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D.S.D.A. ASSOCIATION  
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Dear Brethern,

"From the beginning of our work, men have arisen from time to time, advocating theories that were new and startling. But if those who claim to believe the TRUTH would go to those who have had experience, would go to the word of GOD in a teachable, humble spirit, and examine their theories in the light of TRUTH and with the aid of the brethern who have been diligent Bible students, and at the same time make supplications unto GOD , asking, IS THIS THE WAY of the Lord, or is it a false path in which Satan would lead me? They would receive light and would escape out of the net of the fowler."

"I warn my brethern to guard against the working of Satan in every form. The great adversary of God and man is exulting today that he has succeeded in deceiving souls, and in diverting their MEANS and ability into harmful channels. Their money might have been used to ADVANCE PRESENT TRUTH, but instead of this it has been expended in presenting NOTIONS THAT HAVE NO FOUNDATION IN TRUTH." T.M. pp.56-57

"Often those who follow in the steps of the REFORMERS are forced to turn away from the churches (Association) they love, in order to declare the PLAIN TEACHING of the word of God. And many times those who are seeking for light are by the same teaching obliged to leave the church (Association) of their fathers, that they may render OBEDIENCE." D.A. 232

These above inspired quotations are applicable to-day to our beloved Association. The SAME admonition given to US by our Lord to "RIGHT THINGS" are applicable TO-DAY. These existing, deplorable conditions are not approved or sanctioned by many of the brethern in California. We have pleaded in LOVE and compassion time after time, to be given an opportunity in the form of a SESSION to have these disruptive influences removed, and the Association settled upon a firm, true foundation. But the TIME and EFFORT has been wasted, and we, the undersigned, are compelled by our love for the TRUTH, and in the fear of the Lord, to take the following steps, which we consider necessary to come to a FINAL SOLUTION of settling our differences.

Be it known, that we Brethern in California will back the Association with prayers, labor and tithes if the following conditions, as stipulated herein are met by the present council.

1. To retract, to repudiate the "private interpretations or constructions, theories and ideas" (Ans.#4 Pg. 69) as was printed in the last two Symbolic Codes, Vol.12 #2, Vol. 12 #3-1973.
2. That certificates be granted to members in California and elsewhere that have faithfully adhered to the Message and are believing and teaching only what is written and are willing to support the Association with their tithes and offerings, and meet the requirements as set forth in the application blank.
3. The issuing of two Symbolic Codes, announcing the forthcoming SESSION IN CALIFORNIA. Many of the Brethern here in California are not able to be present at a Session in Salem, because of financial difficulties, and as the council has decided against ANY PRESENTATION BY PROXIES it would be impossible to have a just and fair DECISION-MAKING SESSION.

It is of the greatest importance, dear Brethern, that you must realize the importance of this letter to you. "Satan has caused the time to be wasted and the work to go undone;" therefore we must have IMMEDIATE ACTION on this vital matter. Because of the urgency of the hour and the shortness of the time, we must have this matter resolved immediately, one way or the other. Therefore

we must have an answer to your decision, regarding the above listed stipulation at the latest by January 25, 1974 in a written letter or we will be forced to sever our connections with the Association.

Should you fail to grant us these stipulations and conditions we must of necessity dis-associate ourselves. Many interested "Davidians in the field are looking with apprehension and expectation to the situation prevalent among us. Therefore it is of the greatest concern that we must do "THE RIGHT THING AT THE RIGHT TIME." We pray, that the HOLY SPIRIT may abide with you, in making your most important decision for THIS TIME.

Sincerely your Brethern in Christ Jesus,

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