

*Investigation of the authenticity of the sermons
published in the five volumes of the Symbolic Codes,
published after the death of V. T. Houteff, February 5,
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(Peace be unto you, dearly beloved)

From: Brother Lennox Sam and Brother Michael Graham.

RE: Sermons published in the five volumes of the Symbolic Codes after February 5, 1955. (Herein after referred to as the **“Distributed New Codes”**)

A) Proof from the B.R.C.:

1. That Brother V. T. Houteff delivered the sermons published after February 5, 1955. (We feel you will understand the need for proof after you have examined some of the evidences shown herein)
2. That the inconsistencies herein mentioned are actually progressive truth and not error or in the alternative harmonize the questionable statements with statements published by the prophet.

B) B.R.C. provide definitive statements together with references and explanations; together with answers to the questions asked throughout this presentation:

1. Why all of the codes published after February 5, 1955 are not currently distributed and why those that are being distributed, are not distributed in their entirety?
2. Why are the sequence of events published by Brother V. T. Houteff in The Fundamental Beliefs pages 11 to 15 and 2TG # 10 pages 28 to 31 not in sequential or chronological order.
3. When does Jacob time of trouble begins, is it before or after the purification of the church?
4. Provide one or more statements published by the prophet giving permission to publish any of his unpublished sermons, especially those purported, to have been delivered long before his death.
5. Explain the statement “Teach only that which has been revealed and published”. Are we to understand this to mean published by the Executive Council or published by V. T. Houteff?
6. If the BRC is **unable** to prove that the sermons published in the Distributed New Codes, were sermons delivered by Brother Houteff, and/or, one of the seemingly inconsistencies

sited herein, is proven to be inconsistent with the published writings of V. T. Houteff. The BRC should immediately submit a recommendation to the Executive Council to stop printing, distributing or teaching from said Codes.

Thought: “Some of our brethren wish to know the position we hold on the message in the "Rod." The question is, Do we allow mistakes in it, or do we hold that the contents in the "Rod" are unquestionable? This we answer as follows: Analysis proves that truth has never come at any time by the power and wisdom of men, but by the Spirit of God through instruments of His own choice. Said Jesus, "When the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into ALL truth." If we should believe the words of the Master, then we must conclude that the "Rod" contains either **ALL truth or there is NO truth in it**, save the quotations of truth. Therefore, if we admit one truth revealed by the "Rod," then we must accept it ALL. If God has been able to guide His servants in the past into **ALL truth**, He is able now. Therefore, we take the position that **the message in the "Rod" is free from error in so far as the ideas put forth are concerned.**” ISC No. 8 page 1 para. 5

C. The History behind the New Codes (Published after the Prophet’s death):

1. As we all know Brother Houteff died February 5 1955. Please note that on February 6, 1955 the day after the prophet's death, a letter from Florence Houteff dated February 6, 1955 was submitted to the Executive Council. Said letter is enclosed as **Exhibit A**, in which she stated that Brother Houteff requested the following before his death. (1) That in the case of Brother Houteff's death which would automatically vacant the office of President, Mrs. Florence Houteff be appointed to fill the office of Vice President. (2) That someone be appointed to succeed Mrs. Florence Houteff as Secretary. (3) That T.O. Hermanson be appointed a member of the Executive Council. (4) That the Counsel makes a resolution to provide for the welfare of Mrs. Florence Houteff as long as she lives. Brethren, please note very carefully the self-serving agenda contained in these four requests. Also that T. O. Hermanson is the brother of Florence Houteff.
2. **Exhibit B**: Minutes of the Executive Council dated February 6, 1955 at 1:30 PM. The council was called to order to make a determination or in other words to vote on the request submitted in Florence Houteff's letter. Florence Houteff was appointed and elected to the office of Vice President of the General Association of Davidian Seventh Day Adventist. T. O. Hermanson (Florence's Brother) was appointed and elected to the Executive Council of said Association. At that point, Elder Wilson, the Vice President of Brother Houteff for many years, was no longer on the Executive Council. Regarding request no. 2, that someone be appointed to succeed Mrs. Houteff as secretary, it was moved and carried that J. O. Conrad be appointed to succeed Florence Houteff as Secretary. Please note the motion to take care of Florence Houteff for the rest of her life was not considered at this council meeting.

