

# The controversy in the Laodicean Church of SDA

Victor T. Houteff :

*“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. -- **The White House Recruiter, p. 33.***

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**D**o you know that the Laodicean Church of Seventh day Adventists is the only and the last Church of God in the word today up to the second coming of the Lord Jesus in the future ? There is no more other than this. In the book of Revelation all the history of the New Testament period has been divided by John the Revelator into seven periods of time of prophetic Churches. The first prophetic Church is the Church of Ephesus established by apostle Paul, and the last prophetic One is the Laodicean Church of SDA, which is the seventh and the last one, established by Mrs. Ellen G. White ever since 1844 for a period of time up to the end of the world.

However, the organization of the angel of Laodicea was just founded later in 1863 by the Church, who were Mrs. White and all her followers, who were the Laodiceans of the time. Therefore, let us remember always, that ever since the beginning in 1844, there

is only o n e Laodicean Church of SDA, that consists of the Laodicean Church and her angel of the Laodicean Church, which is the General Conference of SDA. To this end Mrs. White as the mouthpiece of God ever said :

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However, in the Revelation 3 : 14 – 22 through the apostle John Jesus said, that the angel of Laodicea as the Organization of the General Conference of SDA has fallen in the sin which is no more pardonable. And the result of the fall is, that the Church as the Laodicean Church of SDA should have been divided into two : (1) the angel of the Laodicean Church or the Organization of the General Conference of SDA and its die-hard followers on the one side, and (2) the Laodicean Church herself as God's own fortress in the world on the other side.

This condition has been outlined by the servant of the Lord Mrs. White in the Review and Herald of February 25, 1902 under the title of a message named : "A CALL FOR A SPIRITUAL REVIVAL AND A SPIRITUAL REFORMATION". And its Rules of Imp- limentation were just given 27 years later in 1929 when Bro. Victor T. Houteff came with his message of the Shepherd's Rod of the angel of Revelation 18 : 1.

Thus, when Mrs. White came as messenger of the third angel message of Revelation 14 : 9, which is the Spirit of Prophecy, Bro. Houteff then came with the message of Revelation 18 : 1 in his Shepherd's Rod publications. Both messages must unite to enlighten the earth, because she said :

*"Then I saw another mighty angel commissioned to descend to the earth, to unite his voice with the third angel, and give power and force to his message. Great power and glory were imparted to the angel, and as he descended, the earth was lightened with his glory..... This message seemed to be an addition to the third message, joining it as the midnight cry joined the second angel's message in 1844."* -- **Early Writings, p. 277.**

And both messages should be found in the golden bowl of the pictorial prophecy of Zechariah chapter 4, which is the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY of Revelation 19 : 10.

Mrs. White died in 1915, whereas Bro. Houteff as messenger of the message of Revelation 18 : 1 was just baptized in 1919. And just ten years later in 1929, all the rules of implementation for the Call for a spiritual Revival and a spiritual Reformation by Mrs. White were given to the General Conference of SDA. leadership in USA. One of those points in the message by Mrs. White is as follows :

"God calls for a spiritual revival and a spiritual reformation. Unless this takes place, **those who are lukewarm will continue to grow more abhorrent to the Lord,** until He will refuse to acknowledge them as His children.

"A revival and a reformation must take place under the ministration of the Holy Spirit. Revival and reformation are two different things. Revival signifies a renewal of spiritual life, a quickening of the powers of mind and heart, a resurrection from spiritual death. Reformation signifies reorganization, a change in ideas and theories, habits and practices. Reformation will not bring forth the good fruit of righteousness unless it is connected with the

revival of the Spirit. Revival and reformation are to do their appointed work, and in doing this work they must blend." -- **Review and Herald, 25 February 1902.**

Reformation signifies a re-organization. And that is the reason why the Organization of the General Conference of SDA should have been re-organized into the General Association of Davidian SDA in 1935. Thus it is, that with the establishment of the General Association of Davidian SDA in Waco, Texas, and then the General Conference of SDA as the angel of the Laodicean Church should have been spewed out of Jesus' mouth to meet the prophecy in Revelation 13 : 16, 17. This should have been understood, because it is not possible for the Lord to entrust His Laodicean people to be led by two Organizations, who are against each other even up to this very moment.

### **The existence of the angel of the Laodicean Church today**

As well as all other fallen Churches of Babylon outside are still standing in their glory and greatness even up to this very day, thus is also the angel of Laodicean Church of SDA and its diehard followers in their glory and greatness today. However, let it always be kept in mind that Bible prophecies would never fail.

"For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater : So shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth : it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." — **Isaiah 55 : 10, 11.**

Let it be understood, therefore, that the Laodicean Church as "God's own fortress" in the world today would never more be under the power of the angel of the Laodicean Church and its

diehard followers in the churches, because they are now taking side with the Enemy.

Therefore, the great controversy that exists in the Laodicean Church of SDA today, is unavoidably between the Laodicean church of God on the one side against the angel of the Laodicean Church and its diehard followers on the other side. Due to the fact that most of the Laodiceans of God have fallen to take side with the leadership of the spewed out angel of the Laodicea, it is no wonder if the Laodiceans of God, who are now known as the Davidian SDA, seemed to be as if being sifted out from the entire congregation in the churches. Whereas the basic Law and all the Rules of implementation of the Law in the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY of the golden bowl, as foundation of the Laodicean Church of this time of the end, are still tightly maintained in their midst.

Therefore, let us always be aware of the fact, that as long as the Law of ten commandments as the basic Law of God, and its rules of implementation in the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY no more could be promoted on and on in the churches, we should have understood that the angel of the Laodicean church should have been spewed out of Jesus's mouth.

