**Extracts from an article by C.O. Dodd (1938)**

In an article “… And now, Again – A New Good News”, *Good News*, February 1963, page 8, Herbert W Armstrong wrote:

“In searching old files for information for this article, I ran across an article by C. O. Dodd, co-founder of the Salem, West Virginia, movement of 1933, which split that church. This article was written in 1938, after Mr. Dodd had fallen out with Mr. Dugger’s movement.

It is captioned “My Apology.” In part, Mr. Dodd wrote:

“I wish to make this apology to the members and ministers of the Salem and Stanberry and German branches of the Church of God, for certain misrepresentations in the organization work of 1933 ... I went along with the leaders and continued to be used in these deceptions ... Later, when I saw mistrust, envy and strife grow rampant in the ranks, I knew that God was not blessing a work founded on rank misrepresentation... I, therefore, in the spring of 1937, resigned from the Salem organization, but have continued to work with God’s people in the three branches even until now ... First, let me say that at the time of reorganization” (the split in 1933) “I thought that the plan was to get the church on a higher plane, to have the members live holier lives, to have an organization free from partyisms and politics, to study and grow in advancing light ...

About a year afterwards, however, I concluded that we had been deceived, as I saw favoritism and respect of persons shown in the ruling clique, saw old time politics played as aforetime, members allowed to live as before, and ministers forbidden to teach new truths, and told that, ‘We have a saving message. What we have is enough.’ I thought God could overrule this, and so remained silent until this time; but now I wish to apologize and ask for pardon.’’

I was one of the men to whom Mr. Dodd referred, forbidden to teach new truths. Of course I continued very vigorously to preach these new truths. That led to final and complete severance of cooperation between the Sardis and Philadelphia eras of God’s Church.

For years I had tried working *with* ministers of this Sardis church. But they only worked *against* the true Work of God. They plotted to kill the broadcast.

They resorted to lies-which they well knew to be deliberate lies-to discredit me personally.”