3. On February 6, 1955 at 8:00 PM, another council meeting, (see **Exhibit C**) was called, the council decided on the provisions for Florence Houteff for the rest of her life. Please note brethren, two Executive Council meetings in one day, even the very next day after the Prophet's sudden death. The Prophet was not even buried; one could only imagine the state of mind of these Council members. They had just lost the prophet; making decisions of this magnitude the day after his death must have been difficult. Couldn't she have waited? After all there was a Vice-President. However, it looks like there was a woman with an agenda that could not wait until her husband was buried. Brethren please consider the facts just stated they are very important. A widow in mourning making such calculated decisions the very next day after her husband's sudden death, must be an outstanding woman, with an agenda, as we know, time did tell.

4. **Exhibit D:** Minutes from Executive Council meeting dated, May 7, 1955 at 7:45 PM. At this council meeting, it was claimed by the Chairman, Florence Houteff, that the **Vice President has the authority to veto the decisions of the Executive Council**, quite a discussion followed. We see here that Florence Houteff was setting her self up as the all authority of Mt. Carmel Center. They were dealing with a woman who was bent on having control of the General Association of Davidian Seventh Day Adventist, come what may. When questioned by one Brother Wolf as to the proof that the President appointed Florence Houteff to be the Vice President, **her answer was, " I cannot prove it, I have nothing in writing. But since Brother Houteff did not appoint anyone else, you are going to have to believe me when I tell you that he appointed me. Now I would like to ask you a question, how can you prove that you are a member of the Executive Council?"** A very humble woman you may say? No my brethren, a very pompous woman. A woman who was bent on controlling and having her way and it seems as if she would stop at nothing, including producing sermons of her own and stating that they were delivered by the Prophet.

5. **Exhibit "E"** Council minutes May 9, 1955. This council minute also included discussions regarding the veto power of the Vice President. Apparently, not all the members agreed with this particular decision, that the Vice President can veto the decision of the Executive Council. Then, what is the need of an Executive Council? Florence was a one-woman show. So if we should refer to these Codes as Florence's Codes, it is only because of what the evidences show.

6. **Exhibit "F"** Council meeting minutes dated December 3, 1955. This council meeting was had, just before the publication of 11 SC. No. 2, which was the December 1955 issue. We would like you to note carefully, at this meeting, Florence Houteff asked a question, **"If it is true that Brother Wolf cannot believe anything that Brother Houteff did not write, then what will he do when the Solemn Assembly is called, if Brother Houteff is not here to call it? Someone has to know when to sound the alarm and blow the trumpet."** It is apparent that Brother Wolf was questioning the previous Codes that were published, which included no purported sermons delivered by Brother Houteff. Since Brother Wolf questioned her writings, the next New Code

published, being 11 SC No. 2, included a sermon delivered by V. T. Houteff. How convenient, opposition comes up against her writings and the next code we find, "sermons delivered by V. T. Houteff." Brethren our burden is to find evidences that these sermons are actual sermons delivered by V. T. Houteff. If they are not, then we need to discard Florence's Codes. As it stands these sermons are hearsay, inspiration admonishes us: *"Through the acceptance of hearsay evidence the enemy obtains great advantage in council and committee meetings. Those who would stand for the right if they knew what it was, are led astray by the evil surmisings of others in whom they have confidence."* {RH, May 14, 1895 par. 9} " I am sorry that so many are ready to receive statements which have no true foundation. Let none of your teachers be ready to catch up and repeat "They say." **Ask those who make such statements to produce their authority.**" {6MR 308.3} " I had reason to expect my brethren would **act like sensible men, weigh evidence, give credence to evidence, and not turn aside from light and facts of truth and give credence to tidbits of hearsay and suppositions; wonderfully cautious in regard to matters of testimony which they had not any reason to question, and open mind and heart to greedily accept and publish to others the mere words born of prejudice and envy and jealousy.** {The Ellen G. White 1888 materials 643.1)

