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Brother Trent and Sister Teresa,

In the aftermath of Doug's passing last March I have come to the place that I must bear a testimony to you based upon the foundation that you are presently building upon. The hasty moves that were presented by you in the video of the conference call you produced very shortly after Doug's passing, is of great concern to me, and others, for your sakes and for the sake of the movement that we represent. Great challenges have been forcefully presented to us as a Body in The Branch in recent years, particularly since Doug's passing, and overall for over 23 years. These developments should be sufficient to give each of us great pause in laying plans and making decisions that otherwise cannot bring unity to the Body of Christ and that do not honor Messiah Yahshua - The Branch in "discerning the (His) Body." The two most important points that we must consider now, as I see it, is prayerfully seeking the unity that Christ prayed for in John 17, first to understand what it is to love one another as HE (and SHE) has loved us, and loves us, and secondly to carefully review our history as a movement, to determine where we are today in the message, and where we are as a movement. I write to you in the spirit of the following words of counsel.

From the Pen of Inspiration:

"I have been shown that God here illustrates how He regards sin among those who profess to be His commandment-keeping people. Those whom He has specially honored with witnessing the remarkable exhibitions of His power, as did ancient Israel, and who will even then venture to disregard His express directions, will be subjects of His wrath. He would teach His people that disobedience and sin are exceedingly offensive to Him and are not to be lightly regarded. He shows us that when His people are found in sin they should at once take decided measures to put that sin from them, that His frown may not rest upon them all. But if the sins of the people are passed over by those in responsible positions, His frown will be upon them, and the people of God, as a body, will be held responsible for those sins. In His dealings with His people in the past the Lord shows the necessity of purifying the church from wrongs.

One sinner may diffuse darkness that will exclude the light of God from the entire congregation. When the people realize that darkness is settling upon them, and they do not know the cause, they should seek God earnestly, in great humility and self-abasement, until the wrongs which grieve His Spirit are searched out and put away. {3T 265.1}

The prejudice which has arisen against us because we have reprovved the wrongs that God has shown me existed, and the cry that has been raised of harshness and severity, are unjust. God bids us speak, and we will not be silent.

If wrongs are apparent among His people, and if the servants of God pass on indifferent to them, they virtually sustain and justify the sinner, and are alike guilty and will just as surely receive the displeasure of God; for they will be made responsible for the sins of the guilty. In vision I have been pointed to many instances where the displeasure of God has been incurred by a neglect on the part of His servants to deal with the wrongs and sins existing among them. Those who have excused these wrongs have been thought by the people to be very amiable and lovely in disposition, simply because they shunned to discharge a plain Scriptural duty. The task was not agreeable to their feelings; therefore they avoided it." {3T 265.2}

What we have witnessed in the aftermath of Doug's passing and the actions of the Missouri and Canadian group video declaration about your presumed prophetic leadership in the message has alarmed us, causing even one Davidian to contact us about this development as if we were in agreement with what you are doing. Word has been spreading in some Davidian circles about this development and what the people are saying must be addressed. This being so, we are now ready to write to you after much prayer. It seemed like strategic timing when you posted that video just when we bought non refundable tickets to Toronto. Had we gone, what you presented in the video would have been a major distraction for us. It would have been something we would have needed to address, face to face. We could not in good conscience participate in the gathering as much as we desired to. We were looking forward to meeting all of you. In accord with the above statement from Sister White, we are instructed to go to the brethren when they are in error or offending in some manner.

