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SATAN'S "MOST INGENIOUS SPECIAL TRAP."

Dear Fellow Believers:

Because of recent developments among Davidians, we feel compelled to send another appeal to you. Truly we have reached a crisis in the work of the Lord. First the enemy did his best in 1959, using "professed friends" of the ROD, to deliver it a "knockout blow," just as was fully foretold in The White House Recruiter, p. 33. And as 1960 drew to a close, he again used the same "professed friends" in an effort to deal it an even heavier blow, by torpedoing the scheduled sessions for December 25-30, 1960. Then by firing at it another salvo in the December Symbolic Code, he is thus trying feverishly to blow it up completely.

meetings w/ Bros. Warden & Bingham would have exposed errors of sis. H's council see letter Art. 2-B to R.L. Odom

Had the scheduled meetings been held according to agreement, and been conducted in a Christian Spirit, unity and harmony must have resulted. It could not have been otherwise, for the simple reason that The Rod calls for a revival and reformation to come from the truth taught in its publications, and to spring from us Davidians ourselves. This is forcibly set forth in a number of statements, notably in Answerer, No. 1, pp. 60-69, first in the following:

"...evidence that the great work of the founding fathers of the Protestant Reformation has been perverted and turned into an undermining force for the frustration of God's special design for the church today."--Answerer, No. 1, p. 65:0.

This is pointedly borne out by the next statement. "We must stand--stand against the most ingenious special trap ever set by the evil one! But how shall we do this if we know not what it is or where it is?"--Id., pp. 60, 61.

"To find the danger where it really lurks, let us briefly view in retrospect previous snares, by periods in which they occurred, beginning with the first recorded church Movement."--Id., p. 61:1.

After touching on the Noatic world and its mistake in regard to the flood, the statement continues:

"Their exalting human science and disregarding divine science,...was the special snare which took the Antidiluvians. Their fate solemnly warns us carefully to avoid their mistakes."--Id., p. 61:3.

Then calling attention to the Mosaic Movement, the statement goes on to declare: "Unbelief, stiffneckedness, distrust of Divine leadership, and office seeking...were the four-headed monster that devoured the people of the Exodus. And these will devour every Present-truth believer who strays into their lair."--Id., p. 62:3.

The passage continues on to tell us that unbelief in the prophets overthrew the Canaan movement, that the Apostles fell into error, and that the Protestant movements came to revel in "private interpretations,..." where they have been floundering ever since.

Further on it warns: "...unless we let the Truth extricate us from this fatal bog of confusion, we cannot defeat the Enemy of Inspiration in his tireless and powerful efforts to pervert the implements of our salvation into weapons for our destruction..."--Id., p. 65:1.

Then it adds the further warning that lukewarmness can and will overthrow the Laodiceans and even Present-Truth believers, and that every movement to date has been overthrown by Satan.

And finally it declares: "The Eleventh-hour Movement, being the very last, is consequently in the greatest danger of all..."--Id., p. 67:1. Why? Is it not evident that all these snares are set for us? But are Davidians alarmed by them?

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Apparently, not at all. Where are the voices sounding a warning in this respect? From all appearances, the watchmen in Davidia are "dumb dogs" (ST211:2) as are those in Laodicea. Davidian leaders at Carmel are as wrapt up with their own program as are the Laodicean leaders at Takoma Park are wrapt up with theirs. In seeking to awaken us, Inspiration continues: "...What urgency, then, that we keep our eyes wide open lest we, too, fall!"--Answerer, No. 1, p. 67:1.

Despite all this warning concerning our danger, who has given the trumpet a certain sound? Who is alarmed? We still sleep on, so it seems. Indeed, "sleeping preachers preaching to a sleeping people."--Was it ever truer than now among Davidians?

After we have been so clearly warned that Satan has overthrown all the preceding movements, what should we expect? That nothing would happen now? Evidently it is happening and in large quantities--right before our very eyes.

As far back as 1946, and again in 1947, we were told: "...the Lord is taking the reins in His Own hands..."--Timely Greetings, Vol. 1, No. 45, p. 16:0. But few believed then, and apparently no more believe now; and it seems that few care whether He has them in His hands or not. Has not the Council ignored it? And are not many Davidians ignoring it today in spite of what is transpiring at new-Carmel? If the reins are in His hands, then the guiding and controlling light can be found only in The Rod--no place else. No directions or instructions are to come from any other source (1TG27:8:1; FBD36:1).