7. **Exhibit "G"**: A series of Executive Council minutes, which show you the mindset of the woman behind the **New Codes**. Please read these minutes carefully for there are some important facts found in them. See Exhibit "J" for the Undistributed New Codes mentioned in minutes.
8. **Exhibit H**: Editor's final markup copies also known as morgue copies of 11 Symbolic Code No. 8 and 13 Symbolic Code Nos. 1, 2, these are only two of the many found in the archives of the Florence Houteff's era. Please review these documents and comment on the authority of Florence Houteff to edit sermons purported to have been delivered by the prophet. Wouldn't that be considered changing the words, adding to and taking from the last authorized voice of God? Aren't we warned to not add or take way from the Rod Message?
9. We would like to conclude the historical findings with this eye opener, the knockout blow that climaxed in April of 1959 actually finds its beginning in February 6, 1955 the very next day after the prophet's death. The instruments used by the enemy for this feat was none other than Florence Houteff and her **New Codes**.

D. Pages not included in the "Distributed New Codes" (Vols. 1 of 5 to 5 of 5):

1. Exhibit "I"

List of Distributed Codes with omitted Pages:

- 10 Symbolic Code No. 6 (Exhibit "I" No.1)
- 10 Symbolic Code No. 7 (Exhibit "I" No. 2)
- 11 Symbolic Code No. 2 (Exhibit "I" No. 3)
- 11 Symbolic Code No. 3 (Exhibit "I" No. 4)
- 11 Symbolic Code No. 4 (Exhibit "I" No. 5)
- 11 Symbolic Code No. 8 (Exhibit "I" No. 6)
- 12 Symbolic Code No. 2 (Exhibit "I" No. 7)
- 12 Symbolic Code No. 3 (Exhibit "I" No. 8)
- 12 Symbolic Code No. 4 (Exhibit "I" No. 9)
- 12 Symbolic Code No. 8, 9 (Exhibit "I" No. 10)
- 13 Symbolic Code No. 1, 2 (Exhibit "I" No. 11)
- 13 Symbolic Code No. 3, 4 (Exhibit "I" No. 12)
- 13 Symbolic Code No. 7, 8 (Exhibit "I" No. 13)

2. Brethren, we would like to draw your attention to some more startling facts. The symbolic codes in the 5 volumes now being distributed are not complete Codes there are many missing pages, which are shown in Exhibit "I". Was this an oversight or were these pages lost, as some brethren were told? The answer is a big loud **No!** Why are we distributing portions of these New Codes? Is it because there are some errors found in them? Or did we simply had no access to them, if so, we now do, the complete Symbolic Codes can be found at the Carroll Library at Baylor University, Waco Texas. The New Symbolic Codes are either all truth or no truth, all right or all wrong, and if they are all right, then distribute them in their entirety. If portions of them are wrong then discard them all and stick to that which was published by Brother V. T. Houteff and we will be standing on the sure foundation. Why are we holding on to publications with a shaky foundation?
3. Please note that 11 SC. No. 2 actually contains in excess of twenty-six pages. Why are we only distributing the first fourteen pages? In addition, we are not even distributing page fourteen in its entirety. Why! Why! Why see Exhibit "I" No. 3. We are splitting Symbolic Codes and even splitting pages so as to avoid the errors found therein. Isn't there enough literature published by the Prophet to prepare us to receive the seal, go through Jacob's time of trouble and finally board the chariot bound for the Kingdom?

