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Propositions to accompany the PhD thesis

1. The opisthograph 4Q415/4Q414 should be understood as the material reuse of a rejected manuscript (4Q415), rather than as the intentional collection of valued writings.

contra Daniel K. Falk, "Material Aspects of Prayer Manuscripts at Qumran," in *Literature or Liturgy? Early Christian Hymns and Prayers in their Literary and Liturgical Context in Antiquity*, ed. Clemens Leonhard and Hermut Löhr, WUNT 363 (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2014), 33-88, at 55-56.

2. This study shows that the opisthograph 4Q509/4Q496/4Q506 is created as an intentional collection consisting of petitionary prayers, which means that the War Scroll copy 4Q496 should be read as a liturgical text.

3. It follows from palaeographic analysis that 4Q509, 4Q496, and 4Q506 were written by three different hands, which demonstrates the collective engagement of different scribes with a single manuscript.

4. 4Q506 was most probably written in the second half of the first century BCE instead of in the middle of the first century CE, which indicates that the three texts on this opisthograph were all written within about 50 years from each other and not 100-150 years.

contra Maurice Baillet, *Qumrân grotte 4.III (4Q482-4Q520)*, DJD 7 (Oxford: Clarendon, 1982), 170.

5. It is problematic to classify the War Scroll and Words of the Luminaries as a sectarian and non-sectarian composition respectively on the basis of the terminology and socio-religious concepts they employ, because analysis of the manuscript evidence (in particular 4Q496 and 4Q506) demonstrates that both texts were actively read and studied next to each other.

6. Both the Qumran opisthograph 4Q509/4Q496/4Q506 and the Herculaneum papyrus *PHerc. 1021* demonstrate that scribes in antiquity could create opisthographic collections not to preserve existing literature, but especially to reinterpret texts and compose new texts through selection and extraction.

7. The Dead Sea Scrolls are under no obligation to make sense to us.

8. The only true festival is Saint George's Day.