

"It is Satan's settled purpose to cut off all communication between God and His people, that he may practice his deceptive wiles with no voice to warn them of their danger. If he can lead men to distrust the messenger or to attach no sacredness to the message, he knows that they will feel under no obligation to heed the word of God to them. And when light is set aside as darkness, Satan has things his own way."--5T 300:1.

"...Every new truth has made its way against hatred and opposition; those who were blessed with its light were tempted and tried. The Lord gives a special truth for the people in an emergency. Who dare refuse to publish it?"--The Great Controversy, p. 609:1.

"...When a message comes in the name of the Lord to His people, no one may excuse himself from an investigation of its claims. No one can afford to stand back in an attitude of indifference and self-confidence, and say: 'I know what is truth. I am satisfied with my position. I have set my stakes, and I will not be moved away from my position, whatever may come. I will not listen to the message of this messenger; for I know that it cannot be truth.' It is from pursuing this very course that the popular churches were left in partial darkness, and that is why the messages of heaven have not reached them."--Counsels on Sabbath School Work, p. 28:1.

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UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

The counsel of the True Witness (Rev. 3:14-21) to "the angel of the church of the Laodiceans" (v. 14) reveals itself, in the light of Revelation 1:20 and 3:21, to be a prophetic projection of the seventh or last section of the Christian church before the harvest. Historically, Seventh-day Adventists are the only ones who, since their emergence in Christendom, have identified themselves as Laodicea, not so much from choice as from unavoidableness because the Spirit of Prophecy in the church has thus repeatedly identified it:

1852: "...Many who profess to be looking for the speedy coming of Christ are becoming conformed to this world... They are cold and formal, like the nominal churches from which they but a short time since separated. The words addressed to the Laodicean church describe their present condition perfectly. (See Rev. 3:14-20)..."
Early Writings, p. 107:2.

1859: "I was shown that the testimony to the Laodiceans applies to God's people at the present time...."
Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 1, p. 186:1.

1873: "The message to the church of the Laodiceans is a startling denunciation, and is applicable to the people of God at the present time."
Id., Vol. 3, p. 252:l.

1876: "The Laodicean message applies to the people of God who profess to believe present truth...."
Id., Vol. 4, p. 87:l.

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1882: "...The people to whom God has entrusted the sacred, solemn, testing truths for this time, are sleeping at their post. They say by their actions, We have the truth, we are 'rich and increased with goods, and have need of nothing;' while the True Witness declares, 'Thou knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.'"
Id., Vol. 5, p. 101:3.

1889: "...The message to the Laodicean church is applicable to our condition. How plainly is pictured the position of those who think they have all the truth, who take pride in their knowledge of the Word of God, while its sanctifying power has not been felt in their lives...."
Christ Our Righteousness, (1926 ed.) p. 61:0; new ed. p. 45.

1898: "...The church is in the Laodicean state. The presence of God is not in her midst."
Notebook Leaflets, Education, No. 6, p. 3.

1898: "The warning for the last church also must be proclaimed to all who claim to be Christians. The Laodicean message, like a sharp, two-edged sword, must go to all the churches...."
Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 6, p. 77:2.

1902: "God brings against ministers and people the heavy charge of spiritual feebleness, saying, 'I know thy works that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind,

and naked; I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.' (Rev. 3:15-18). "--Selected Messages, Book 1, p. 127:3.

1904: "The Laodicean message is applicable to the church at this time. Do you believe this message? Have you hearts that feel? Or are you constantly saying, We are rich and increased in goods, and have need of nothing?... "--Id., p. 92:1.

1904: "...The message to the Laodiceans is applicable to Seventh-day Adventists who have had great light and have not walked in the light. ... "--Id., Book 2, p. 66:2.

1904: "At this time the Laodicean message is to be given, to arouse a slumbering church. ... "--Id., Book 1, p. 196:1.

In this "solemn testimony upon which the destiny of the church hangs," and which 'has been lightly esteemed, if not entirely disregarded' (E. W. 270:3), the True Witness warns His people that their fate turns upon their hearing His "voice" (Rev. 3:20). "...the children of God," He declares, "must know the voice of the True Shepherd. ... "--Id., p. 414:0.

Years before Sister White departed, the True Witness further directed her pen, in kindred counsel to the church, forewarning it to be on the alert for His Voice speaking through another messenger in the future:

"...The present attitude of the church is not pleasing to God. There has come in a self-confidence that has led them to feel no necessity for more truth and greater light. We are living at a time when Satan is at work on the right hand and on the left, before and behind us; and yet as a people we are asleep. God wills that a voice shall be heard arousing his people to action." --Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 5, p. 709:0.