The ONE in whose hands the reins are held, commands: "Go only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel"--go only to the S. D. A.'s. From first to last (1929 to 1955), the Rod makes nothing more clear.

In Answerer, No. 1, page 60, the ONE who holds the reins, asks: "IS SATAN WHOLESALING OR RETAILING DECEPTION?" Then He proceeds to show that nothing less than "wholesaling" will please Satan: thus the very evident reason why a new sales force has been recently installed. If we had no other proof than the following, we should know that "wholesaling" is now the order of the day:

"...Consequently, to save the world, we must first seek to save the church from the ruin that is imminent, as did John the Baptist, Christ, and the apostles, in their day....Then will she really be able to save..."--Answerer, No. 3, p. 67: 2, 3.

And on the next page, we read: "Still further, as it is not we, but Christ Who 'is taking the reins in His own hands'... ,it is not our duty to tell Him which work should be done, and which should be left undone,..."--Id., p. 68. But if anyone does not believe He is being told, then just let him read the September and December Codes, and he will see that "wholesaling"--with a vengeance--is the work of the day.

Let us go back to the Flood, to Noah's generation and their mistake: "Exalting human science and disregarding Divine science"--that, declares Inspiration, is what sunk the Noatic world. What of the science at headquarters? Is it human or Divine? Their version of the forty-two months, the 1260 days, the plagues of Rev. 11:6, the solemn assembly, the Assyrian confederacy, all resulting in the time-setting of 1959? All know that the science behind all this was human, not Divine. Since it destroyed all the antediluvians except Noah's family, what will it do with us?

In The White House Recruiter, p. 33, we were warned that the knockout blow would come, and in no uncertain language, by whom it would be dealt. Any one can see that these "professed friends" are in that part of the Church where the truth of the 144,000 is opposed by "the Enemy," and the "144,000...being the first... of the harvest...are therefore necessarily harvested from the Israel of today--the church itself...." And page 53 adds: "...Israel [God's denomination of today]."

But their human science decrees that "our work for Seventh-day Adventists as a sole endeavor was finished," and that we must therefore begin pre-loud-cry work for the Protestants, when the Denomination, with all its finances, facilities,

and forces, has been doing this! W press on the Protestant world! W new-Carmel, expect to accomplish and forces, and with the loss of fettering themselves with consequent many milleniums would it take? they are creating an escape-hatch solemn assembly and Nathaniel recently wrote, that they are not as the December Code puts it: "but to WARN them." p. 27. What is Divine science," indeed! W

In 1951, the ONE Who has told "...all who respond to the Spirit that they have no time to waste on anything...."--White House Recruiter the same ONE warned us: "...So your supreme effort at this hour must be to go undone."--Answerer, No. 1,

What was done by the new-Carmel? What was accomplished? And what has been done since then by the other churches? Nothing but loss of time and money: "...the Ephraimites Vol. 12, Nos. 8, 9, p. 7.

In view of the crucial situation, science has the remedy, and that is the essence. He who holds the reins: "hear...the Rod and who hath a part in bringing into being the Constitution, is no other remedy, no other way long. Let all who fully believe in the supervision (Ezek. 20:37), and do not lip service, but heart service, action, for our influence, for our And His dread fall upon you?" Jo

We spared nothing to make it true. But they were deliberately aborted true Davidians, by The Rod which told us what would happen, and it did. It must come, and they will. If people who are working for Constitutionalism working against it must do so, they sacrifice short of compromising t

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new-Carmel, expect to accomplish with but a handfull of finances and facilities
and forces, and with the loss of their message because of departing from it and
fettering themselves with consequent false teachings and predictions, and how
many milleniums would it take? Already, following the branch author's example,
they are creating an escape-hatch against the time this venture fails (as did the
solemn assembly and Nathaniel Institute) by saying, as one new-Carmel Brother
recently wrote, that they are not going to gather them, only witness to them. Or
as the December Code puts it: "...It was not given to us to COUNT the people
but to WARN them." p. 27. What folly! "Exalting human science and disregard-
ing Divine science," indeed! What greater blow could the great deceiver deal?

In 1951, the ONE Who has the reins in His hands, made clear to us that
"...all who respond to the Spirit's call now at this late hour, will acutely realize
that they have no time to waste on getting and spending...no time to waste on
anything...."--White House Recruiter, p. 34:4. But nearly a decade before that,
the same ONE warned us: "...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."--Answerer, No. 1, p. 69:0.