At the outset, what troubles me most about the video declaration is that, what should have been uppermost priority in your minds immediately after Doug's passing was to declare a period of mourning, 40 days is typical, and write a letter to the field since your belief he was the prophet, even to those who did not recognize Doug as the leader of The Branch. Instead of seeking to fill the void of leadership, as nature abhors a vacuum, nevertheless the wisdom should have been to "wait on YHVH", to pray and study, to seek the leading of Heaven in such a major turn of events and to seek out the rest of your brethren, particularly the brethren of experience, the Branches, the Body of Messiah. When Brother Roden died unexpectedly 35 years ago, a 40 day period of mourning was declared by Sister Roden almost immediately, in her first letter to the field or very soon thereafter. George Roden went on a personal 40 day fast, a limited fast, in seeking Divine guidance in the wake of his father's passing. He was terribly shaken. He loved his father dearly. The people were greatly comforted nevertheless in Sister Roden's well established co-ministry and co-presidency with Bro. Roden in the previous year, and in his absence she was able to move forward with the message that she was given almost exactly one year prior to Ben's passing, a clear and distinct message, based upon time and type. I was there and remember well, such a time of great spiritual transition in our beloved movement.

To those of you who revered Doug as the leader of the movement, the first order of business should have been as I stated above, but rather, in the video you posted, to everyone, including those not Branches, it is apparent you were engaged in a joyous event of a new anointing, a matter of nine days (nine equals judgment) after Doug's passing. That was your business and your determination as a group, but to those of us outside of your group it did not look appropriate. In a given situation, in the spirit of Wisdom, there is a time to ACT and there is a time to WAIT.

As I mentioned above, relating to the foundation you are building upon, many critical points stand out as being in error that I must address and give warning, drawing your conclusions from Doug's claim of leadership, or assumed leadership, sometime after Sister Roden's passing in 1986. I know that Doug did not claim any prophetic leadership until about 1992, when he began writing the Seven Thunder's study. Doug did continue on with the literature work, more or less, with Sister Roden's literature and his own (the Daily Supper) until he co-wrote the Seven Thunders study with Steve Penners, in early 1992.

When Sister White was asked if she was a prophet she demurred. She basically avoided the term, "prophet". She did call herself a messenger, even "more than a prophet", meaning an "apostle". This she was. A messenger (or a prophet) has a MESSAGE. Looking back at her work, most SDAs would say she was a prophet, whether she called herself by that title or not.

On a foundational level from 1990-1993, Doug completely distanced himself from the judgment at Waco (reference: "The Warfare on Branch Davidian Seventh-day Adventists by David Koresh and others" by Doug Mitchell), just as did the SDA church leadership, and Davidian leadership, seeing the Waco judgment as only a 'bad press' incident for the church, particularly for Davidians. Since that event a handful of Branch followers, such as myself, have seen the connection of the Waco siege to Ezekiel 9, the consequences of rejecting the messages represented in Ezekiel 9 of those who should have known better. There is a distinct and powerful message about what happened there in 1993, beginning the executive phase of the Judgment for the Living. Charles Pace initially taught this important truth immediately after the New Mt. Carmel holocaust of April 19, 1993. It was a judgment not just on the "Branch Davidians", but on the whole Advent Movement, the corporate body, for the repeated rejection of truth since 1888, in verity fulfilling the words of Victor Houteff and Ben Roden, referencing Christ "CRUCIFIED AFRESH" "by His professed followers". It was a representative judgment, for corporate sin, just as the Cross of Calvary was a representative judgment for personal sin, that is, someone stood in our place for us, in the Divine judgment.

The work of Vernon Howell and his followers was prophesied in their rejection of the Divine Daughter message that was presented on the first day of Passover 1984 (April 18), by Charles Pace, at New Mt. Carmel, at the old church that was there. Charles Pace was given the morning meeting. It was a time of spiritual crisis in The Branch, with the rising of Vernon Howell. This was the first formal and general presentation of the Divine Daughter message in The Branch at New Mt. Carmel, Waco! Lois Roden was also present at the meeting, along with a large representative group of Branch members from the USA and Canada, including all of Vernon Howell's growing number of followers then. Lois Roden spoke NOT a word of disagreement or censure to Charles during or after the April 18 presentation. I was there. Nine years later, almost to the day, the judgment came at New Mt. Carmel in 1993. I gave the extensive details of this event in my 1992 publication "The Sign of Jonah", which I did give to Doug and Steve then, shortly after he published The Seven Thunders study. I had not written anything of this event of 1984 until I read Doug's misrepresentation of the TRUTH of Lois Roden's seven year ministry and her seven year prophetic time charts. I knew it was time to record and formalize my witnessing of that event, witnessed by all those present then, and for some unknown reason, Doug Mitchell was not present at that meeting, April 18, 1984 although he lived in Waco at the time. This historical drama of the rejection of the completed Divine Family Truth was prophesied thus:

"The sad part is that type reveals that Judah (in the church) will again crucify the BRANCH. Since the BRANCH is not a person but Christ, Inspiration reveals they crucify Christ by rejecting His message - the BRANCH. This is what Davidians also say:

"Just as Christ was crucified, so the Two Witnesses will be killed. And as Christ was resurrected, so the Two Witnesses will be raised...The prophecy of Revelations 11 shows that Christ in our day in the form of His Truth, His Word, is to be crucified afresh at the hands of His professed people and that the Truth will be raised in glorious exaltation and victory and to the shame of its enemies." The Symbolic Code, March 1956, Vol. 11 #5 pp 13, 14. Ben Roden, Lesson #3, near the end.

Don Adair wrote a whole book on his Davidian experience soon after the 1993 judgment, detailing his experience with the Roden family to denigrate The Branch message and separate his supposedly "good" name as a Davidian, as a supposedly ORIGINAL Davidian, supposedly bearing only the pure, true, original message of The Shepherd's Rod. Not so! The same goes for Bro. Doug in his repeated presentation and claim that only he was the bearer of the pure, true, ORIGINAL Branch message. Again, not so! Had Doug truly understood The Branch message, and ITS purpose in ANTITYPE then Doug would have seen the 1993 judgment for what it was, as a direct fulfillment of prophecy in our movement, to make an END to corporate sin and evidence a NEW BEGINNING. This is a whole topic in itself. In his book, "A Davidian Testimony", Don

Adair used the phrase repeatedly describing the 1993 Waco siege, as the “Branch Davidian” or “Waco” “BURN OUT”, saying that those people got what they deserved, a testament to the work of Ben Roden no less! WELL, almost seven years later, Don Adair’s publishing office there in Salem S.C. burned to the ground in 2010, destroying most of his publishing work. I wrote to him shortly after I learned what happened. I sent him the study on the Cross in Antitype and how it unfolded in our day. He never responded to me. I testified to him that he needed to refrain from thinking himself BETTER than his brethren, which includes all of us, in such a solemn event, when judgment began with the Branch Davidians. I studied under Don Adair in the mid 1970s, and I lived at the Salem headquarters for nine months, working there in various capacities, including printing the Rod literature. So Bro. Don was well acquainted with me. It was my overall testimony to Don that Divine judgment cannot be trifled with when he chose to continue in his blindness and spiritual callousness.

Vernon Howell knowingly and willingly became the instrument to bring this prophecy to fulfillment, crucifying Christ afresh in the Message/Movement bearing His, Yahshua’s, New Name. It was predicted in the 1950s by both VTH and BLR that Christ would be crucified afresh in a message and a movement, by His own people, bearing Christ’s new Name and it was fulfilled in 1993, when the whole movement (The Root, The Rod, The Branch) was lifted up before the whole world for 51 days in 1993 as I brought out in my study on the Cross in Antitype. This event was essentially exactly 150 years after the Great Comet of 1843, the Providential number of the Cross. I detailed this Divine Providence in another study on the Branch history site. I have gone on record, as Charles Pace also has, that not one of us is better than “those people” who were slaughtered at New Mt. Carmel in 1993. Our sins, individually, are no less serious, if we could see through Heaven’s eyes. And when one says or believes he or she are without sin, or without actual sin, being the only remaining TRUE member of the movement, the only TRUE Branch, excluding all others historically, living, in the movement, then such a one has failed in “discerning the BODY”. The WORD of the Apostles is very clear:

1Jn 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

1Co 11:26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

1Co 11:27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink *this* cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

1Co 11:28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of *that* bread, and drink of *that* cup.