"Prophecy must be fulfilled. The Lord says: 'Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.' Somebody is to come in the spirit and power of Elijah, and when he appears, men may say: 'you are too earnest, you do not interpret the Scriptures in the proper way. Let me tell you how to teach your message.'" --Testimonies to Ministers, p. 475:3.

In foretold character, the Church has barred its doors and stopped its ears to the overriding evidence that since 1929 the pleading voice of the True Witness, in the message of His prophet Elijah, had been "heard arousing His people to action." During these long years in which Elijah's message, the ROD of God, has been knocking at the door of the Church, those with hearing ears have paid the extreme price for taking their stand on the Lord's side in His "controversy with His people" over His ROD (Micah 6:2,9; 7:14; Ezekiel 20:33-38).

Ever hating and seeking to make of none effect the Present Truth, and thus working unremittingly to prevent God's people from hearing His ROD,

so as to cheat them of the Kingdom, the enemy succeeded, after the departure of Elijah, in be-guiling those remaining at Davidian headquarters into time-setting, at the expense of the message. Foreseeing this development, the Lord moved upon Elijah, before his departure, to give incisive forewarning of it in the following statements:

1. "Everything that can be done against God's message of today will be done with even a greater vengeance than was manifest against Heaven's message in the days of Christ's first advent, for the Devil knows that if he loses now, he loses forever--that he is to have no other chance. Unparalleled, therefore, is the urgency that every eleventh-hour church member now quickly and solidly brace himself against the Enemy's effort to deliver a knockout blow. We must be alert, too, to realize that the blow is to come from surprisingly unsuspected foes--from professed friends of the gospel, who are no less pious than were priests in Christ's day. It is, moreover, but to be expected that the Adversary will employ every agency possible to prevent the Lord from disclosing to view His now obscure 144,000 first-fruit servants, who are to go gather in the second fruits (Rev. 7:9). The Enemy will try everything conceivable to confuse, becloud, and cover up the Truth, especially on the subject of the 144,000."--The White House Recruiter, p. 33:2.

2. "...when the last prophet comes he will have the greatest opposition to meet, for Satan well knows that if he loses now, he loses forever. . . ." --General Conference Special, p. 6:2.

"It is therefore only to be expected that the predicted Elijah will be denounced as a false prophet, perhaps even as the anti-Christ, off-shoot, or what not.

"...Everything that can be done will be done to distort the Truth and thus distract and dishearten believers and draw their attention to something other than the message of Elijah."--Id., p. 7:1,2.

"Do not, though, forget that the message which he proclaims will in itself bear the Divine credentials of Truth, and that no priest or prelate can decide for you who the Elijah may or may not be. No, not even the appearance of what his message is doing or not doing, or whether it is prospering or disintegrating, can be taken as evidence that God is in it. Neither can numbers of adherents, for such have never signified a right cause at any time, not even in the day Christ Himself preached the Gospel of the Kingdom. The message he brings is the only thing to go by."--Id., p. 8:2.

To acquaint our Adventist brethren with the facts in the case (the apostasy and time-setting of the new-Carmel leaders), and with the saving truth, this tract, comprising three letters, is being sent forth in the prayerful hope that it may reach each one of you who is a Nathaniel, constrain you to "come and see" and to heed the ROD of God, and start you on a pilgrimage which will identify you now with God's remnant people in Laodicea--His "little company standing in the light," and which will finally number you among the 144,000, standing with the Lamb on Mt. Zion.

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A PROTEST

To

The General Conference Executive Committee

April 9, 1959

General Conference Executive Committee of
Seventh-day Adventists
6840 Eastern Avenue, N. W.
Takoma Park, Washington 12, D. C.

