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Brother Tim Pruitt Response to ~ Here I Stand ~

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Dear Bro. Joseph,

Christian Greetings in the Wonderful Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I am writing this letter to express my heart to you concerning recent issues that involve you and the Voice Of God Recordings. Through the years, as a pastor, I have sent the converts that were won to the Lord, to the Spoken Word Publications and now The Voice Of God Recordings to obtain Message materials. Along with fellow ministers, I encouraged our members to support the work and help with getting the Message out. ...read more ...

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In our churches, we took special offerings and sent it to you to support the printing and duplication of tapes. When sermon booklets were out of print, or were lacking, we printed it. When poverty stricken souls needed a tape, we duplicated it. If it were not in a language, we helped by funding translators to translate it. This was never meant to be in competition or opposition to the Branham family, Spoken Word Publications or The Voice Of God Publications, but for the sole purpose of getting the Message to the Elect. I want to see that last one saved so we can go home! None of us want to be in the position of opposing you or any of the Branham family. Bro. Joseph, I love this Message! It is my life! With zeal, I have tried to take it to the world. Since a 15-year-old boy, I have preached this Message. The only side I ever want to take is with Jesus. I am truly grateful for the sacrifice each family member of yours has made, to make this Message possible. Thank you for every effort you have made to do this. To my shame, I have not written one letter commending you for the great work you have done in supplying thousands of books and tapes. It is with great pain and through tears that I am compelled to write concerning these issues. I would rather talk with you face to face, so you could feel and see my love, care and concern and yes, my frustration. If some things are harsh, then you must know, I will fiercely defend what I hold dear to my heart. In this letter, I would like to address some of the issues raised in "Here I Stand" and also some issues that have caused concern in both recent days and in years past

It was the year 1986, Bro. Daniel Williams and I attended the Missionary Conference hosted in Ann Arbor, MI. You addressed the conference while I waited to minister. In your address, you turned to the ministers on the platform and stated, "Without men like these who have gone and missionaried the world and carried this Message, I wouldn't have a job. I would have nothing to do." Hearing this, we felt we were working together with you. Imagine my surprise when I received the booklet, "Here I Stand" where suddenly we became "the enemy". This has to be the most disappointing and disparaging booklet ever printed by the Voice Of God. For 32 years, as a Pastor and believer of the Message, I have waited and hoped for you to take a stand against those who make you a god or another prophet-messenger. While you did strike a glancing blow at that, for the most part it was a vicious attack against the ministry, whom God has ordained and used to herald the Message in America and the foreign fields. By doing so, this actually lent credibility to the false doctrines that make you a god or another messenger.

In a recent issue of "Catch The Vision", you promised that the Voice Of God facilities would never be used to publish anything but the Message of Bro. Branham. Now it and your website have been used as a vehicle to make vicious accusations and attacks against men of God, and to express your jealousy toward others who have made available the Message to the Bride in an affordable format. You abused your privilege of being privy to the names and addresses of the believers of my assembly and others worldwide, by sending them this booklet, in which you vented hostility toward servants of Christ. You have bitten the very hand that was feeding you! I personally confiscated every copy of this booklet to keep it from new believers who are still weak in the faith. What a shame for you to accuse a servant of Christ of trying to destroy you, when the real intent of

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your publication was to deal him a deathblow and defame him publicly. Bro Joseph, what happened to fighting in the backyard? What a awful shame to put this "dirty laundry" before the world.

FORSAKING.ALL_ TEMPE.AZ TUESDAY_ 62-0123 E-3 I was raised in a large family. There was ten of the children. And we boys would get in the backyard, and we would fight one another, oh, my. Nine boys, one girl, and we would really fight. But no one better not pick on one of us out in the front yard, 'cause if he picked on one, they had--Branhams was coming from everywhere. So I think that's the way it is with God's children, the church.

THIS PUBLICATION IS A SOURCE OF DIVISION AND THEREFORE A HUGE DISSERVICE TO THE BRIDE OF CHRIST WORLDWIDE AND A REPROACH TO THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST.