1Co 11:29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

1Co 11:30 For this cause many *are* weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

It is indeed a serious matter to begin a new course in haste, failing to search out a matter, making a careful, prayerful personal judgment, examining one’s self, examining circumstances, examining the message(s) we have been given, examining our history from another point of view, and particularly examining the matter of Brother Doug Mitchell’s death. When we espouse and partake of the Emblems of Messiah’s Body and Blood we are cautioned by the Apostle to make the most circumspect personal assessment. In fact, Brother Houteff states in the Symbolic Code, concerning the Lord’s Supper, that we must make sure we are not causing any trouble in the Body of Christ, if we are to keep it. The Daily was the centerpiece of Doug’s teaching, not a message in itself, not a new message, not based on time or type, initially a part of Brother and Sister Roden’s teaching.

When my wife wrote her own testimony of how she met me, the Holy Spirit convicted her on this very truth very powerfully. She was taken aback when the Holy Spirit quickened her on this. She had her own moment of realization that not one of us was better than “those people” who suffered the representative Ezekiel Nine judgment at Mt. Carmel, in its

opening stage. This understanding has been a critical part of the message for today in the wake of that judgment. It is critically important, but Doug did not see or teach on this. He wanted to be like Adventist leaders, and Davidian leaders, that the Waco judgment had no application or lesson for us in the Judgment for the Living (Executive), thus fulfilling the prophecy, The Branch, “come(ing) NEAR unto you to judgment” (Mal. 3:5; 2T190, 191). Indeed, it was an humiliating to the Movement, but the tragedy and humiliation began in 1888. So was the Cross an embarrassment, a disgrace and humiliation for our Saviours. Our Divine Parents took the curse for individual sin. As we say, those folks TOOK the CURSE, Ezekiel Nine, for the sins of the Movement. Verily, what did we think would happen in a message and movement bearing Christ’s NEW NAME, particularly when Bro. Houteff clearly taught that “Christ Himself was also a TYPE” (12SC1:6)? Not in a person, but in a message-movement bearing His New Name. This was the singular destiny of The Branch movement, to pay the price for the corporate sin of the whole Advent Movement. In the annals of ancient Israel, the price for corporate sin was paid many times. A very high price they paid for rejecting Divine counsel through the prophets sent to them. And those who do not LOOK (Jn. 3:14), to realize the event, the cost of corporate sin, cannot be HEALED because they are not grasping what their own sins have done in crucifying Messiah afresh.

Doug could have been a blessing in the Body but he chose not to be. He started what I would describe as an off-shoot of The Branch, not a continuing up-shoot, upward growth of the movement. He based his overall message on a false sense of originality and use of the original name of Ben Roden’s organization, unwarranted, actually a great blunder, yet unwittingly revealing as to the nature of his work. Charles Pace related a dream about Doug just before he (Charles) came to Mt. Carmel for Passover 1984, which he related it to me, during Passover 1984. Doug lived in Waco at the time. In the dream, Charles saw Doug in Sister Roden’s kitchen at the stove cooking something in a skillet, but when Charlie looked at the skillet Doug was shaking, there was nothing there, nothing in the skillet. In the same dream he saw Vernon Howell peeking out of Lois Roden’s bedroom door at the other end of the house, Charles standing between the two of them. He had never seen or met Vernon, but he already knew what he looked like. As I said, Charles related this to me in 1984. Regardless of what he is teaching now, and my present stand in his regard, he was used of Heaven then. I wrote a booklet study on this event back in 1992, entitled “The Sign of Jonah” that outlines the development of the Divine Daughter message, beginning in 1981, the ONLY TIME, in type and prophecy, this crowning Truth could have began to be taught, at the RIGHT TIME, evidenced on several of Sister Roden’s prophecy charts.

Trent, when I speak of reviewing our history as a movement, certainly as a foundational priority, at this tremendous crossroads in our movement, please consider the following.

