“SPIRITUAL PEOPLE,” “FLESHLY SPIRIT,” AND “VISION OF MEDITATION”: REFLECTIONS ON 4QINSTRUCTION AND 1 CORINTHIANS

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The most famous section of the Qumran sapiential text 4QInstruction is undoubtedly 4Q417 1 i 13–18, the unit which, for the sake of convenience, has sometimes been referred to as the Vision of Hagu pericope. The most thorough and helpful, but often terse discussion of this pericope is still that of the editors, John Strugnell and Daniel Harrington, in their official edition of 4QInstruction.1 However, both before and after their edition, the pericope has been the subject of many longer studies,2

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and shorter discussions and/or translations. In this article, I first will present the Hebrew text and a translation which reflects the majority understanding of the text. I then will comment on some interpretations of this passage, and consider the possibility of an alternative
