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Dear Brethern and Sisters in Davidia,

Greetings in the name of our Lord.

Please find enclosed an explanation of our position which was announced (without our knowledge or sanction) in the Code Vol. 16 # 1 of Jan.-Mar. 1974 published from Salem, South Carolina.

We are counseled in the Spirit of Prophecy in C.W. 74, "Those who speak to the people through our periodicals should persevere unity among themselves. Nothing that savors of dissension should be found in our publications. Satan is always seeking to cause dissension, for well he knows that by this means he can most effectually counteract the work of God. We should not give place to his devices."

For many months we brethern here in California have pleaded and written to the brethern at the Salem headquarters trying to work with them privately hoping not to bring it before all the brethern in the field until we had exhausted every resource so as not to bring reproach upon the cause of God as we are admonished in D.A. 440-441. All of our efforts have been of no avail, consequently many of us signed a petition to the Executive Council which they made public, and printed in their Jan.-Mar. 1974 Code which was sent to the whole Davidian Field. We now have no alternative but to present the facts to you brethern in the field. It is with no deep pleasure that we are forced to make public a few of the errors that have originated from headquarters at Salem, South Carolina.

★ "There are occasions where their glaring misrepresentations will have to be met. When this is the case, it should be done promptly and briefly, and we should then pass on to our work....We must have more of the spirit of those men who were engaged in building the walls of Jerusalem. We are doing a great work, and we cannot come down. If Satan sees that he can keep men answering the objections of opponents, and thus keep their voices silent, and hinder them from doing the most important work for the present time, this object is accomplished." Vol.3: 37-38

We will endeavor to make this as brief as possible, "striving to give an answer for the hope within us" and then to go forward with the Lord's help to finish the work.

★ "With the end of the long journey in view, the work was never so great, the time in which to do it never so short, and the laborers never so few, as now. Self-evident, therefore, is the fact that Satan's supreme effort at this hour must be to cause the time to be wasted and the work to go undone.

* "Many who have been placed upon the walls of Zion, to watch with eagle eye for the approach of danger and lift the voice of warning, are themselves asleep. The very ones who should be most active and vigilant in this hour of peril are neglecting their duty and bringing upon themselves the blood of souls."

Vol.:3:234, See also T.M. 406, G.C. 459.

In Ezekiel 33:1-11, we are shown our duty as Watchmen upon the walls of Zion. At this time the trumpet must be blown as we are in extreme danger in adding to and taking from the word of God. See Ans.#4 pg. 68-69.

"The only ones that will endure to the end will be those who carefully watch their steps from being carried away either by his additions to, or by his subtractions from, the works of Inspiration." 2 T.G. # 46 pg. 43-44.

"Nevertheless, one's only safety will be in the teaching of Elijah, for there will be no other voice of timely Truth and authority to whom one may turn. Any others will lead their victims blind-folded into perdition." G.C.S. page 8.

* "Those whom God has set as watchmen are not to look on quietly while efforts are being made to lead men and women away from the truth into false paths. Careful watch is to be kept against seducing spirits and doctrines of devils....The severe denunciations that Christ uttered against the Pharisees for teaching for doctrine the commandments of men show the necessity for guarding against all theories that are not in harmony with the truth of God's word." M.M. 90, 93

* "For evils that we might have checked, we are just as responsible as if we were guilty of the acts ourselves." D.A. 441 par. 3.

* "If God abhors one sin above another, of which His people are guilty, it is doing nothing in case of an emergency. Indifference and neutrality in a religious crises is regarded of God as a grievous crime and equal to the very worst type of hostility against God." Vol.3:281

* "No one connected with the sacred work of God can remain on neutral ground. If a man is divided, undecided, unsettled, until he is sure that he will lose nothing, he shows that he is a man God cannot use." T.M. 403

"The greatest want of the world is the want of men-men who will not be bought or sold, men who in their inmost souls are true and honest, men who do not fear to call sin by it's right name, men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole, men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall." Ed. 57

These are the kind of men and women the Lord is looking for today.

For those in the field who would like a more detailed explanation of the points herein presented may write to our new headquarters (304 Palm Dr. Vista, California, 92083) for a brochure on the subject material in question.