E. Undistributed New Codes:

1. Exhibit "J"

List of Undistributed New Codes (only those we were able to find):

- 10 Symbolic Code No. 8 (Exhibit "J" No. 1)
- 10 Symbolic Code No. 9 (Exhibit "J" No. 2)
- 10 Symbolic Code No. 11 (Exhibit "J" No. 3)
- 10 Symbolic Code No. 12 (Exhibit "J" No. 4)

11 Symbolic Code No. 1	(Exhibit "J" No. 5)
11 Symbolic Code No. 5	(Exhibit "J" No. 6)
11 Symbolic Code No. 9	(Exhibit "J" No. 7)
11 Symbolic Code No. 10	(Exhibit "J" No. 8)
11 Symbolic Code No. 11	(Exhibit "J" No. 9)
12 Symbolic Code No. 10	(Exhibit "J" No. 10)
14 Symbolic Code No. 1	(Exhibit "J" No. 11)
14 Symbolic Code No. 6	(Exhibit "J" No. 12)

2. Let us consider the five volumes of the New Codes we are currently distributing. The first code in volume 1 of 5 is 10 SC. No. 7 then the very next one is 11 SC. No. 2. The question that is being asked in the field is. Where are the missing numbers? Brethren, we also had these questions way back when we first received these codes. In our research, we found these missing codes in the Carroll Collections Library at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. For the convenience of the Biblical Research Committee, we have enclosed some copies of these missing Codes. **Let us remember that while the New Codes were being published and distributed for the first time, Dividia at large held them as Revealed Truths, and only because of the knockout blow in April of 1959 that their errors were unmasked.** Brethren the last of the errors are now being unmasked please do not help the enemy of truth to further conceal them. Let them be the fireside editions and place them where they belong, in the fireplace.

3. We would like to call your attention to 11SC No. 1 (see Exhibit "J" No. 5), it is the Code that gave the light on the literal application of the Forty-Two Months of Revelation 11. Consider it carefully for it was the burden of the then one-woman Executive Council, which eventually caused the "Knockout Blow". 11SC No. 8, Vol. 2 of 5, referred to the Code that explains the Forty-Two Months, being 11SC No. 1. Don't you think that we should distribute this Code seeing that it is referenced in 11SC No. 8? I am sure some of the diligent students of the word may want to research said reference. The only reason we could think of for not distributing this referenced Code is that it is blatant error. How do we know its error? Florence Houteff' and her Executive Council member's predictions failed. All Codes published by Florence Houteff's Executive Council must be viewed with suspecting eyes, mind and heart. Brother Sam was privileged to speak with Brother _____, one of the Council members of Florence's Executive Council. He asked Brother _____ if anyone ever questioned the authenticity of the sermons presented for the Codes by Sister Houteff. Brother _____ answered no. He also said that the Forty-Two Months doctrine was Florence and her brother's idea. **Brethren please, if we carefully and prayerfully study most of these New Codes that we are currently distributing we will notice they relate to the Forty-Two Months doctrine.**

4. Why was 11 SC. No. 5 (see Exhibit "J" No. 6) not distributed? Again Error! Error! Error! That is all we can say. It is included please read it.

F. Inconsistencies found in various Distributed New Codes:

(a) **11 SC. No. 6:**

1. Page 10 paragraph 2 reads: *"if we are the people with the last message, then we must be the ones who are to be among the first to enter into that rest, since rest comes when one's work is done. It is only when we have done our work that we can have rest. What is our work? The work we must perform before we may have rest."* Consider the "rest", as you read the remainder of this code, you will find that the rest that it is highlighting is the rest, from replenishing the earth with saints, which includes the gathering of the great multitude. Now, after the great multitude is gathered, then the rest is realized and that rest is the millennial rest in Heaven. Now, brethren, how could God's prophet V. T. Houteff make a statement as aforementioned? How could the 144,000 enter into the millennium rest before anyone else? Is Christ going to take the 144,000 first to heaven start the millennium then return for the remaining saints? Please explain the above statement.