I am not clear as to the motive of the printing of such an article, as to whether it is money or control. If it is money, then it is understandable that you must print this booklet after erecting your approximately six million-dollar complex styled on old technology. It is a no-brainer that technology has changed and that cassettes are like the eight track and going the way of the dinosaurs. Bro. Branham made it clear throughout his message that our vision was to be focused on the coming of the Lord and not million dollar buildings.

RESTORATION.OF.BRIDE.TREE_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-15 SUNDAY_ 62-0422 53-4 God planted this Tree to bear spiritual fruit, and MAN HAS ALWAYS TRIED TO MAKE IT A ARTIFICIAL FORM, HAVING A FORM OF GODLINESS, THE LARGEST BUILDINGS IN THE CITY (SURE); MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. MY GOODNESS, AND PEOPLE PREACHING JESUS IS COMING, AND SPEND SIX AND EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS ON A BUILDING SOMEWHERE. AND MISSIONARIES, I KNOW MISSIONARIES ON THE FIELD THAT'S PREACHING THE GOSPEL WITHOUT A PAIR OF SHOES ON, EATING TWO MEALS A WEEK.

Can you see why, brother we... WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH PEOPLE? I DON'T ACTUALLY BELIEVE THEY BELIEVE HE'S COMING. YOUR--YOUR--YOUR WORDS SPEAK... WELL, YOUR--YOUR LIFE SPEAKS LOUDER THAN YOUR WORDS; YOU... See? He's... Them little missionaries over there, come up in my meeting, like that, no shoes on, a little old pair of pants on, tied around him like that; living out there with fleas, and ameba, and bugs, and all kinds of sickness, and everything else out there; his little old hands eat up, and eat up with ameba and everything else, standing there, say, "Are you Brother Branham?"

Let me first address the issue of money. IN THE PAST, YOU HAVE CONSISTENTLY THANKED PEOPLE FOR SENDING CONTRIBUTIONS OF TITHE AND OFFERINGS THEREBY BLESSING THE WRONGFUL USE OF TITHING, WHICH BRO. BRANHAM STATES CLEARLY THAT IT IS FOR THE PASTORS AND FOR NOTHING ELSE. Bro. Joseph, this is so wrong and contrary to the Word. The quote below is only one of many that support this.

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS_ JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY_ 61-1015M ALL THE TITHINGS WENT TO THEIR PRIESTS, THEIR PASTORS. YES, TITHINGS ARE TO GO FOR NOTHING ELSE.

I know people take their tithes and give them to a widow woman. That's wrong. If you've got anything to give the widow woman, give her, but don't give her God's money. That's not yours in the first place. That's God's.

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS_ JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY_ 61-1015M

680-178 THE TITHINGS GOES INTO THE CHURCH FOR THE PASTOR AND SO FORTH LIKE THAT TO LIVE ON. And then the--the--the building funds and things like that is a separate fund altogether. Now, that--that is Scriptural.

On the issue of control: How can you possibly compare your stand with that of Martin Luther? Martin Luther PROTESTED the Catholic Church, for claiming that the Word Of God was their own and because of their keeping the Word from the common people. It was Luther that printed "PIRATED MATERIAL" "stolen" from the Catholic Church and translated it into the German language WITHOUT Rome's permission. You are certainly NOT A LUTHER! But comparing yourself with Luther you have served to fuel the claim that you are another messenger.

I believe the spirit of "Here I Stand" to be that of Nimrod who is attempting to build yet another tower of Babel. Truly, in it is the spirit and nature of the mother whore and this is the beginnings of another denomination. It was your daddy's fear that after his departure, there would arise fallen angels who would do this. Your belief that Jeffersonville and the Voice Of God Recordings or the Tabernacle are the headquarters of this Bride is contrary to Bro. Branham's teachings. I marveled at the carnality expressed during the building of the multimillion-dollar complex called Voice of God Recording. You went to great length to point out that this property had a Jeffersonville postal address, implying that it was now the great headquarters for the Bride of Christ. With the Voice Of God Recordings miles outside the city limits, it is NOT in Jeffersonville but merely has a Jeffersonville postal address. Regardless though, the true Bride does not look to Jeffersonville but as the prophet said, "I have one headquarters; that's from heaven."

