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An affectionate hello to all. With the close of August upon us, we can readily see the days growing shorter and the nights longer. The weather is beginning to have a twinge of Fall in it. Each season is a wonderful experience in itself. That is the beauty of four well defined seasons — just as long as none is particularly marked with any form of severity. By background, conditioning and other circumstances all of us have grown accustomed to particular features of geography and climatology. We like areas where we feel comfortable. It is difficult for most of us to change the place where we live. But that is a rewarding feature in itself. Would it not be terrible if all humans wanted to live in the same area? Our tastes are different! Our expectations are different! Our limits of "acceptables" are different!

It is because of the above differences that men are not capable of correctly judging others. To one, it is difficult to understand why anyone would want to live in a large metropolitan area! Conversely, city dwellers cannot understand why anyone would desire to live in a rusticated, rural area! Some want nothing to do with unusually warm areas. Still others want nothing to do with those areas which receive more frigid temperatures. And so the differences continue.

In intellectual areas the differences are just as great. Only the profound Truth of God is an absolute. An absolute which we can have only if God calls us and delivers that way to us. In all other areas various conceptions are strictly individual. If we would always remember that fact, we could avoid many problems which we otherwise create for ourselves.

The greatest tendency on the part of human nature is to attempt to influence others to subscribe to our feelings, likes and dislikes, convictions and expectations of the self. And, of course, such an individual cannot understand why all others do not spontaneously respond to the same emotional stimuli which influences him.

The point is this: do not judge others on the basis of your feelings and convictions. All human beings can be wrong, no matter how hard it is for some to conceive of such a possibility. If others can be wrong then you too can be wrong. Why? Because we are all human.

ARTICLES

The Gnostic Connection: For the month of September '81 the first of three installments of chapter nine is sent. In this section you will begin to see the application of ancient Babylonian principles in our society today. In many ways, the information will be quite shocking and revealing. Please read objectively. It is time we understand the historical relationship to the problems being experienced today.

This Monthly Letter is a continuation of the series on "The Two Facets of Divine Revelation." This chapter is dealing with the subtopic: "Even Though Codified Man Still Cannot Understand Or Obey the Spiritual." I am sure you will find this topic helpful in understanding the problems confronting most people today — problems regarding the confusion of Biblical concepts believed and practiced. It is a little lengthy. I do hope you will not find it too taxing.

NEW:

The next article to be written and published — following the conclusion of the book, The Gnostic Connection — is on the subject, "Sacred Names."

Brace yourselves for some surprises. Much work has been done on the sacred-name subject from a Biblical perspective. However, I have seen no work which entails a historical background. There is a reason why this subject has come up in the last days. There is a reason why so many people have become so emotionally involved in this subject. Nearly all research by those who support the idea has occurred following its acceptance. Such is not a very objective approach to any study.

We did not want to do another paper on the sacred-name subject from a strictly Biblical perspective. As is our desire with regards to the subject of "Healing," we want to have a fresh and interesting approach. The real truth of both subjects has already been presented from the Bible — the faith once delivered. The usage of sacred names was not a part of the faith once delivered.

When the article is finished, we trust you will read it objectively. As stated earlier, the contents will surprise you.

NEW INTEREST

We have been greatly blessed in that a number of people have just recently committed themselves again to the "faith once delivered." We are so happy that a few here and there, can find the courage and conviction to assert themselves once again in that way of life to which they were called.

It does take faith. We are well aware of the influences and stresses and strains involved in such decisions. Our prayers were with them. We know that God will richly reward them for their faithful obedience.

We do hope and pray that we may have the pleasure of their presence at the Feast of Tabernacles this Fall. Some have already indicated their desire to attend. We sincerely look forward to meeting them and talking of those things which are of mutual interest.

PRAYER REQUESTS

FOREIGN: Since we have not heard of any particular intervention up to this day, please continue to pray for those previously listed. They will greatly appreciate your continued prayers.

[Omitted for confidentiality]

FEAST OF TABERNACLES

Most of the instruction needed has already been given. There is no need to repeat any of the earlier material. Most reservations have been

made. If there are others who yet need financial help, please let us know. We will help you in any way we can.

Once again, let me stress this point: If you have need to attend this Fall, please indicate that need. We can help several people. Where people have put forth the necessary effort on their part, others are most willing to help them.

Simply stated, if we can help you, please call or write us. We are here to serve you.

BLESSINGS OF BRETHREN

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TRIPS

Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Clark had a most successful trip to Texas and Missouri. With your continued prayers, much good could yet result. The contacts were made and the seed sown. It now rests upon our shoulders and the ultimate will of God.

CONCLUSION

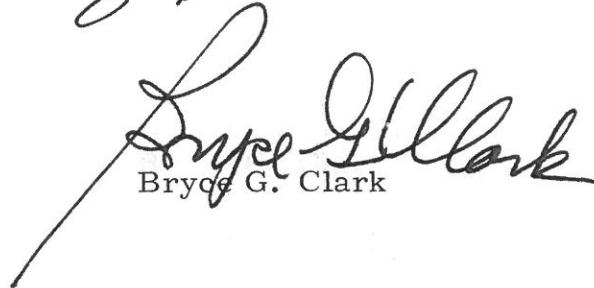
We are trying to keep this Announcement Letter short. The Feast will soon be upon us. We hope to see all at that time. What a joy to be able to spend time together again. Take much care. You belong to God. Our prayers will be with you.

The faithful from Australia send very warm love and regards to all. And we in turn send our love to them.

One closing comment from a recent letter from Mr. and Mrs. George Leeman who send this message: "We would like to thank all of the brethren for their thoughts and prayers during our combined business, vacation trip to Surinam, South America. All went well and the rest, new experiences and friends made are blessings that will continue to be enjoyed."

With warmest regards,


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