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Pentecost, 1981, is upon us. With its advent, we are privileged to rehearse, once again, the next step in God's great plan of salvation for the entire world. With the passing of Passover, a reaffirmation of our covenant relationship with God was meaningfully made. The Days of Unleavened Bread underscored our daily need to become more perfect — to repress the natural tendencies of this nature and to put on the character and nature of God and His Son Jesus Christ.

As we have experienced yearly, since coming to the knowledge of the Truth, living the way of the Spirit is not easy. It requires the help of a source outside of ourselves. That need pictures the significance of Pentecost. For, without the Spirit of God it is impossible for man to master his own natural tendencies and to live constructively the way of Truth — the spiritual way of life.

How vitally important is the day of Pentecost. In God's plan, it pictures the receipt of the power of the Holy Spirit — the power by which we can overcome and become like God in nature, mind and heart.

For specific details about the locations, times and other necessary information to observe Pentecost, please note the Subdivision of this Letter entitled, "Annual Feasts."

Will all of you begin to pray that God will grant us a very rich, rewarding and inspirational Pentecost, in all locations, this year? We will be remembering you all. Only if our thoughts are fixed upon one another and we diligently pray to God will we be so greatly blessed. And how wonderful it is to think about the beloved children of God. The hearts and minds of those called of God are deeply etched into the lives of all spiritual brothers and sisters of the common faith — whether in the joys of great blessings or the trials and difficulties.

ARTICLES

With this letter comes the next installment of the major work entitled: The Gnostic Connection. It is the first half of chapter seven. We trust you will

find it informative and helpful albeit distressing, shocking and troubling. But God's people are to be informed and ever watchful. Until events transpired within the Church in the past five or six years, the real significance of the above material could not have been understood. But thanks to God, we can now see and understand the meaning of much which was previously mysterious.

Many have been making very real suggestions for future article considerations. Please keep your suggestions coming; they are very greatly appreciated. Since lists have been given in the past, we will not attempt a list in this issue of the Announcement Letter. A few months hence, when we begin marshalling information and developing schedules for production, we will again give you a list of the upcoming articles selected.

It is very good that we have not attempted articles earlier in our operation on the subjects of Healing and Israel. We now know that we want to pursue an entirely different approach to both subjects. Once they are completed I am sure you will find them inspiring, helpful and well worth waiting for.

When I think of this privilege of serving those whom God sends, it makes me realize just how marvellous it is to make sacrifices and labor fervently for those who want to be instructed and helped in the ways of God. And with all our endeavor and study, we keep uppermost in our minds the "faith once delivered." For when we lose the proper orientation delivered by God, we cannot possibly arrive at Truth. The Bible makes it abundantly plain that that Truth was revealed in the last days. We who have not lost that faith know to whom that Truth was given. Thank God for the faith and courage to continue to believe it — and to endure the onslaughts against such faith day by day.

NEW INTEREST

God is still sending new people to us to serve. We average at least one good contact a week. Sounds small but even such growth can net inspiration, enthusiasm, faith and much love on the part of the faithful. And it is our considered opinion that God will not greatly change that configuration until we develop implicit faith and the oneness which He seeks in our physical and spiritual relationships. Any and all lateral moves are useless unless attended by a meaningful manifestation of faith and conviction. New people, as well as many of the older faithful, must yet resolve the mental and emotional traumas experienced — experienced as a result of the changing years of Worldwide Church of God. For all, our prayers are greatly needed. The depth and conviction of our prayers for one another will form the base of our future judgment.

INTERNATIONAL: Two new families have been added to the fledgling flock in Europe. We are looking forward to seeing them on our trip to Switzerland and France. Once we have returned from the European trip this year, more will be given to you about both the new and old members.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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ANNUAL FEASTS:

PENTECOST: All Pentecost arrangements will be made locally. For information please contact the responsible individuals listed below. They will determine times and make all necessary arrangements.

1. Vancouver, B.C.: Mr. Rick Cartier: 6853 Elwell Street; Burnaby, B.C.; Canada V5E 1K2. Phone: (604) 525-1113.
2. Eugene - Portland: Office - Eugene: P.O. Box 775; Eugene, Oregon 97440. Phone: (503) 689-7111.
3. Central California (Sacramento): Mr. John Mitchell: 8269 Conover Drive; Citrus Heights, California 95610. Phone: (916) 726-6251.
4. Southern California: Mr. Al Beyer: 710 Ramona Avenue; Sierra Madre, California 91024. Phone: (213) 355-6923.
5. West Central Texas: Mr. John Byrd: Bend Route; Lometa, Texas 76853. Phone: (915) 628-3257.
6. Dallas - Fort Worth, Texas: Mr. Wesley Winant: 21 Hillside View; Wylie, Texas 75098. Phone: (214) 442-3456.
7. Knoxville, Tennessee: Mr. Bill McCammon: Route 13, Box 234; Maryville, Tennessee 37801. Phone: (615) 984-6585.
8. Ohio and Western Pennsylvania: Usually Mr. George Leeman arranges for this location. If help is needed this year, since Mr. and Mrs. Leeman are gone, please contact the office here in Eugene.
9. Baltimore, Maryland: Mr. Bernard Kidwell: 2211 Lodge Forest Drive; Baltimore, Maryland 21219. Phone: (301) 477-2287.