Let me speak briefly on the 1990 date, the ending date for all 430 year applications as taught by Lois Roden on her chart “Heralds of the Morning”, evidencing the 1990 date as a singular importance in the Scottish Reformation, and verily, pointing to some climactic application in Branch prophecy. This is indeed a crucial qualification issue for anyone who would purport a leadership claim in The Branch today. Trent, as you and I know, Doug made a claim of application to his literature work in 1990, July 1st, applying the pre-meeting presentation of The Daily – The Lord’s Supper, to the leading brethren at the 1990 Indianapolis General Conference session. He seemed to claim that that pre-meeting presentation of The Lord’s Supper to the leading brethren fulfilled the 1990 date requirement in some climactic fulfillment, July 1, 1990, realizing this application about two years after the purported event, no less! Yet, to this day, there is no evidence, none whatsoever, that the leading brethren accepted that presentation of The Daily, somehow fulfilling the counterpart of John Knox’s work in the Scottish Reformation, accepted by church leaders of that time. Furthermore, there is no evidence that Doug actually made a formal presentation to the leading brethren, other than passing out his literature to them at that time. Perhaps he did talk to someone, some church official, after the meeting. But it seems highly unlikely he was given

time to present anything. If you have any documentation, please send copies to us, we couldn't find the documentation, or any witnesses on his website testimony.

The leading brethren would not likely give the time of day to anyone considered an offshoot, particularly Doug, an unknown, and they were probably quite busy preparing for the conference. Has there been a declaration by church leaders on this claim by Doug? Is there any evidence other than Doug's word? Has there been a church paper declaration or an article written on "The Daily" by church leaders in the wake of Doug's presentation to them? No. Clearly, no. Doug even stated that he did not even recognize this event, the 1990 fulfillment date, until sometime well after the GC session, actually two years later.

Trent, in the briefest possible deposition, I will share with you what I see as fulfilling the 1990 date on Lois Roden's Reformation chart. After all, are we not supposed to weigh all sides of an issue in claim of prophetic fulfillment? My full study on this is on my website www.branchdavidianhistory.net in the section "For Davidians". The two studies are related, "The Coming of the Bridegroom" and "the Cross in Antitype" where I show very clearly the application of Yahshua The Branch "COMING NEAR to us in judgment" (Mal. 3:5), COMING in the Judicial Throne, fulfilling to the letter, by description, the Revelation 18:1 message (2nd repeat of the 2nd Angel of Rev. 14). Ben Roden stated in his study "Subject - Revelation 18:1", that the Rev. 18 message IS CHRIST HIMSELF, brought by HIM, through a messenger or messengers. This is the same study where he states that the Revelation 18:1 message/movement INCURS "the mark of the beast". The mark of the beast is sunday keeping, by definition per Ellen White. I have presented two You Tube studies so far on this topic as of the summer of 2013, several months ago now.

But how does this application of Revelation 18:1 apply to the climactic fulfillment of the 1990 date? Inasmuch as Ben Roden states that the Rev. 18:1 ANGEL is Christ Himself, and that the Revelation Angel is said to "COME DOWN from Heaven", I have made the application in my study of 1990 that Yahshua Himself did in FACT "come down" in the Judicial Throne at Passover 1990 to BEGIN the three year inspection of the antitypical FIG TREE, spiritual Jerusalem, specifically, New Mt. Carmel, Waco, Texas, from Passover 1990 to Passover 1993, specifically the David Koresh movement. This is a direct application tied to the sacred Times of the Feasts, when Christ oftentimes punctuated His earthly ministry and many other events in sacred history.

Trent, my application and claim to the 1990 date, the year of 1990, by a profound personal experience punctuated at the Feast of Passover no less, is that Christ Himself CAME DOWN from Heaven, leaving the heavenly Sanctuary to declare in a message, the continuation of The Branch message (2nd Angel repeat), based on time and type, that the Divine Daughter, the "captive Daughter of Zion" had in verity taken on (the beginning) of the final closing work of the Atonement, in the water ministration, that HER ministration was efficacious to FINISH the Atonement for Modern Israel. Thus TWO witnesses declared a CHANGE in ministration at Passover 1990.

