

**Register of the  
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# **David Lin Papers**

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### **Scope and Content**

Yaoxi David Lin (born 1917), a son of a Chinese diplomat of the former Qing dynasty, was a leading administrator of the Seventh-day Adventist church in the People's Republic of China for over 50 years (1946-present). Lin was a China Division officer at the time of the Communist take over in 1949. He served a number of years in prison for his faith.

This collection contains David Lin's writings and a few letters. It also includes unpublished articles regarding traditional Adventist interpretations on biblical passages and pre-baptismal Bible study materials. There are also writings by Lin about Adventism in China and other places from his personal perspective.

David Lin's theology and attitudes have shaped at least three generations of Adventist Church members in China since the Chinese Communist Party took over the government in 1949. The strengths and weaknesses of late 20<sup>th</sup> and early 21<sup>st</sup> century Chinese Adventism can, in some part, be attributable to David Lin's influence. This collection is significant for those who are interested in Chinese Adventist studies.

### **Arrangement**

The collection came to the Center on twelve 3.5 inch floppy computer disks. They were printed out and the resulting papers organized by the Center for Adventist Research. The processor is fluent in the Chinese language. This was a great benefit in processing this collection since quite a few of the documents are in Chinese.

### **Provenance**

David Lin donated this collection to the Center for Adventist Research around the year 2000.

### **Use**

All users of this collection will complete the "Application to Use Unpublished Records," and observe the regulation specified in the "Patron's Agreement" and "Researcher's Code of Conduct." All records in this collection are open and available for research. Suggested citation for this collection:

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### INVENTORY

#### I. Personal Document

##### Autobiographical Information

- Bx 1 Fld 1 "My Own Story" written by David Lin.
- Bx 1 Fld 1a "China to Loma Linda: A Man's Special Journey." By Don Roth in the Loma Linda City News, Jul 24, 2008

##### Correspondence

- Bx 1 Fld 2 Letters about Gongzhuling Church, northeastern China, Mar 18, 1997; Jun 28, 1999.
- Bx 1 Fld 3 Open Letters between David Lin and Jack Sequeira regarding Daniel 8:14, Feb 12, 1998; Mar 20, 1998.  
Also in this folder are:
  - "Concluding Remarks" by David Lin
  - "SDA Beliefs in the Light of the Gospel" by Jack Sequeira
- Bx1 Fld4 Letters to Raymond Cottrell regarding Cottrell's talk on Daniel 8:14, Jan 7, 1998.  
Also in this folder are:
  - "A Critique of Dr. Raymond Cottrell's Talk on Exegetical Anomalies in the Traditional Interpretation of Daniel 8:14" by David Lin.
  - "A Critique of Dr. Raymond Cottrell's Paper on 'Exegetical Anomalies' in Traditional Interpretation."
- Bx 1 Fld 5 Letters to Chen Zhongdao, a well known Sunday-keeping pastor, regarding the Sabbath, May 24, 1999; Feb 1, 2000.
- Bx 1 Fld 6 Letter to Jim Sun, a well known Sunday-keeping pastor, regarding Sabbath, May 26, 1999.
- Bx 1 Fld 7 Letters from/to various people, 1997-1998. 8 letters.
- Bx 1 Fld 8 Letters about Chinese Ministry International, no dates.

## II. Writings

### Manuscripts

Dialogues on Bible Questions, most probably serving as a baptismal instruction manual. Written in both English and Chinese by David Lin.

- Bx 1 Fld 9 Dialogue 1: In Search of A Happy Life
- Bx 1 Fld 10 Dialogue 2: The Mind of Jesus
- Bx 1 Fld 11 Dialogue 3: From Eden to Eden
- Bx 1 Fld 12 Dialogue 4: The Lamb of God
- Bx 1 Fld 13 Dialogue 5: Christ Uplifted (I)
- Bx1 Fld 14 Dialogue 6: Christ Uplifted (II)
- Bx 1 Fld 15 Dialogue 7: Christ Uplifted (III)
- Bx 1 Fld 16 Dialogue 8: Fathers of the Faithful
- Bx 1 Fld 17 Dialogue 9: You Must Be Born Again
- Bx 1 Fld 18 Dialogue 10: How to Be A Christian
- Bx 1 Fld 19 Dialogue 10A: Harbingers of Salvation
- Bx 1 Fld 20 Dialogue 11: The Way of All the Earth
- Bx 1 Fld 21 Dialogue 12: Richman and Lazarus
- Bx 1 Fld 22 Dialogue13: The Turning Point (Chinese only)
- Bx 1 Fld 23 Dialogue 14: Millennium (Chinese only)
- Bx 1 Fld 24 Dialogue 15: Amazing Prophecy
- Bx 1 Fld 25 Dialogue 16: Heaven on Earth
- Bx 1 Fld 26 Dialogue 17: A Broken and A contrite Heart
- Bx 1 Fld 27 Dialogue 18: Communing with God