GOD'S.ONLY.PROVIDED.PLACE.OF.WORSHIP_ SHP.LA V-7 N-4 SUNDAY_ 65-1128M 148 Now, have you noticed, every three years after a--a great meeting, what takes place? A denomination. This is twenty years and no denomination. Dear dying Lamb, may it never do that. IF I GO IN THIS GENERATION, MAY THE PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE THIS MESSAGE NEVER STAND STILL FOR A DENOMINATION. God will... YOU'LL DIE RIGHT IN YOUR TRACK. REMEMBER THAT. THE VERY HOUR THAT YOU MENTION DENOMINATION AMONG YOU, I DON'T CARE HOW SINCERE YOU ARE, TAKE MAN FOR YOUR LEADER INSTEAD OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO CONFIRM THIS WORD, THAT'S THE HOUR YOU DIE. The genuine Seed cannot, because there's nothing left after the seed; it's the same thing was back at the beginning. It's the Bride that fell into the ground to bring

forth the corn of wheat again.

Whose property is it? Bro. Joseph, IF THIS MESSAGE IS INDEED THE MESSAGE OF WILLIAM MARRION BRANHAM – THEN YOU CAN HAVE IT, for then it belongs to the Branham family. BUT IF IT IS THE VOICE OF GOD, THEN IT BELONGS TO THE CHILDREN OF GOD AND NOT TO THE HEIRS OF WILLIAM BRANHAM.

If what we are contesting is who owns the intellectual property of William Branham – Let me answer that, "The heirs own it." But the Message was not the thoughts of a man and to project that is contrary to Bro. Branham's teachings. I AM SURPRISED TO KNOW THAT YOU BELIEVE IT WAS OF MAN. HOW DARE YOU TO THINK THIS! THIS MESSAGE IS NOT THE INTELLECTUAL THOUGHTS OR PROPERTY OF MAN BUT OF GOD, AND THEREFORE BELONGS TO ALL OF HIS CHILDREN.

CONVINCED.THEN.CONCERNED_ SHREVEPORT.LA SUNDAY_ 62-1125M

E-82I'M THOROUGHLY CONVINCED THAT MY MESSAGE COMES FROM GOD. I'M THOROUGHLY CONVINCED IT'S NOT MY OWN FLESHLY MIND PUFFED UP. IT'S THE WORD OF GOD.

BIRTH.PAINS_ PHOENIX.AZ V-3 N-4 SUNDAY_ 65-0124

29-3Oh, Word believers, give in to my Message. Hear me. NOT MY MESSAGE BUT HIS MESSAGE THAT HE FIRMLY DECLARES TO BE THE TRUTH... You've got to choose from somewhere. You can't set still after this. You've got to make your choice.

ANOINTED.ONES.AT.END.TIME_ JEFF.IN V-5 N-3 SUNDAY_ 65-0725M

269 Now, I want you to know this is sure. And you that listen to this tape, you might have thought today that I was trying to say that about myself, being that I was packing this Message. I have no more to do with it than nothing, no more than just a voice. And my voice, even against my better judgment... I wanted to be a trapper. But it's the will of my Father that I declare to do, and determined to do. I wasn't the One that appeared down on the river; I was only standing there when He appeared. I'm not the One that performs these things and foretells these things that happens as perfect as they are; I'm only one that's near when He does it. I WAS ONLY A VOICE THAT HE USED TO SAY IT. IT WASN'T WHAT I KNEW; IT'S WHAT I JUST SURRENDERED MYSELF TO, THAT HE SPOKE THROUGH. IT ISN'T ME. IT WASN'T THE SEVENTH ANGEL, OH, NO; IT WAS A MANIFESTATION OF THE SON OF MAN. IT WASN'T THE ANGEL, HIS MESSAGE; IT WAS THE MYSTERY THAT GOD UNFOLDED. IT'S NOT A MAN; IT'S GOD. The angel was not the Son of man; he was a messenger from the Son of man. The Son of man is Christ. He's the One that you're feeding on. YOU'RE NOT FEEDING ON A MAN. A MAN, HIS WORDS WILL FAIL, BUT YOU'RE FEEDING ON THE UNFAILING BODY-WORD OF THE SON OF MAN.