My key point here brother, is that there were two witnesses called to go to Jerusalem, Israel, that Passover of 1990 to WELCOME the Judicial Throne at the end of the 30 year overlap of the 6th and 7th seals in the book of Revelation, chapter 6. This EVENT was announced six months earlier at Yom Kippur of 1989, the details stated in my testimony in my study on the website. This has been my written testimony for well over 23 years now. I made Doug well aware of this claim back in 1990 with the booklet I published then, completed on July 1, 1990, written in the closing, on the last page. There are many copies of this report and testimony in circulation, and Doug did have one. A reproduction of the cover of that booklet is at the end of my study "The Coming of the Bridegroom". Even more so, the trip I made with Charles in 1990 was preceded by two prior trips, Yom Kippur 1989 and Passover 1989, when I accompanied Teresa Moore and a small contingent of other Branch believers to Jerusalem. Teresa Moore originally organized all three trips. Charles did not

come into the picture until three months prior to the 1990 Passover trip. My point here is, that in 1988 Teresa Moore was contacting all the Branch believers to encourage them to partake of The Daily Emblems, at the 3rd and 9th hours, as often as they could and to begin to study the significance of the 1990 date on Sister Roden's Reformation chart. The title of the book chronicling this event was called, "It Is Finished" Passover 1990 IYAR/Nissan 5750 THE DAILY - PART 4, THE LAST CUP. Again, I was finished writing the book on July 1, 1990 and it is recorded in the book, at the end. I sent Doug a copy in the latter part of July 1990. Again, there are many copies of this book out in circulation among the historical Branch members. Perhaps that copy is in your possession now?

Brother Ben Roden wrote Parts One and Two of "The Daily" series, Sister Roden wrote Part Three, and yours truly wrote Part Four, dealing with the "change in ministration" thus concluding the recording of the Four Cups. There is also a significant inclusion of the "sun ruled Daily" left out, as Doug taught it, that he did not reveal, a historical participation of yours truly in the "sun ruled Daily" in 1984. I hope we can share this with you some time soon.

In early 1989, Teresa Moore and I counseled together on this matter of great importance, speaking on the phone at least once or twice a week for a year, seeing that an event of considerable importance was about to transpire in 1990, at either the fall or spring FEAST Times. I see it as similar to the expectation of 1844, but only prior to Passover 1990, not during. A Providential correction was given just prior to the third trip. Doug mocked us for our expectation, in my report of the 2nd trip that I mailed to the Branch field. We all had a spirit of great expectation of some important event. This is a fact. Any Branch member interested can fact check this with Teresa Moore. So when you compare our expectation (and fulfillment) of the 1990 date with Doug's 'after the fact' and unsubstantiated application, a non-event, not evidenced in the least by any testimony or acceptance of what he presented to the "leading brethren", well, you must make your own decision on this matter my friend. That GC pre-meeting would have been on the first day of the week. I remember that day because I finished the formal writing of Daily Part 4, and recorded the date, noticing it was Canadian Dominion Day, written into the ending. Most SDAs would travel on a first day, not on the Sabbath. This would put them at the location, at Indianapolis, at least a week prior to the actual meetings otherwise if Doug's testimony is true. He misstated the General Conference meeting as being the "58th". It was the 55th General Conference Session.

Something big did happen in Israel during the Feasts, some great event was fulfilled, at Passover 1990.