- Bx 1 Fld 28 Dialogue 19: The Effect of Faith (Chinese only)
- Bx 1 Fld 29 Dialogue 20: Bearing Witness to the Truth
- Bx 1 Fld 30 Dialogue 21: Jesus' Divine Nature
- Bx 1 Fld 31 Dialogue 22: Jesus' Human Nature
- Bx 1 Fld 32 Dialogue 23: The Spirit of Truth
- Bx 1 Fld 33 Dialogue 24: The Temple of All Nations (Chinese only)
- Bx 1 Fld 34 Dialogue 25: The Law of Moses
- Bx 1 Fld 35 Dialogue 26: The Law of Life
- Bx 1 Fld 36 Dialogue 27: Justification, Sanctification and Glorification  
(Chinese only)
- Bx 1 Fld 37 Dialogue 27A: God's Grand Strategy (English only)
- Bx 1 Fld 38 Dialogue 27P: Christian Perfection (English only)
- Bx 2 Fld 1 Dialogue 28: Walking with God (I)
- Bx 2 Fld 2 Dialogue 29: The Sign of Jonas
- Bx 2 Fld 3 Dialogue 30: The Final Test
- Bx 2 Fld 4 Dialogue 31: Sign of Obedience to God (I)
- Bx 2 Fld 5 Dialogue 32: Sign of Obedience to God (II)
- Bx 2 Fld 6 Dialogue 33: Objections against Sabbath
- Bx 2 Fld 7 Dialogue 34: Mark of Beast
- Bx 2 Fld 8 Dialogue 36: Unlimited Power
- Bx 2 Fld 9 Dialogue 37: A Solemn Message
- Bx 2 Fld 10 Dialogue 38: Christian Home
- Bx 2 Fld 11 Dialogue 39: The Social Life of A Christian
- Bx 2 Fld 12 Dialogue 40: The Commandments of God

- Bx 2 Fld 13 Dialogue 40A: Sign of Obedience to God
- Bx 2 Fld 14 Dialogue 41: Bible Prophecy and the Signs of the Times (I) (Chinese only)
- Bx 2 Fld 15 Dialogue 42: Bible Prophecy and the Signs of the Times (II) (Chinese only)
- Bx 2 Fld 16 Dialogue 43: Bible Prophecy and the Signs of the Times (III)
- Bx 2 Fld 17 Dialogue 44: Signs of the Times (Chinese only)
- Bx 2 Fld 18 Dialogue 45: The Cleansing of the Sanctuary
- Bx 2 Fld 19 Dialogue 46: Christ's Atonement in Three Steps
- Bx 2 Fld 20 Dialogue 47: Present Truth & Hope in the Disappointment (Chinese only)
- Bx 2 Fld 21 Dialogue 48: Religion and Politics
- Bx 2 Fld 22 Dialogue 49: A Prophet Sent of God (I)
- Bx 2 Fld 23 Dialogue 50: A Prophet Sent of God (II)
- Bx 2 Fld 24 Dialogue 51: A Prophet Sent of God (III)
- Bx 2 Fld 25 Dialogue 52: Identifying the True Church
- Bx 2 Fld 26 Dialogue 53: Bible Questions Answered (I)
- Bx 2 Fld 27 Dialogue 54: Bible Questions Answered (II)
- Bx 2 Fld 28 Dialogue 56: Christian Stewardship
- Bx 2 Fld 29 Dialogue 57: Armageddon & New Theological Trends in American Adventism.
- Bx 2 Fld 30 Dialogue 58: Bible Health
- Bx 2 Fld 31 Dialogue 59: The Origin of All Things (I)
- Bx 2 Fld 32 Dialogue 60: The Origin of All Things (II)
- Bx 2 Fld 33 Dialogue 100: The Closing Conflict

The Bible Student Series by David Lin, also a baptismal instruction manual.

Bx 2 Fld 34 Three Witnesses and A Testimony

Bx 2 Fld 35 Seek Ye the Lord While He May Be Found

Bx 2 Fld 36 Focus on 1844

Bx 2 Fld 37 Fountain of Living Waters

Bible Commentaries by David Lin on . . .