"GOING WEST"

We brethren here in California disapprove of the Symbolic Code Vol.12#2, taking out of context the statement in Vol.1 Test. page 146 par. 3, about God's work going West and applying it to Los Angeles, California. The "West" that the Spirit of Prophecy speaks of (at that particular time) is not pertaining to Los Angeles California in 1930, but to Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota and Iowa, which was the "West" at that time. See Vol.1 page 147 par. 3. The year she was speaking of pertaining to the West was 1856.

"THE EAST"

Another statement taken out of context is in using the statement in Vol.1. Test. page 149 par. 1. "I saw that when the message shall increase greatly in power, then the providence of God will open and prepare the way in the East for much more to be accomplished than can be at the present time." The Symbolic Code is implying that this is referring to the present headquarters at Salem, South Carolina, where they claim the 144,000 will be gathered. Let us see what the Spirit of Prophecy has to say on this subject. "I have been shown that the time has come for more effective labor in the East. (the year was 1863, see page 3 of volume one in the table of contents under "Labor in the East") The necessity of organization and order is at last felt there. Ministers will not now be obliged to labor under such discouragements as before. The angel of mercy is hovering over the East." In the early 1900's the headquarters of the S.D.A. denomination was moved "East" to Takoma Park, showing that more effective labor in the East had been accomplished. We go much more into this subject in detail in our brochure which you may have upon request. The very fact that the (S.R.) message (not necessarily the headquarters) was to go East must have been for the purpose of converting S.D.A. who were already in the East. Read the entire article in Vol. 1. Testamonies pages 146-153, 409-422 on the "East and the West."

"ONLY COUNCIL CAN DETERMINE WHAT IS TRUTH".

In Salem's Symbolic Code Vol.16#1 pg. 17 they state that the council only has the right to determine what is truth; "Item VI (b) the council has the prerogative to publish 'new light;' (clearer light) they determine what is truth; and they have the say what is to be published."

Can Davidians be so foolish as to accept this without any hesitation after the experience we went through in 1960 with Sister Houteff and her council? Will we ever mature to mature christians and not lean on the arm of flesh? See December 1960 Symbolic Code.

"Nevertheless, one's only safety will be in the teaching of Elijah, for there will be no other voice of timely Truth and authority to whom one may turn. Any others will lead their victims blind-folded into perdition." G.C.S. page 8

⊛ "Now we really are enriched with Truth if we have studied and assimilated what has been given us,....Therefore the Devil is not going to attack us where he attacked Laodiceans, but he will tell us that we are poor in Truth. He will do this in almost any way." S.C. Vol.11#2 page 11

"It is this additional Truth which is to supplement the 1844 Truth and thus supply sufficient light to the time of the coming of the Bridegroom" S.C.Vol.11,

⊛ #3 page 8-9 Read also G.C. 595 par. 1,2

"We are not to think, as did the Jews, that our own ideas and opinions are infallible; nor with the papists, that certain individuals are the sole guardians of truth and knowledge, that men have no right to search the Scriptures for themselves, but must accept the explanations given by the fathers of the church." T.M. 105 par. 1, Read also T.M. 109-110

"State conferences may depend upon the General Conference for light and knowledge and wisdom; but is it safe for them to do this? To place men where God should be placed does not honor or glorify God. Is the president of the General Conference to be the god of the people? T.M. 375

"The high-handed power that has been developed, as though position has made men gods, makes me afraid, and ought to cause fear. It is a curse wherever and by whomsoever it is exercised." T.M. 361 par. 1.

"Care should be given to teach every man his dependence upon God; for He is the source of all wisdom and power and efficiency. I have been shown that it is a mistake to suppose that the men in positions of special responsibility at Battle Creek (or Salem) have wisdom which is far superior to that of ordinary men. Those who think that they have, supposing them to have divine enlightenment, rely upon the human judgment of these men, taking their counsel as the voice of God. But this is not safe;...."T.M. 374 par. 1.

"CONSISTENTLY OBEY THE TRUTH" Vol.1. Test. page 414 par. 1.

In Salem's Symbolic Code, Vol.12.#2 pages 15-16 they say that S.D.A. cannot consistently obey the truth as they do not have the butter and honey (Rod message) Therefore they say this could only apply to Davidians.

When we take this position are we not in reality saying: No one has ever consistently obeyed the Truth until Davidians came along? What foolishness.