(b) **11 SC. No.7:**

1. The introduction to this Code states: *"Brother Houteff made the remarks concerning the possibility of trouble coming to the church after the sealing of the saints and before the slaughter of Ezekiel 9. And if so what the results would be and why. Since Revelation 11 has more recently been unfolded before us, we should be able to see that it is not just a possibility, but rather a fact and an approaching reality that trouble is coming to the church before the slaughter of Ezekiel 9. None therefore need to be ignorant concerning what we must now be doing about it."* The first question that comes to mind is who got the revelation to make it a fact and an approaching reality. Was that revelation given to Florence Houteff? One may guess that it must have been, because she is the one making that statement. A similar statement was made in **11 SC. No. 5.**(see Exhibit "J" No. 6) The big problem with this particular code is the intervening time, the trouble before Ezekiel 9. Now, before we even get into this intervening time, we would like to draw your attention to **10 SC. No. 8 page 4** (see Exhibit "J" No. 1) *"one of the best summaries and chronological order of events are enumerated in timely greetings, vol. 2, No. 10 pp. 28-31. Therein the major prophetic events are placed in there correct setting point by point, and it is certain that no one who applies the full treatment of "eyesalve" (truth) of this article need be blinded as to what order each event is to transpire."* Note my dearly beloved brethren, in June of 1955, Florence Houteff, herself stated that, the order of events listed in 2 TG No. 10 are chronological and are listed point by point, and we need not be blinded as to the events. Also in **11 SC No. 1 page 13** (see Exhibit "J" No. 5), she reiterated the same belief: *"(for further studies concerning the sequence of events surrounding the fulfillment of Ezekiel 9, please read the fundamental beliefs--Timely Greetings, vol. 2, No. 10, pp. 29, 30....)"*
2. We would like to draw your attention to page 8 of the Code in question, which reads *"you notice here the angels are not told to hold the winds until Ezekiel 9 has been*

*fulfilled, but until the servants of God are sealed. Therefore if there is any intervening time between the close of the sealing and the slaughter of Ezekiel 9 there is a possibility that the winds could start blowing during that time. If the nation had everything ready, it would not necessarily take long to bring the trouble that is represented by the four winds. We do know from this scripture that God will restrain the winds until the sealing is finished. For according to verse 3 of this chapter a message was sent to the four angels instructing them to hold the winds until the sealing of the 144,000 is finished. It shows that the devil is doing all he can to loose the winds as soon as possible, perhaps even in a day." Let us take a look at the confusion that is found in this paragraph. It is stated that the intervening time is between the close of the sealing and before Ezekiel 9 and the winds could start blowing then. Now, the winds as we all know is the Sunday Blue Law, isn't that correct brethren? Now, the possibility of the Sunday Blue Law, according to this code, could be enacted before Ezekiel 9, and after the sealing. The word possibility according to Florence Houteff is no longer a possibility, " **but its a fact and an approaching reality.**" Now, explain to us how the Mark of the Beast System, The Sunday Blue Law is going to be enacted before Ezekiel 9? Would it mean that the Laodiceans would be affected by the Mark of the Beast system, as well as the 144,000? Now, quoting two paragraphs down from the one just quoted, "**If sinners were still among God's people when the winds start to blow the church would fall, for while the sinners are among God's people the church cannot stand against her enemies.** In other words, were trouble to be brought against the church before the abominations are eliminated, before the unrighteous are taken out of her midst, there is a possibility that the whole church would fall, and that God would have to intervene Himself to rescue her. If God's righteous people were separate it would be different. The ninth chapter of Ezekiel, however, tells us that angels are commissioned to go through the midst of the city and mark those who sigh and cry for all the abominations that are done in the midst thereof, showing that the wicked and the righteous are not at the time separate, but instead they are commingled." Please harmonize the above two quotations from the purported sermon delivered by the prophet on Sep. 9th, 1936 and Feb. 27th, 1943 for they seem to contradict each other, and harmonize the first quotation with the following two statements published by the prophet on Jan. 15, 1936 and October 1936, respectively: (1) "**The only thing that would compel him to pass blue Sunday laws and go "to make war with the remnant of her seed" (with those that are left, Rev. 12:17) is the purity of the church when God by the slaughter weapons of Ezekiel Nine takes away the tares which received not the mark, and even then Satan will not enact "blue Sunday laws" until after he has exhausted every other weapon against the church. Therefore, as long as the church remains in her present Laodicean condition, there will be no blue laws or "war" against her, but a bluff only to make her members believe that they are free from his snares and that he is still trying to cause them to fall. But the worst of it all is in that they are sound asleep, which is shown by the fact that they still think Satan is working terribly hard to fulfill God's word by trying to pass blue laws and are not aware that he is only playing with them as a cat with a mouse, and the brethren "to whom the Lord has entrusted the spiritual interests of the people" ("Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 5, p. 211) instead of***