Bx 3 Fld 1 Pentateuch

Bx 3 Fld 2 Genesis

Bx 3 Fld 3 Exodus

Bx 3 Fld 4 Leviticus

Bx 3 Fld 5 Introduction to Deuteronomy (1 page)

Bx 3 Fld 6 Introduction to Joshua (1 page)

Bx 3 Fld 7 Isaiah 7:14

Bx 3 Fld 8 Jeremiah 17:4

Bx 3 Fld 9 Daniel

Bx 3 Fld 10 Matthew

Bx 3 Fld 11 Luke

Bx 3 Fld 12 Roman 13:8

Bx 3 Fld 13 Hebrews

Bx 3 Fld 14 Introduction to Revelation (half page) and the Seventh Trumpet

Bx 3 Fld 15 Answers to Difficult Bible Passages

Bx 3 Fld 16 Commentary on Important Bible Passages

## Unpublished Articles

- Bx 4 Fld 1 Chinese articles on doctrinal issues, and evangelical discussions, including . . .
- Roman Catholic's Change of God's Law
  - What Is Your Value Sense?
  - Against False Doctrines
  - On the Issue of Earthquake
  - Self Control
  - Questions and Answers on Doctrines
  - Is God Particular?
  - The Geographical Center of the Great Controversy
  - For the Preparation of the Lord's Sabbath
  - "My Rest"
  - "The End of 2300 Days"
- Bx 4 Fld 2 English articles by David Lin on doctrinal issues, and Biblical interpretations
- The Minds of Inspiration
  - The Six Plague
  - Two Big Enigmas
  - On the Duration of "The Present Time": A Study on Hebrew 9:8-10
  - "Babylon is Fallen, Is Fallen"
  - The Crucial Text
  - Sabbath-Keeping Remains with the People of God
  - The Proof-Text Method
  - Every Christian Twice Judged
  - A Study on the Geographical Extent of End-Time Scenarios
  - On Trinity
  - Two Goats
  - Identify the True Church
  - The Platform of Truth
  - Objections Considered
  - Why We Need God
  - God's Purpose in the Last Generation
  - The Mark of the Beast
  - Walking in the Spirit
  - Our Inheritance in Light
  - Sin & Trespass Offerings
  - On Silencing God
  - "I Am the True Vine"



Hold the Fort  
A New Date in Bible Chronology  
The Problem of Survival  
Spittle in Clay  
The Lamb of God  
How God Works, Nov 10, 1982  
Heaven Open  
"To Depart and Be with Christ"  
My Father's Business  
On the Social Existence of God  
Two Great Secrets  
The Great Reward  
We've Been Robbed  
Promises to the Overcomer  
For the Land of Sinim  
Adam and the Christ Child

- Bx 4 Fld 3 Articles about Ellen G. White by David Lin
- Bx 4 Fld 4 Articles about issues in the Seventh-Day Adventist Church by David Lin. Also included is "Final Report" about Walla Walla College," Dec 16, 1997 in which Specific Allegations of Agnosticism and Alcohol at Faculty Party are mentioned.
- Bx 4 Fld 5 Articles about Adventism in China by David Lin
- Bx 4 Fld 6 Articles written by David Lin against Dengrong Chen, a native Chinese pastor ordained by David Lin and later turned out to be an extremist and caused divisions in the Adventist Church in China.

### **III. Miscellaneous**

- Bx 4 Fld 7 "Tales Worth Telling," Testimonies Written by David Lin
- Bx 4 Fld 8 Testimonies Collected by David Lin
- Bx 4 Fld 9 News Collection of David Lin mainly about Catholics
- Bx 4 Fld 10 Bible Passages Collected by David Lin

Bx 4 Fld 11 David Lin's Reports about:  
A Money Issue with Daniel Jiao.  
His Apartment in Shanghai Which Was Robbed by His  
Brother In-Law.

Bx 4 Fld 12 Sabbath Prayers and Short Notes.

#### **IV. Topical Files**

Bx 4 Fld 13 Issues in Shijiazhuang Church

Bx 4 Fld 14 Gongzhuling Church Building Project

Bx 4 Fld 15 Various Forms

#### **V. Floppy Disks**

Bx 4 Fld 16 Twelve 3.5 inch floppy disks from which all papers of this  
collection are printed. There is nothing unique on these  
disks that are not represented on paper in this collection.