What was done by the new-Carmel Office in the last two years to save Lao-
dicea? What was accomplished by the radio program? By the Nathaniel Institute?
And what has been done since the blow fell? And what will be done by going to
the other churches? Nothing but accomplishing what was foretold--wasting time
and money: "...the Ephraimites would not understand...."--The Symbolic Code,
Vol. 12, Nos. 8, 9, p. 7.

In view of the crucial situation thus resulting, can anyone doubt that Divine
science has the remedy, and that it must be found, and at once? Time is of the
essence. He who holds the reins, has already told us what He wants us to do--
"hear...the Rod and who hath appointed it" (Micah 6:9), to do which now is to
bring into being the Constitutional Association called for in The Leviticus. There
is no other remedy, no other way out. Already the time has been wasted much too
long. Let all who fully believe The Rod, come fully under The Rod--under Its
supervision (Ezek. 20:37), and escape the fateful results of disobedience. It is
not lip service, but heart service that counts. The Lord is waiting on us--for our
action, for our influence, for our all. "Shall not His excellency make you afraid?
And His dread fall upon you?" Job 13:11.

We spared nothing to make the scheduled sessions at new-Carmel a success.
But they were deliberately aborted. Unity must be and will be restored among all
true Davidians, by The Rod which Elijah brought. That is most certain. He told
us what would happen, and it did. Also he told us that revival and reformation
must come, and they will. If permanent division is to be prevented, either we
who are working for Constitutional Association must surrender or those who are
working against it must do so. There is no other way. We are ready to make any
sacrifice short of compromising the truth itself, to bring this about.

Things that are wrong must be righted, for the Lord means business. For in-
stance, the December newsletter from the Office was quickly followed by the
December Code of 83 pages. These publications required much preparation.
Therefore, does it not seem evident that while we thought they were preparing (from
November 29 to December 11) for us and the scheduled meetings, they were
actually preparing against us and to stop them? All the time-consuming work in
gathering and preparing the material for an 83-page Code could hardly have been
done in the twelve days from November 29 (the date of our last communication
with them) to December 11 (the date of the Council's decision to stop the meetings).
Thus it becomes more and more apparent that they were working hard on the pre-
paration of the Code, most, if not all, the time they were negotiating with us the
arrangements for the meetings. All these facts implicitly carry the mark of bad
faith--no deep-principled intention to carry out set plans. In ways, it reminds
one of the extreme muddling of 1959, which is known to Laodiceans as well as to
many in the world. And everyone who knows about it, knows that a blunder was
made. But never has there been even a peep of admission from the responsible
ones. Instead there has been repeated justification by crediting it to God. How

difficult it is to admit a mistake, especially a very bad one. The Lord says: "... for most human beings it is hard to say, 'we are wrong.' Only a few can shun pride of opinion and admit their errors...."--Timely Greetings, Vol. 1, No. 4, p. 22:3.

Is the Lord in these newest new-Carmel moves? Was He in the mess of 1959? Did He do the time-setting? Did He do the prophesying? Did He get scared of the scheduled meetings? Is He afraid of the Truth? Where there is so much smoke, there must be quite a bit of fire--but not Divine fire.

For more than thirty years, Laodiceans, with but a few exceptions, have been dodging The Rod teachers--refusing to hear. Now we find too many Davidians doing exactly the same thing in exactly the same way. You who refuse to hear, prove thereby that you are "... as good a Laodicean as you can possibly be, not a Davidian."--1TG8:28:1. And what an example Carmel has given you by stopping the scheduled meetings there! Must they not have been afraid to meet the issue? Must they not have feared they could not defend themselves? Can you not see that what they have put out in the December Code proves they are wholly unprepared--wholly unable to choose the good and refuse the evil? They have eaten much butter and honey, but their digestion seems to have been very poor. The truth they did not assimilate.

The Lord invites us all: "Incline your ear, and come unto ME: hear, and your soul shall live;..." Isa. 55:3. Hear what? "Hear...The Rod"--His voice. But since we have been dull of hearing, He has permitted heresies (5T707) to come in among us and to place us in hard positions to test us.

We Davidians should fear no one, for if we have the truth in us, we have the Lord (2 John 9). But not so. Many are as shy as the Church members. Because they are deceived, they greatly fear deception. It is high time we wake up and learn what truth is. This can be done only by inclining the ear toward The Rod--"Hear, and your soul shall live."