sounding the alarm to arouse the church are determined to even silence the voice of the Rod, and thus rocking her to a more sound sleep!" 2SC No. 1: 9 - 10 (2) "If the time of trouble or the anger of the nations, which is caused by the union of church and state (the image of the beast), takes place in the time of the judgment of the living, as explained in former publications, the enforcement of the "Blue Sunday law" must take place after the purification of the church. The Bible says, "The dragon... went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus." (Rev. 12:17.) The term, "remnant," in this instance means "those who escape" from the slaughter. (Isa. 66:16, 19); that is, those who are left after the slaughter takes place, and who are to be sent "unto the nations" to "bring all your brethren unto the Lord out of all nations." (Verse 20). As the church as a body is not now keeping the commandments of God, ("Testimonies to Ministers," p. 373), and as the dragon makes war with the "remnant" (the church that is left), which keeps the commandments, it is evident that the enforcement of the Sunday law will take place after the sealing, at a time when the church is keeping the commandments of God." 2SC No. 9: 6

3. Is there a time period between the close of the sealing and Ezekiel 9? If so please harmonize those references with the following:
 - *Tract 1: 38 para. 3: "After the sighing and crying ones were marked (which is not to be understood as being consummated in its entirety worldwide before the slaying follows anywhere), the slaughter completed, and the matter reported, the Lord "spake unto the man clothed with linen, and said, Go in between the wheels even under the cherub, and fill thine hand with coals of fire from between the cherubims, and scatter them over the city. Ezek. 10:2."*
 - *Tract 15: 61 para. 1: "It being a foregone conclusion that Satan is against the saints, and that the Lord is against the truth-hating and evil-doing multitude, the subject becomes crystal clear: When let loose, the winds are to strike against the faithful "remnant," against those who are left after the earth has opened her mouth and swallowed up "the flood," the "tares" (Rev. 12:16, 17); but the angels who are stationed to hurt, are to smite those who make war against the remnant. Those whose names are found in the book, are "delivered." Dan. 12:1. Seeing that the 144,000, the servants of God, are not as yet sealed (not yet enclosed, protected, guarded, and ready to take their stand with the Lamb on Mt. Sion, but rather are still commingled with the tares) the angels are commanded to forestall the clash. Consequently, when this sealing work is completed, then the angels who hold the winds, will let the winds blow, and the angels who are to hurt the earth, sea, and trees, will then commence their given work. Otherwise stated, to let the winds blow, is to permit the two-horn beast to decree "that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed" (Rev. 13:15."*

