitefully use them. She is never the persecutor, but the persecuted. We are told by the prophet to forfeit our rights, and turn the other cheek. This squeeze will manifest who is "persecutor", and who is being persecuted. One thing I liked in your testimony is this: you said, that if ever you land in jail for translating this Message in Italian without the consent of VGR, you will still translate the Message inside the prison house more and more and give them away still. My! talk about commitment, my brother! I appreciate you for that. God's Word has no

boundaries, for sure.

Anyway, just think that God is never out of the picture; He is still in full control. God's clock is ticking on time, and can never be derailed by any issue – be it of copyright or anything else. I personally, am focused only on one issue: that is, to stay undefiled by the politics and organizational systems of this world. I want to be found blameless, guiltless and ready for the soon appearing of our beloved Bridegroom, my Lord Jesus Christ. Let the copyright belong to whosoever it belongs, but let me belong to Jesus Christ. I want to be His, not under any man's bondage. "Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus!", is my constant prayer. My prayer is that we reach the unity of the faith, regardless of any petty issue the Devil throws out on us. May God have mercy on us, for time is running out.

May God richly bless you, my dear brother, and so with all those who are true to the cause of the Message-of-the-Hour.

In Christ's service,

Pastor Ronnie Millevo

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