Doubtless by now most Davidians have either read or heard of the disfellowshipping of Brother and Sister Warden by the new-Carmel Council. Everyone knows the trouble is purely doctrinal--no open sin is involved. This clearly shows they are following in the steps of Laodicea--one as blind as the other. Both of them are willing to act illegally and immorally to gain their ends, even to disobey the Spirit's warning:

"Christ has plainly taught that those who persist in open sin must be separated from the church; but He has not committed to us the work of judging character and motive. He knows our nature too well to entrust this work to us. Should we try to uproot from the church those whom we suppose to be spurious Christians, we should be sure to make mistakes...Notwithstanding Christ's warning, men have sought to uproot the tares...But it is the spirit of Satan, not the Spirit of Christ, that inspires such acts. This is Satan's own method of bringing the world under his dominion. God has been misrepresented through the Church by this way of dealing with those supposed to be heretics."--Christ Object Lessons, pp. 70, 71, 72.

"In the parable of the wheat and the tares, we see the reason why the tares were not to be plucked up; it was lest the wheat be rooted up with the tares. Human opinion and judgments would make grave mistakes. But rather than have a mistake made, and one single blade of wheat rooted up, the Master says, 'Let both grow together until the harvest;...' then the angels will gather out the tares, which will be appointed to destruction...."--Testimonies to Ministers, p. 45:2.

"...And if he will neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, (if he persists in his unreasonable course and will not be corrected, then there is only one more step to be taken, and that is a very sorrowful one), let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.' When every specification that Christ has given is carried out in the true Christian spirit, then, and then only, heaven ratifies the decision of the church, because its members have the mind of Christ, and do as Christ would do if he were upon earth."--Review and Herald, Vol. 67, Number 29, July 22, 1890, By Mrs. E. G. White.

Finally, putting the capsh on Carmel, Inspiration declares:

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"For these reasons, God says now to work within rather than without. And
what He says, that He means, and we dare not disobey."--July-December, 1941,
Symbolic Code, p. 17:14.

"As publishers of the Present Truth series of books and tracts in the interest
of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, our duty now is to work only within
the church...."--Id., p. 17:16.

"Present Truth believers taking part in the Name-gathering Campaign are
therefore requested to confine their efforts strictly to within the S. D. A. denom-
ination,..."--Id., p. 18:3.

"Yes, the honest heathen must and will be evangelized, but 'the lost sheep
of the house of Israel' (Matt. 10:6) must be sought first. And for this how thank-
ful they ought to be...' and that the Lord is waiting to make them what they ought
to be."--Id., p. 17:13.

In 1941, the Lord's instruction was to confine our work strictly within the
church, with the warning that we dare not disobey. The instruction was repeated
at different times. Witness the dozen statements on the supplementary sheet en-
titled, "Work Only Within Seventh-day Adventist Church Until Purification." We
do not find one statement from 1941 to 1955 that alters this in the least. On the
contrary, we find this instruction fully enforced from the time Elijah came to the
time he left.

May we realize anew that we are in a battle for our very existence: Satan is
surely seeking whom he may devour. Shall we let him succeed? We must not.

Yours to take vigilant heed to ourselves,
and to the doctrine,

H. G. Warden
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P. S. Keep close watch for a significant event for Davidians. Stay alert,
stay alive, and go through with The Rod to the Kingdom (Answerer No. 3, p. 23).

"Satanic Inspiration

"Tragically, this Satanic power has invariably throughout the ages been notori-
ously successful among the church leaderships. Unwittingly, they have all along
the way been inveigled into following Satan's designs and efforts to tear down
(new-model) the very work they thought to be building up."--Answerer, No. 1,
p. 56:2.

"Sacred history is repetitious with the tragic lesson that when a people go
wrong, as did Israel in Elijah's and again in Christ's time, they are no longer
sensible of their being wrong. Likewise repetitious is the even more tragic les-
son that such a people have always misconstrued God's efforts to bring them to a
realization of their errors. So once they are led away from the teachings of the
prophets, and captivated by new and magnetic human leadership, their libera-
tion and correction become almost impossible. (See Prophets and Kings, pp. 121-
126.)--Answerer, No. 1, pp. 69, 70.

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"They shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks." Jeremiah 16:16.

"...Now... we are in the hunting period, and we have already begun to hunt them, be they in the city or in the country, in places easy to get to, or in places hard to get to. Wherever they live, there they must be hunted, although it will not be a small easy task to catch at home something like 300,000 or more Adventists scattered throughout the United States alone, besides over 500,000 or more scattered throughout the foreign lands..."--Jezreel Letter, No. 9, p. 3:1.