MODERN.EVENTS.MADE.CLEAR.BY.PROPHECY_ SBD.CA V-7 N-6
MONDAY_ 65-1206

309And with all my heart, with all my faith, I BELIEVE THAT MY MESSAGE COMES FROM GOD. It's--it's been proving that to you through the years.

Bro. Joseph, in your booklet you place yourself as the Joseph of the Bible. YOU ACKNOWLEDGED THAT BRO. BRANHAM STORED IT UP SO THEN HOW CAN YOU FIT THAT TYPE? The Joseph of the Bible stored up the food and then distributed it.

I know you want to have a ministry of supplying the Message materials for the entire world. That is a noble thought and desire, but no one single entity can keep up with the demand. That would be the same as me deciding that only I could preach all the conventions in the world! To try and force that would be damaging to the Bride worldwide.

Do you need to be reminded that while you were still in sin – men of God were taking this Message to the world? They did it without you AND without your permission. God gave them the charge and they will continue to carry it on. TO CONTINUE THIS PATH YOU HAVE CHOSEN WILL FORCE THE MINISTRY TO BEGIN ANOTHER PUBLISHING HOUSE AND SERMON DUPLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND COMPLETELY SET YOU ASIDE.

In all truthfulness, had you written, (without this vicious attack) and told us that there was a money crunch at Voice Of God, that you were in need because of the loss of cassette sales and you had a burning zeal to print and do more – we would have opened our hearts and wallets and rushed to your aide. But now, we are left with no other recourse than to take a stand against this spirit of error you have projected.

Tell me, what spirit would cause you to stand with your daddy's Bible and project through your body language such a look of anger? In the past, you told us, "I used to hate you because you took my Daddy away from me..." Is this desire for control, a psychological disease brought about by the loss of your daddy at an early age? It is as if you are saying, "I will control what is left of my daddy and protect it." And "Nobody will have any of my daddy unless I say so." "I will let you have only what I want you to have!"

This publication has pitted brother against brother. It has divided churches and families. It is injurious to the Bride of Jesus Christ, worldwide. Thousands of dollars have been wasted which could have better served the Bride with another book or tape library that would have edified and built up, rather than destroy. Now, since it has been sent overseas and printed in many languages, it has caused mass confusion there. I really don't want to go public with this letter, but I cannot allow this to continue without raising my voice against your stand. I am asking that there be a complete retraction of this magazine and an apology issued for the printing of this booklet. If not, I will continue to withdraw all support of the Voice Of God and encourage others to do the same. Please respond to this letter with your agreement to my request as soon as possible. I will expect to hear from you no later than April 15.

In His Service,

Bro. Tim D. Pruitt

As of today April 24, 2002, Bro Joseph has not responded to my letter. I have decided to make it public because it outlines many but not all of my concerns. It seems that the only reason we needed this 6 million dollar complex was to stroke someone's ego. The VGR, though certainly a first class facility, was built on old methods of printing and distributing. A sermon simply needs to be readied for printing and then sent via the internet to the various countries for printing. With this method, there are no borders to cross, no customs to get through and no expensive shipping. For example in one African country, Message Books are printed at a dime each. The method of distributing the Message used by VGR entails months of waiting by believers who desperately need them. Libraries in foreign lands must wait months for a replacement because another cannot be copied or made on site but must come from "Headquarters". Bro. Joseph actually believes a tape must come from Jeffersonville to be anointed. While VGR is busy building its own kingdom, there are others trying to find that last predestinated seed. For years, the ministry has printed millions of books and sent out as many tapes without even owning a print shop! For me, I will ignore their threats and continue my part to herald the Message to the world. God help us all!

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