- 1SR 38 para. 0: "It is clear that the shaking must take place before the "Loud Cry." The men with the slaughter weapons were already slaying before the man with the writer's inkhorn returned to report the matter that he had done as he was commanded. See Ezekiel 9:8, 11."
 - 1SR 47 para. 0: "As soon as the marking is done, "the five men with the slaughter weapons go after him and slay both old and young, both maids and little children, and women. And they began at the ancient men which were before the house."
4. Brethren, let us couple the statement found in 11 SC. No. 7 page 8 which reads: *"You notice here that the angels are not told to hold the winds until Ezekiel 9 has all been fulfilled, but until the servants of God are sealed. Therefore, if there is any intervening time between the close of the sealing and the slaughter of Ezekiel 9, there is a possibility that the winds could start blowing during that time."*, with the statement found in 13 SC. No. 3 and 4 page 10, which reads: *"The confederacy that we are studying this afternoon commences before the loud cry and before the slaughter of Ezekiel 9. It is not the image of the beast for this association precedes the image of the beast, and the confederacy is formed when the nations are girding themselves for war. Put another way the confederacy will commence after the sealing and perhaps just before the slaughter of Ezekiel 9. Moreover, it is in the time when the Christian nations are united and that the woman "Babylon" will sit on the seven "heads" Rev. 17: 9 depicting also the union of churches under Babylon."* We are told in these statements that the blowing of the four winds and the latter-day confederacy are to take place between the end of the sealing and before Ezekiel 9. If the writings published by the prophet show no intervening time between the sealing and the slaughter, then, when is this confederacy to take place. Let us consider the word confederacy, Webster's Dictionary shows the word to mean **"an alliance between persons, parties, states, etc., for some purpose"**. In light of this meaning, we ask the question what is the purpose of the latter-day confederacy. It must have been the hand of the Lord at work to expose Florence's Codes that she predicted the slaughter without any consideration to the latter-day confederacy, which should have preceded the slaughter according to the aforementioned quotations, and if anyone should be familiar with the latter-day confederacy Florence should. Was not she who presented these purported sermons for publication? The next event we should be looking for is a thorough revival and reformation such as the world has never seen, followed by the purification of the church. Let us put away our idols especially those that speak and turn to the Lord. Then Assyria will fall.
5. Please explain "the time of trouble represented by the east wind mentioned in 11 SC No. 7 pages 20 and 2,1 paragraphs 3 and 4.
6. Just another note of observation we failed to mention. Brother Houteff has published 98 sermons in the Timely Greetings Volumes One and Two, and not once have we found prayer thoughts to be over a paragraph or so long. In these purported sermons

delivered by Brother Houteff, there are prayer thoughts four pages long. This does not resemble Brother Houteff's sermons.

(c) **11 SC. No. 8:**

1. Please harmonize the following statements published by V.T. Houteff with the statements found in 11SC No. 8, pages 5 - 7:

- *For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." (Matt. 12:40.) The idea that in the "heart of the earth" means in the grave, is man's supposition without Bible foundation. If the Saviour had in mind His experience in the grave, He would have said so. If His grave was in the center of the earth -- about 4,000 miles beneath its surface (the heart of the earth) then one may suppose He meant the heart of the earth. Jesus used the expression to indicate that He was to be three days and three nights in the hands of sinners, and in the grave. Why are sinners called "The heart of the earth"? Because man was made of it according to Gen. 3:19, "For dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." 2SR: 25; "*
- *That He remained in the tomb two nights and rose on Sunday; that the three days and three nights is the time from His first legal trial to the time of His resurrection; that the heart of the earth has been erroneously interpreted to mean the grave, when, instead, it is, as Jonah's experience shows, symbolical of Christ's imprisonment in the hands of sinners and in the tomb. " Tract 10: 15.*
- *"For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" that is, in the hands of sinful clay. (Matt. 12:40.)" 1SC#6: 7,*

Harmonize the above statements with the following:"

- *Without the heart nothing lives. It is the heart that keeps one alive, and therefore the heart of the earth must be that which keeps the earth alive. Therefore the heart of the earth is God's Truth, His people, and His Spirit. Without all these three components I tell you the world would not now be in existence. The Truth alone is dormant. But when the Truth, the Bible, is combined with people and the Spirit of God, then there is life in the earth. Yes, to repeat, Bible Truth alone is dormant; with people it is active; and when these have also God's Spirit something then can be accomplished. It is the combination of these three that makes up God's church, the heart of the earth.*
- *In our study of the three days and three nights what light did we receive to help us? -- That the heart of the earth was not the tomb, but rather Jesus was in*

reality in the power or in the hands of the church for three days and three nights even though part of that time He was dead and in the tomb.