"...as the saints, the first fruits, are to be rescued one by one, He at first sends fishers to fish them out and afterwards hunters to hunt them out (Jer. 16:16). Thus He gathers them one by one (Isa. 27:12, 13). And so it is today--they are fished by this literature, and are now hunted by men right to their houses, be they in the city, village, or countryside."--Timely Greetings, Vol. 1, No. 9, p. 5:1.

"The message will soon reach every Seventh-day Adventist home and the 'judgment in the house of God' (1 Pet. 4:17) will then begin; there is therefore, no time to waste. These things should now 'engross the whole mind, the whole attention.'"--Jezreel Letter, No. 9, p. 4:7.

"Yes, it is a great undertaking and a great work with a great promise, requiring multiple hundreds of thousands of dollars and all the able and willing bodies He can get to hunt hundreds of thousands of Seventh-day Adventists 'in the holes and in the rocks' world OVER. To say a tremendous responsibility hardly describes the Load, but as plain as day stands the fact that it is worthwhile, that we cannot fail; and that His people will respond both to the message and to the help of the Lord against the mighty. And how thankful we ought to be that every one is given the privilege and the opportunity in one way or in another to share the 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'" --Id., p. 3:2.

"...To get this work done we are to be at first the 'many fishers,' then the 'many hunters' (Jer. 16:16). Thus it is that the first fruits are to be gathered 'one by one.' Isa. 27:12....Besides fishing and hunting we also are to make 'a highway for the remnant of His people which shall be left, after the first fruits are gathered from Assyria;...After this hunting is over and the highway built up, then it is that the second fruits will flow to the mountain of the Lord's house...."--Timely Greetings, Vol. 1, No. 9, p. 11:0.

✓ "...just as soon as this message reaches every church member, just that soon will the purification take place...."--Timely Greetings, Vol. 1, No. 12, p. 26:2.

"Now is everyone's chance to decide...either to reform and be led by the faithful bay horses, or to cling to the self-important grisled horses and stay by them in the south country, there to perish. Here is indeed a momentous decision to be made by every member of the Denomination. It calls for action that will decide the future destiny of the laity as well as of the ministry."--Timely Greetings, Vol. 2, No. 22, p. 26:3.

"...The first born (firstfruits) who failed to paint the door post with the sacrificial blood in the first exodus, the type, perished. So any of the firstfruits of today who fails to comply with the demands of the message for today, will as certainly perish at the angels' slaughter weapons (Ezek. 9:5, 6)."--Timely Greetings, Vol. 1, No. 31, p. 9:0.

"Now it is up to all of us individually to decide whether we should hear the voice of man or the Voice of God's Rod. This is now everyone's test, and it must be everyone's concern, for one of these two voices--the voice of men or the Voice of God's Rod--will determine everyone's destiny either for eternal death or for eternal life."--Timely Greetings, Vol. 1, No. 27, p. 8:1.

A LOOK AT THE DECISION
"CHRISTIANITY FROM RETIREMENT"

Dear Brother and Sister

We think of you so often, especially because of the tape we sent you, what evidence it gave to the overwhelming proof of our message. It impresses us; one, that Brother Houteff's teachings from the Bible only; two, that the message is not a new religion.

Let us consider number one, the Bible only. But there is the Bible. If we follow God's direction to answer in the right way.

Did Brother Houteff tell you only, you were to disregard the Church until the purification? If you do your duty, you would be learning the Church and the nominal churches are indeed has already confederated. What are those principles? What mother Church has compromised its duty, for it is a glaring, outstanding would be forced to study your Bible many points.

The Lord warns that "the Church become Modernistic"--Answerer.

You claim you are "Fundamentalist" between Fundamentalist and Modernist.

"...the Modernist believes, to his human reasoning, thus put

"...God has not confined His work only, but also has given us special

"So while the popular church the Bible, it is possible for us to receive messages to us. In fact, our religion this attitude will be first manifested

"This insidious variety of messages in the Testimonies'...and gradual principles...is heart-breaking evidence. Id., pp. 56, 57.

Against the present variety of the prophet's message a construction would cause us to go another way.

"...if you lessen the confidence sent them, you are rebelling against Abiram...."--Testimonies, Vol. 1.

These rebels thought Moses had the same spirit that actuated them in his words as "ideas," "echoes," "witnessing the work of antitypical Moses."