## **How is the fate of the Laodicean Church after the death of Bro. Houteff as the last of the end time prophets ?**

The servant of God, Mrs. Ellen G. White has ever predicted in the following words :

*"God will arouse His people; if other means fail, **heresies** will come in among them, which will sift them, separating the c h a f f (not tares) from the w h e a t. The Lord calls upon all who believe His word to awake out of sleep. **Precious light has come, appropriate for this time. It is Bible truth, showing the perils that are right upon us.** This light should lead us to a diligent study of the Scriptures and **a most critical examination of***

**the positions which we hold.** – 5 Testimonies for the Church, pp. 707 – 708. (In brackets added)

As the great controversy between the Laodicean Church of God against the spewed out angel of the Laodicean Church, resulted in the separation of “the wheat” categorized Laodiceans of God ever since 1935 from the “t a r e s” categorized Laodiceans and their leadership of the angel of the Laodicean Church of the General Conference of SDA in USA, the Laodiceans of God, who are now known as Davidian SDA, are again to fight hard to sift out the so-called “chaff” from among the wheat categorized Davidians.

Even so, if at the first separation the Laodicean reformers and their leadership of Bro. Houteff should have moved to Waco, Texas, to have their own Organization of General Association of Davidian SDA established there in 1935. Now when the servant of the Lord, Bro. Victor T. Houteff died in 1955, the Davidian SDA who survived his death, again have to fight hard to have sifted out the so-called “chaff” categorized Davidians from among the “w h e a t” categorized ones.

So as predicted above by Mrs. White, as soon as the servant of the Lord Bro. Houteff died in 1955, the heresies then came in. These heresies began to be seen with the establishment of several Mount Carmel Centers of General Association of Davidian SDA in USA. As soon as after the death of the servant of the Lord, no more unity could ever be maintained even up to now.

And to that end the Lord calls on all of us to awake out of sleep, because “**precious light has come, appropriate for this time. It is Bible truth, showing the perils that are right upon us. This light should lead us to a diligent study of the Scriptures and a most critical examination of the positions which we hold.**”

The precious light was not as yet known in the time of Mrs. White, because the so-called "chaff" categorized ones were not as yet known in her time. Even during the life time of Bro. Houteff, those chaff categorized people were not as yet known to him. This is the reason why we should be positively sure, that the statement issued by Mrs. White above should be seriously taken into consideration.

**NOTE :** Let us beware that "tares" and "the chaff" are two different things. Tares are plants of living organism, whereas the chaff is rubbish or trash. They are the residue of rubbish of wheat and rice after being processed.

Since the statement by Mrs. White above is now applying in force in our time, let us all be careful to find the interpretations thereof to the divinely appointed teachers, whose dedication to the work were without the laying on of hands. That is, they would not be found affiliated with any Organization of Mount Carmel Centers in the world today.

## **The identity of the true Laodiceans and their fate has been prophesied**

As ever before prophesied :

*"And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends. Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the Lord of hosts : smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered : and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones." – **Zechariah 13 : 6, 7.***

This prophecy has actually a double applications : first in the time of Jesus in Palestine, and second is in the time of the end, which is just in our time now. Since all the prophecies of the Old

Testament applied specifically in our time, then though the prophetic words of those mentioned above had ever been fulfilled in the time of Jesus, they must unavoidably apply again in our time, because it is the antitypical event of the one fulfilled in the time of Jesus.

So after the death of Bro. Houteff as prophesied above, the Laodiceans of God would have been scattered everywhere in small groups or associations of Davidian SDA. It means, that the Lord God would no more care of those greater ones, who are the Mount Carmel Centers of the General Associations of Davidian SDA in USA or elsewhere, whose emergence on the stage of history were after the death of Bro. Houteff. They are actually never before known either through the prophecies of the Bible nor through any statement found in the golden bowl of the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY. That is the reason why the Lord would have turned His hand upon only the little ones. And He would have sent to them "THE PRECIOUS LIGHT APPROPRIATE FOR THIS TIME."

And then with this "**Precious Light**" we shall be led "**to a diligent study of the Scriptures and a most critical examination of the positions which we n o w hold.**"

## C o n c l u s i o n

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The Laodicean Church of God is recognized on earth and in heaven n o t through the greatness of her Organization well-known in the United States of America, nor through her existence rampant in all the world, nor through her membership that has reached millions of people, nor through her beautiful buildings of Churches scattered in nearly all parts of the world, nor for having well-known big Hospitals and High learning Institutes in many capital cities of the Nations of the world. Not at all, for the Laodicean Church of God as a part of Heaven on the earth, would be recognized only here on earth and in heaven, because she acknowledge o n l y the Laws of God, which consists of the basic Law of the Ten Commandments and the By Laws of the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY. For this is the only foundation of the Kingdom of God, both in Heaven and on this earth ever since the beginning of Creation of our world.

The controversies that exist even up to the end of time in the Laodicean Church of Seventh day Adventists, are between the Laodiceans of God, who are defending the Law and the Testimony of Jesus or the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY on the one side against the angel of the Laodicean Church and his diehard followers on the other side, who had ever rebelled against the Lord ever since 1888 even up to now.

In the meantime the controversy in the midst of the Laodicean Church of God, whose name has now been developed into the Davidian SDA, is only an internal conflict, between those staunch believers of the Organization of Mount Carmel Centers in the USA as the source of all the heresies rampant in the midst of the so-called Rod believers in the world on the one side, against all other Rod believers who are now staunch believer in THE PRECIOUS LIGHT APPROPRIATE FOR THIS TIME predicted by Mrs. White, and are now available within the reach of every one of us through the media of writings and electronic.

Thus it is, of how our loving kind Father in heaven is now sifting out the chaff categorized Davidians SDA from our midst. And how are we now being prepared for the coming election of the 144.000 saints of God, to be of the same mind, to see eye to eye, and to speak the same things.

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