- *Had Jesus meant that He would be in the "tomb" for three days and three nights He would not have said "heart of the earth." It therefore shows that contrary to appearances, Jesus was actually resting in the power of God those three days and three nights, and therefore He was in a good and a safe place. When Jonah was cast into the sea and swallowed by the fish God had prepared for him it appeared to Jonah to be his end. Likewise in the case of Jesus those last three days and three nights before He was resurrected gave the outward appearance of defeat for His righteous ministry. Nevertheless, Jonah's experience brought salvation to Nineveh, and Christ's experience brought salvation to the world." 11SC#8: 5 7.*

(d) 12 SC. No.2:

1. **Which Trumpet are we living in, and when does the sixth trumpet begin to sound?**
2. Please harmonize the statements from the Distributed New Codes listed below with Tract 5 page 78, paragraph 4, which reads: *"In coming from the "golden altar," the command, "Loose the four angels," shows that the sixth trumpet sounded sometime before the vail to the Most Holy apartment of the heavenly sanctuary was lifted. Otherwise the voice would have come from the throne -- the Most Holy place. (For detailed treatment of the lifting of the vail, see Tract No. 3, The Harvest.) But as has been shown, we are still in the period of the fifth trumpet, a fact which evokes the question: How, then, could the sixth trumpet have sounded before the events of the fifth had expired? It will be observed that though each of the trumpets begin at a definite time, yet one overlaps the other, and all seven extend to the second coming of Christ."*
 - 12SC No. 2, page 4, para. 1: " Now we wish to ascertain what period we are living in. At the sounding of the sixth trumpet, the four angels are to be let loose and they are then to kill a third part of men; and their army, moreover, is to number 200,000,000 "horsemen" and that many "horses." Since no such thing as this has ever happened, it therefore speaks for itself that the sixth trumpet is yet in the future. It has not yet commenced to sound."
 - 12SC No. 2, page 4 para 2: "In view of the fact that we are not living in the sixth trumpet, let us ascertain whether we may be in the sounding of the fifth trumpet, or whether it, too, is yet future."
 - 12SC No. 2, page 8 para. 0: "The fifth trumpet, therefore, sounded when Christ came nearly 2,000 years ago. We find ourselves therefore living in the period of the

sounding of the fifth trumpet -- the Christian period -- before the sounding of the sixth trumpet."

- 12SC No. 2, page 8, para. 1: *"But now in this period before the sixth angel sounds his trumpet, some men are to seek death and they will not find it, and would desire to die and death would flee from them. They just could not die, for they would be immune to death."*
- 12SC No. 2, page 12, para. 0: *"At what time will they be made invulnerable to death? Our study today makes plain that it is during the fifth trumpet and before the sounding of the sixth trumpet. If God is going to do this during the period of the fifth trumpet, then the sealing of the 144,000 must take place in the period of the fifth trumpet and not in the sixth. It is then before the sixth angel sounds that some will have the experience of seeking death and not finding it."*

In Closing:

Brethren, we know the Biblical Research Committee members are busy individuals but for this **very, very important matter**, we do hope each and everyone of you carefully and prayerfully examine every piece of information, before reaching a conclusion and most of all do not let others influence your decision, let the Holy Spirit be your guide. This is a life or death situation, for if these Codes are truth then they are life, but if they are not then they will lead to death. May God help us all.

This report is not an attack on any individual or doctrine, but an honest desire to see the truth triumph and error, if any, discarded. We do hope the sentence just read, which is coming from honest hearts will eradicate any personal feelings from the minds of those who personalize everything.

Finally, should this committee **satisfactorily** prove that these sermons were indeed delivered by Brother Houteff and were authorized to be published by him, we will humbly give up our opinion and gladly teach in the light of them. In no wise is our intention to split from God's true Headquarters and be associated with any of the usurpers, as it is noised in some circles.

May God richly bless you, as you give of your valuable time to undertake this most urgent task.

PS: Please provide us with copies of each members' conclusions.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2002,

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