

Re: the power of the council of elders

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In 1980 HWA created the ACE (advisory council of Elders as it was known then) with the authority to name a successor should he die. He realized SRR had people all around him and feared that they would all say "HWA wanted" This was made obvious in the Philippines when they kept him up till 2 in the morning arguing against what I had told him. He felt they were trying to kill him then, and I was the only one on the trip versus 8 on the other side. Immediately after this trip I was told to leave town immediately since my life had been threatened and HWA didn't want me harmed since I was the only one telling him what was going on. He exiled me to give them the appearance he was going along with their lies while he secretly met in a hotel room to set up ACE. It had nothing to do with the doctrines at the time, and obviously since I was jumping motels every night all around California I wasn't involved with the set up.

Ace remained after SRR was gone. **HWA did not change the documents, but by naming his own successor, eliminated the council from picking.** His deciding to pick was mostly because he feared RCM would be able to talk other members into appointing him in the chief seat, something he consistently stated was not where RCM should be. (interesting that those HWA named did go with RCM)

JWT did promise HWA he would not change doctrines without council approval. It was verbal (something God must have wanted to allow the apostasy) and not written. There is talk of the council relinquishing power to JWT at his request, but I don't know of that. I was removed from the council within a couple months of HWA's death for keeping my promise to HWA to point out any errors JWT was making. I did it respectfully, but JWT was not as receptive as HWA

JWT then put David Hulme went on the WCG council. He and others stayed on the ACE since none stood up along the way till it affected them personally, or better opportunities came along. Note I don't fault people for standing up, and trying to hold fast to truth. I wish they had done so all along the way and were a little more honest about how, when and why they did it.

There are problems with all forms of government when it is man ruling, even when it is a God appointed leader. I fear (and pray) for the self appointed ones around today. Yes, UCG's council probably is closest to what HWA envisioned as to doctrinal discussion without a God appointed leader, but he did feel someone had to be in charge, and so any council would have appointed a leader. The problem is waiting for God to make known the appointment.

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