Dear Elder Figuhr and Committee Members:

On the 17th of February, 1959, a letter purporting to be from The General Association of Davidian Seventh-day Adventists was addressed to you brethren. It was signed, "By the Executive Council." We deeply deplore and regret the letter and consequent necessity which the Council thereby thrust upon us of entering categorical disclaimer that the letter was from The General Association of Davidian Seventh-day Adventists, or that the Council was representing the Association either in the position which they took in the letter or in their addressing it to the General Conference Committee. They were not authorized by the General Association of Davidian Seventh-day Adventists either to interpret Revelation 11 or any other part of the Bible or to deliver themselves of any pronouncement of any kind to you brethren or to anyone else, to say nothing of delivering to you a combined ultimatum and appeal to end all appeals to you from Davidians. In doing so, they represented strictly themselves and their associates, and none others; and the views they expressed were strictly their own, not those of

the Association. Thus it speaks for neither the Association nor the ROD, but exclusively for the nine who nonconstitutionally authored it and the doctrinal fallacy which it presumptuously trumpets forth and lays on the altar in showdown test in the name of God and the ROD.) 9

In thus presenting their own views on Rev. 11:2-13 as an integral part of the Shepherd's Rod message, then assuming to place the ROD, which they profess to exalt as the Word of God in present Truth, "on the altar" of test by placing perforce their own run-out 42-month teaching in the balance for Time to judge, they thereby willingly risk dooming and sacrificing the ROD with and to their own foredoomed private interpretation of Rev. 11:2-13. Against this false representation, we voice a steadily mounting chorus of protest from the world-wide fellowship of the genuine ROD believers comprising the voluntary Association of Davidian Seventh-day Adventists, and in unison we vigorously disclaim any part for the Association in the Council's colossal effrontery to God in their placing the ROD "on the altar." As if God vouchsafes any uninspired mortal the prerogative of placing on the altar of test a message from the word of God. All that these falsely exhilarated, out-of-place brethren can do and are doing is to place their own private interpretation of Rev. 11:2-13--a gross misrepresentation of the ROD--in Time's balance. p p p

The ultimatum which their letter delivered to you brethren is the voice, let again be repeated, not of the ROD of God, but strictly of the new-

Carmel group, speaking exclusively for themselves and their retainers, and not for 100% ROD believers comprising the free, world-wide fellowship of Davidian Seventh-day Adventists, who take this regrettable occasion to appeal to you burdened brethren to re-study and re-evaluate the ROD'S own treatment of the grave issue before us--the inexorably approaching denouement of Rev. 11:2-13 and correlative prophecies.

Surely, Brethren, you will agree that prudence dictates that you take no chance in a matter of such gravity as invests this issue. Too much is at stake, and "time and chance" are fast spending. Most earnestly, therefore, we pray you dispassionately to re-assess the subject as it is treated in the ROD. To facilitate your doing so with the least possible expenditure of time and effort, we are accompanying this disclaimer and appeal with a definitive presentation of the ROD'S treatment of the key phase and of kindred aspects of the subject. (This presentation of the ROD'S treatment of the subject will be sent to all who request it).

Finally, Brethren, know that it is the earnest prayer of the fundamentalist Davidians represented hereby, that you will give this subject the prayerful, sober, and reflective hearing not only that prudence dictates but also that the weightiest interests of your own and a million other souls demand.

Sincerely yours to "hear...the Rod, and who hath appointed it: (Mt. 6:9) and "to witness the demonstration of God's lead-

ing" through it,

The Fellowship of Fundamentalist Davidian Seventh-day Adventists.) ref

P.S. We may pardonably emphasize the fact that when the Council's predictions and program as set forth in Codes, Vol. 14, Nos. 6, 8 and 9, come to naught shortly (the 30th day of this April 1959) is the absolute limit of the 3 1/2 years embraced in their own pronouncement: "...we have already November, 1955 entered the period of forty-two months, ..."--11 Code, 1:13:3, it will be the private predictions and the private program of the new-Code and the new-Carmel, not the Inspired predictions and the Inspired program of the ROD, which will thus be denuded of integrity, discredited, and humiliated. The ROD and genuine ROD Davidians will endure to the end to finish their Heaven-ordained mission to the Church and to the world.

A STATEMENT BY 100%-ROD-ONLY DAVIDIANS
TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

February 5, 1961

General Conference Executive Committee of
Seventh-day Adventists
6840 Eastern Avenue, N. W.
Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

Dear Elder Figuhr and Committee members:

As members of The Fellowship of 100%-ROD-

only Davidians, we wish herewith to acquaint you with the truth concerning our position in relationship to the Council of the new-Carmel Center, Waco, Texas.

Implicitly believing and holding to the teachings of V. T. Houteff (as an Inspired writer) as set forth in the publications of the Shepherd's Rod, we find ourselves embarrassed and humiliated by the new-Carmel Council's time-setting, resulting from their ignoring the ROD'S application of Rev. 11:2-13 and Isa. 8:9-14, and interpreting these scriptures in the light of their own ideas. Thus we find ourselves obliged to disassociate the ROD and ourselves from any connection with the new-Carmel Council in its apostasy from the ROD.