Why Jerusalem, Israel? Why do I claim that Christ, The Branch Himself, descended at that time to begin the Luke 13:7 -- three year inspection of the antitypical FIG tree? Because Jerusalem is where Yahshua's Beloved BRIDE is HIDDEN, where the secreted Tabernacle of David and the Ark of the Covenant still is. She is NOT everywhere or no-where. But She is SOMEWHERE, hidden. She has long ago (after the Cross) taken on humanity as did Her Beloved, so They are now equally yoked, They now are to be married. This is a whole other study. The Father Most High SENT His Son to the earth to get His BRIDE, but He Himself cannot just go get Her. He came to purge and prune His house on earth according to 1 Peter 4:17 - The Branch (Psalm 80:11-17), SO that He could begin to gather a select group of Wavesheaf to GO AND GET HIS BRIDE, to bring Her to Him, to tell Her, "The Bridegroom cometh, go You OUT (of Her hiding place) to MEET Him."

No MAN will look upon the Bride when the earthquake opens the way to bring Her forth from Her "closet", Her hiding place. Only the women who have embraced the complete truth of Her Person and Her ministration will be permitted to go INTO Her to help prepare Her for Her deliverance, Her bringing forth, for the Wedding, to be taken UP to the Judicial Throne, to accompany Her Beloved to the City of Eternal Light, for the Marriage. The men Branches will assist the women, at a respectful and very discreet distance. Then the men selected will bear the ARK of Her testimony, the Mercy seat after She has been prepared. This is a very general order of events of the preparations and deliverance of the

“Captive Daughter of Zion”. This is the message for today in the Judgment of the Living, in great anticipation of the Marriage in Heaven, the completion of the Atonement.

Trent, Teresa, this is the summation of my testimony to you, that perhaps you can begin to see where I stand and why my concern for you in your present course. Brother, Sister, this is what I mean by “foundation”, making a distinction of the true foundation in contrast to the claim you have made, a claim of the leadership mantle of The Branch, according to the video you produced, acclaimed by the others who also recognized Doug’s leadership in the movement, supposedly validated by dreams that are symbolically doubtful, certainly to myself and others.

Please understand, Trent, and in the spirit of love, I do not disparage or discourage your desire and talent to teach the message, but my deepest concern is that you are continuing in Doug’s path, in his separatist spirit, based solely upon his written and verbal testimony ALONE, a path of separation, exclusivity, never having ventured out spiritually to examine another point of view in this movement, seriously. My testimony here of the events of 1990 does NOT constitute a theory or a supposition, or just someone’s opinion, or a difference of opinion. We were led step by step to our destination and conclusion in 1990, and it was testified by TWO witnesses, a requirement in Torah, as well as a prophetic dream a month before the Passover 1990 trip to Israel, plus one other piece of, what I would describe as, “hard evidence.”

Frankly, my friends, I look forward to Doug’s resurrection one day, to have a new beginning with him, at the Special Resurrection. I even had a dream about this event a couple months after he died. I loved Doug regardless of our differences and I think Doug loved me also, but he could not show it even when I reached out to him, in a heartfelt communication, a couple months before he died. He was a very troubled man, having essentially no friends in the message, except for those that he brought into the message, as I was the one who brought him into the messages, the Rod and the Branch, 35 years ago. I taught him personally and I was the one who invited him to meetings as no one else would invite him because of his abrasive and condemning of others nature.

Please understand, Trent and Teresa, in this testimony, Linda and I have been put in this uncomfortable position by the recent development of the aforementioned events stated. We do not relish being put in this position, but we are held accountable to tell you. You are welcome to come in, on the established platform of the message, which must include the continuity of The Branch message beginning in 1990, at the spring Feast, beginning its third phase since 1960, a thirty year overlap. Something did happen in 1990 and that is something you will need to discover for yourself, where the message is today and what it is about. Don’t take our word for it, but please PROVE it.

Our first work needs to be to pray for and seek for the supernatural love that Yahshua - The Branch gave to His disciples, to love one another, to be able to “discern the Body” of Yahshua, today. We all need a great healing. The remedy is to LOOK upon the “Brazen Serpent” that has been lifted up on a Cross.

Shalom in the ONE Who Should be Lifted UP, Yahshua and His Glory!!!!

Your fellow servants in The Branch,

Tom and Linda