Websters Dictionary: CONSISTENCY: "Logical agreement, as between precept and practice."

CONSISTANT: "Free from self-contradiction; in harmony with."

In so many words it means "practice what you preach".

Example: 1 Cor.9:27 "But I ~~keep~~ under my body, and bring it into subjection; lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."

"GOD IS LEADING ONLY THROUGH THE DAVIDIAN S.D.A. ASSOCIATION IN SALEM"

In Salem's Symbolic Code Vol.16 #1 page 17 it says: "That He inspired the legislative body at that 1970 Session to so decree that the Executive Council was to 'let it be known,' either by printing press or by personal Bible studies that God is leading only through the Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association in Salem."

Let us see what Brother Houteff has to say: "Since the people knew not that Jesus was the Son of the living God, Jesus realized that to flatly tell them so, would only make them the more prejudiced. He, therefore, charged the apostles to do the same as that which we today are charged to do. Not to say flatly: 'We have the Truth, the message of the Eleventh Hour.' Instead we are to teach the Divinely-revealed Bible truths, thus giving our hearers the opportunity to draw their own conclusions, to make up their own minds. If they are honest searchers for Truth, the Father Himself will reveal in their hearts that this is the Eleventh Hour message.

* We must not therefore bluntly speak forth the all important Truth of God. We must use good judgment and tact." 2 T.G.#29page 5.

3 FORTY YEAR PERIODS (See S.R. pocket Edition page 72, Salem's Code Vol.12#2, page 14-15)

If we were to privately interpret the last 40 year section as Salem has done from the S.R. (pocket edition) page 72 and in order to be consistent with the type, we would have to say that the end of the last 40 years would be our entrance into the kingdom, not the setting up of Salem on this side of the kingdom.

This is a perfect example of Adding to the word of God. If God's prophet didn't place the other 40 year period on the chart, then how dare we add to the prophet words?

WHERE THE CLEANSING FOUNTAIN OF ZECH.13: BEGINS.

In Salem's S.C. Vol.12#3 page 19, 26 on their chart it shows the cleansing fountain of Zech.13: as beginning in Los Angeles in 1930.

Let us see where Brother Houteff places it.

2 S.R. page 294 shows this cleansing fountain is the one spoken of in Zech.13:1,

★ "The stream from the fountain where it first starts to the east gate, represents the 144,000."

★ The 144,000 are the nucleus of the kingdom. 2T.G.#46 page, 30-31.

"As soon as the house of David is set up, as soon as the first fruits reach Mt. Zion and there stand with the Lamb, the cleansing fountain will be opened."

1 T.G. #18 page 20 par. 1, See also page 14 par. 1-3. See also Tract 8 p.18 par. 2,3

WHEN IS THE HOUSE OF DAVID SET UP?

House of David set up during the time of the Loud Cry. See 2 S.R. pg. 290 par.2.
Cleansing takes place after God takes us back to our own land. S.C.Vol.11#12 page 22-23

★ "This great truth (Cleansing of Ezek.36:23-28), is again foretold in the words of Zechariah." (quotes Zech.12:5-14, 13:1-5)

This plainly shows that the cleansing fountain of Ezekiel 36; and the one in Zech.13:1-5 is the same fountain.

THE CONCLUSION.

"....It is never fair for one to assume a stand on an issue, solely on the weight of opinion derived from one or two verses, without first considering the verses in the light of the whole chapter, yes, even of the entire Bible; for if one's interpretation of the Scriptures is not supported by every sentence of Holy Writ, is a fallacious interpretation, a blind conclusion, without Bible foundation." Tract 6 Page 75-76 TR.10 p 46

"All present truth believers should now see the necessity of shunning every wind of doctrine regardless how plausible or reasonable it might appear to be.Get your doctrine, Brother, Sister, only from the golden bowl." Tr.11 p. 12

"It is imperative, therefore, that every Present-Truth believer teach and practice only Present Truth-teach not short of nor beyond what is published, weave not into it private interpretations or constructions, theories and ideas, and do nothing less or nothing more than what the message calls for." Ans.4 p.69

Since Salem has refused to retract her private interpretations in her last 4 Codes we have been forced to re-organize with headquarters at 304 Palm Drive, Vista, Calif. 92083. We would appreciate names and addresses of any Davidians who would like to be put on our mailing list.