We are confident that since the Lord has taken the reins in His own hands, He will shortly take away our reproach by establishing the second phase of Davidic-Levitical order to carry forward the message in accordance with the Constitution, as codified in The Leviticus of the Davidian Seventh-day Adventists.

To this end we are preparing for a Constitutional, representative session, tentatively scheduled to be held this summer in Waco, Texas. And the Constitutional body formed at the session will, as the Lord opens the way for resuming the work from where the new-Carmel Council laid it down, take up the burden of carrying the message back to the Church, then forward to the sure triumph prophetically projected for it.

It is our prayerful hope that after the Associa-

tion comes into being, the General Conference Committee will deem it equitable to give the ROD in the hands of Constitutional Davidians the same opportunity to be heard as the Committee granted the ROD in the hands of unconstitutional, new-Carmel Davidians. And wherein, in strictly non-Davidian character, they essayed to put aside The Spirit of Prophecy, and to use the Bible alone, therein and otherwise we shall be anxious to use it in support of our use of the Bible.

May blessing and mercy be upon His servants everywhere.

Sincerely your brethren to
"hear the ROD" of God,
The Fellowship of 100%-ROD-only
Davidian Seventh-day Adventists.

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A LETTER TO THE FORT WORTH STAR TELEGRAM

Sept. 5, 1961

The Editor
The Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Sir:

Our attention has been directed to an article written by Don Williams and captioned, "Sect Broadens Beliefs After Cataclysm Fails," which appears on page one and continues on page twenty of your issue of May 7, 1961.

On page one, column three, paragraph one of the article, Mr. Williams reports that "the Da-

vidians had the calculations of the founder of the sect, V. T. Houteff. . . , as a guide to the time of the cataclysm. "

As believers and students of the "Shepherd's Rod," the official doctrinal publications of the Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association (FUNDAMENTAL BELIEFS AND DIRECTORY, page 36, paragraph 1), we categorically deny that the late V. T. Houteff, author of the ROD publications, and founder of the Davidian Association, has, anywhere in his writings, made "calculations" . . . which could be used "as a guide to the time of the cataclysm. "

"I have been asked," said V. T. Houteff on November 6, 1948, "to give a study on current events, on the Palestine situation, and on the separation caused by the slaughter that is forecast in Ezekiel's vision.

"I wish that I could tell you all you want to know, but I cannot say how soon the separation, the purification of the church (Vol. 5, page 80), will take place. God alone knows the time. . . .

"I am, however, certain that God will not keep us ignorant of the things we ought to know. If it becomes necessary for us to know ahead of time the day and hour of the purification of the church, the antitypical Passover, we will be told, Yes, we shall know at least as much in advance as Moses knew about the Passover in his day. He did not know months ahead the day and hour of the events that were then to take place. . . . "--Timely Greetings, Vol. 2, No. 41, page 3, Pars. 1, 2, 3.

In the same vein, he continued:

" . . . the secret things belong unto the Lord our God; but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children. . . , Deut. 29:29. God knows how to lead and how to save. I cannot, therefore, give you light beyond what Inspiration makes known. I can only speak of the things that are revealed. "--Id. , page 4, par. 1.

On page 20, in column 3, paragraph 6 of the same story, Mr. Williams further reports: "Houteff, who died in 1955, had indicated his belief that the spring of 1959 was the time. "

If V. T. Houteff had given any such indication, he would have done so wholly contrary to his own principle regarding prophetic pronouncements and interpretations. Furthermore, in the very nature of the concern, he would have recorded and promulgated it as one of the cardinal points of Davidian doctrine. Instead, he left the following commentary on the 42 months of Revelation 11:2 (the prophecy which Mrs. Houteff and her Council used as the basis for their timing of events scheduled for fulfillment in the spring of 1959):

" . . . The truth concerning the forty-two months, during which time the holy city is trodden underfoot by the Gentiles, is therefore not completely revealed, and we had better leave the subject alone until God makes it known. "--V. T. Houteff, Card file, February 1953.

Mrs. Houteff did not follow this Counsel, but so completely ignored it as to let herself go on record in a letter dated Feb. 17, 1959 to the Executive Committee of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, as follows:

"By this letter we make it known to you that we are now leaving this entire matter with the Lord to demonstrate whether He is leading in the work at Mt. Carmel, or whether He is leading you to stop your ears to the message which Mt. Carmel has put forth in her official publications.