Or: Mr. Eugene Leeb: 615 Meadow Road; Baltimore, Maryland 21206. Phone: (301) 661-9470.
10. New York - New Jersey/ Northeast Pennsylvania: Mr. Arthur Meining: R.D. #1; Kunkletown, Pennsylvania 18058. Phone: (215) 681-4206.
11. Boston, Massachusetts: Mr. Gilbert Bourget: 16 Mason Road; Jefferson, Massachusetts 01522. Phone: (617) 829-9662.

Pentecost this year is on Monday — June 15. No other day is acceptable to God. For the one and only day which God revealed to His true servants was a Monday. That day the faithful of God kept for forty years before assuming that they knew more than God.

Two tapes will be mailed out this year. Even though tapes are not the best means of proclaiming the messages which God wants delivered, they are better than no service at all. We must all be patient, accepting whatever circumstances God allows for our own growth and spiritual development.

Myra and I will be in Switzerland for Pentecost services. It will be our pleasure to convey to the brethren over there the warm and affectionate greetings of you all.

FEAST OF TABERNACLES

Due to the nature of Feast arrangements this year, it will be necessary for us to know approximate needs of those who feel they may require some financial help in order to attend. Also, we will need to know some ballpark figures from those who feel they can contribute to the aid of others.

Please understand, no one is held rigidly to any commitment. But we need to have generalized information in order to do the best job God holds accountable for performing.

I come most apologetically. I know what happened in times past. It bothers me to even mention the subject of money. But, we are forced to face facts as they really exist. Therefore, I will attempt to perform that responsibility as low-key as possible.

May we have the information requested above? We need to know from both those who have excess and those who feel that they may have need. As many as possible will be housed in the private homes of members living in the Eugene area. This part of the Fall responsibility is well under way.

On a separate sheet, accompanying this letter, will be listed representative motels in this area. These motels will be listed in three basic categories — economic categories: Low cost, Medium cost and High cost. From these lists choices can be made. As indicated, these lists are only representative. Therefore, through other published material (AAA, Mobil, Shell, other), you can select many other facilities in the area. No motel or other housing accommodation will be too far removed from the site of the meetings.

CURRENT EVENTS

Natural disasters and related problems could be a major problem this year. Please be praying about these situations — as affecting the lives of the called of God.

The number-one problem of the day seems to be the rapid growth of international terrorism. These terrorists have little or no regard for the lives of others. Anyone who happens to be in the way of their designed purpose is given no thought or consideration. Whole plane-loads of people are destroyed "through accident" so that the terrorist can accomplish his singular objective.

Crime is increasing at a pace so furious that many areas are now gearing up for vigilante-type operations. Some areas literally bristle with armaments of every conceivable type. Many innocent people will be killed before this prognosticated carnage is over.

Individual liberties are being lost so fast that it is becoming very alarming. Bit by bit freedom is being eroded away — by calculated and deliberate plan.

Marriage and the family have nearly become things of the past. For millions, the whole human relationship is sheer mockery. Morality and decency are things of the past. Situation ethics have become the order of the day.

There do not appear on the surface of this present blanket of life many dramatic events and circumstances. But, slowly and surely the fabric of this blanket is rotting. How long can the blanket hold together in any form of organized human existence? The days ahead will certainly be most revealing.

BLESSINGS OF BRETHREN

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new pieces, we will find great satisfaction in singing them. They are very beautiful melodies — many of them taken from some of the musical greats of the past. To the music is added the incomparable Word of God — from the Psalms or other parts of the Bible.

God willing, it is the hope of all here that we shall have another eleven Hymns ready for the French-speaking people for this Fall. What a blessing that will be.

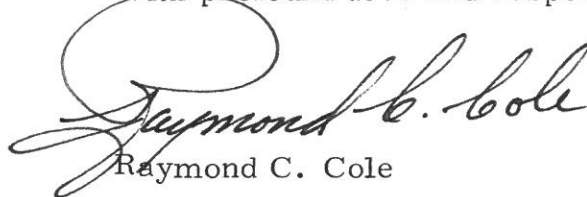
CONCLUSION

Generally, all goes well with God's people across the nation and around the world. God does bless His people. How greatly we should love our God — respect Him, honor Him and obey Him. He is worthy of faithful obedience of all His created subjects. If only we could remember who He is and what we are.

Let us keep our minds and eyes fixed on Him. Let us will to obey Him to the end. Let us become like Him in character and purpose. We are the recipients of all the blessings for making these expectations foremost in our lives.

Again, brethren, thank you for the privilege of serving you. As the priceless and chosen of God, it is a pleasure to serve you. Take care. Our love and thoughts always. We look forward to seeing you all, if not before, then at the Feast of Tabernacles.

With profound love and respect,



Raymond C. Cole



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