"This means that The Shepherd's Rod message is now on the altar. . . .

"If the message and work of The Shepherd's Rod is God's Truth as we believe it to be, the 1260 days of Revelation 11 as The Symbolic Codes have explained, will end sometime this Spring. Then will follow the war that will kill the two Witnesses. Those whom the Witnesses had tormented will gloat over this. But after 3 1/2 days the Two Witnesses will be exalted. At the same time will come the earthquake (shaking) in which will be slain all the hypocrites in God's part of Christendom--the Adventist church. The remnant will give glory to God."--The Symbolic Code, Vol. 14, No. 6, pp. 8,9.

Thus the beliefs which led to the failure of the predictions of Mrs. Houteff and her Council were based on ideas which originated entirely with themselves and not with V. T. Houteff. Had they faithfully adhered to the teachings of the "Shepherd's Rod," they would have spared themselves, and us, much embarrassment, and the rank and file of the Davidian Movement would have remained intact.

Declares the ROD:

"The Bible and the books of the Spirit of Prophecy the Interpretational Authority of Seventh-day

Adventists being the sole source of the 'SHEPHERD'S ROD' message, therefore when the Rod is taught, the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy are taught. And since none including Mrs. Houteff and her Council but the Spirit of Truth which they manifestly did not possess, or their predictions would not have failed who transmitted the mysteries of Inspiration, can interpret them, then those who attempt to teach them without this interpretational Authority as Mrs. Houteff and her Council have done inevitably fall into the forbidden practice of private interpretation (2 Peter 1:20)--the great evil which has brought Christendom into its present almost-boundless state of schism and consequent confusion, strife, and impotency."--Fundamental Beliefs and Directory, p. 35:2.

Since in their writings, Mrs. Houteff and her Council had flagrantly violated the aforementioned instructions, and since their predictions had consequently come to naught, also since they had assumed (in their February 17, 1959 letter quoted from previously) to address the Executive Committee of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, they thus compelled the Fundamentalist Fellowship of Davidian Seventh-day Adventists immediately to address a disclaimer to the Leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church (of which the Davidian Association is the prophetic offspring), in an effort to counteract the erroneous impression conveyed by Mrs. Houteff and her Council that they were standing on the ROD and were representing the views of the Asso-

ciation. We wrote:

See pages 7-10 for the letter here omitted to obviate repetition. 7

The Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association assembled in International Session in Los Angeles, California, this past July 28 - August 7, 1961, unanimously repudiated Mrs. Houteff and her Council as leaders of the Davidian Association, and in their place elected the following Executive Council, Constitutionally authorized to speak for and to administer the affairs of the Association: Mr. H. G. Warden (chairman); Mrs. Ruby V. Haylock (secretary); Mrs. Jemmy E. Bingham (treasurer); Mr. Charles H. Haylock; Mr. Allan A. Allen (Jamaica); Mr. W. H. Green; and Mr. W. J. Matthews. Alternates: Mr. Arthur H. Harris (Australia); Mr. Paul S. Bateman; and Mrs. Lelia Rolle.

Since the Star-Telegram has elected to report the new-Carmel fiasco and sequel, we are confident that in the interest of impartial, factual coverage, and in justice to Davidian Seventh-day Adventists world-wide, it will now present the rest of the story as herein documented.

Sincerely yours,

The Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association.
By Allan A. Allen
Assistant Editor of Publications.

With Davidia, the Lord's clearing house for His oncoming Kingdom, now under new management for the concluding of His "controversy with His people," the long-pleading Voice of Heaven, The ROD of God, is crying anew to His 144,000 Nathaniels in Laodicea, in whose mouth is no guile, to "come and see." Come Brother, Sister --come now, "so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 1:11.

"O my people, what have I done unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee? testify against me. . . Hear ye the ROD and who hath appointed it." Micah 6:3,9.

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"... His church is to be a temple built after the divine similitude, and the angelic architect has brought his golden measuring rod from heaven, that every stone may be hewed and squared by the divine measurement, and polished to shine as an emblem of heaven, radiating in all directions the bright, clear beams of the Sun of Righteousness. The church is to be fed with manna from heaven, and to be kept under the sole guardianship of His grace. Clad in complete armor of light and righteousness, she enters upon her final conflict. The dross, the worthless material, will be consumed, and the influence of the truth testifies to the world of its sanctifying, ennobling character."--Testimonies to Ministers, p. 17:1.