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A new Gregorian year is upon us. If the general world troubles should grow proportionately to those of 1981, it should prove to be a most troubling year. There is a greatly divided opinion relative to what will happen economically. No small group of economists believe the economic picture will improve after the first quarter of the year. On the other hand, there is a significant coterie of economists who believe we are yet to experience a deeper monetary plunge. As one analyst put it, the chances for an accurate prediction are almost nil. In both 1979 and 1980, the predictions were nearly reversed. Such uncertainty is of little help to any who may put some confidence in these reports. The upshot? Most of today's situations are not predictable. The rule of the day is the unexpected.

Just this past evening it was reported that terrorism in the United States has almost doubled this year. During much of the 70's terrorism became a frightening prospect. Then suddenly such activities began to wane. Now, for some peculiar reason, these incidences are alarmingly rising again. In nearly all cases some form of tragedy strikes. It is a time of alarm and concern.

ARTICLES

The press of responsibilities will keep me from completing the Biblical outline of the subject, The Gnostic Connection. Hopefully, this should be finished and ready for our February mailing.

At the present time, the initial work is underway for the upcoming article on "Sacred Names." Because of a broad interest, this subject had to be covered earlier than many others which we had in mind.

At the present time, most of the basic research has been completed. Any comments which we may make inadvertently, in tapes or at Sabbath services, are predicated upon the above study. We have not assumed. It is our custom to analyze thoroughly a subject before we make any comments. The material which refutes the conception of any "Sacred Names" is extensive. Far too many emotionally respond to the publications of those who espouse particular doctrines. If it sounds good, some are going to

absorb it — not because of thorough research but due to emotion and appeal. Do not prejudge the subject until you read the upcoming material. It has been exhaustively researched. We will give you the facts involved. They are facts anyone could ascertain if they would be honest with historical material.

After the completion of the article on "Sacred Names," we are not sure which should be next. Every factor available at the present seems to indicate a need for the "Healing" article. This subject will require much study and research — based on the foundation which we wish to give the subject. Please be praying about this subject and the study required.

NEW INTEREST

Mr. Clark just recently returned from his trip through Tennessee and Texas. He was privileged to make contact with seventeen new prospects. Much interest was manifested. With our prayers, I am sure some of them will make the right decisions. God alone can give such people the courage and purpose needed to faithfully follow the way to which they were initially called.

He met with a small group in Greensboro, North Carolina. There was good interest. We hope some of them will be able to find their way, once again.

A Sabbath service was conducted in the Knoxville, Tennessee area — December 5, 1981. Such opportunities are a great blessing to scattered brethren, because they are not privileged to have weekly Sabbath services.

Much visiting occurred in the Knoxville, Tri-Cities and Nashville areas. There is good potential for growth. We need to remember all who were contacted.

The last Sabbath of the trip was spent in Dallas, Texas. Two services were held. The morning service was an open meeting. It was attended by several who have manifested some interest in "The Faith Once Delivered." The afternoon service was attended by the brethren who have elected to remain faithful to God.

PRAYER REQUESTS

The following prayer request list is submitted for your consideration in your petitions to God. Please take them to heart.

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Please pray for new studio facilities and home for Mr. George King. Due to special needs of the studio, it is not easy for Mr. King to locate another home. The lease is soon to expire on the present facility. The owners want to sell.

FEAST OF TABERNACLES

Cost structures will again limit the areas which we can consider for the 1982 Feast of Tabernacles. Eugene was very popular considering the number of most favorable comments which we have received since the Feast.

By having the Feast in Eugene where we could house a sizeable number of the more removed members plus being afforded the opportunity of financially assisting many, we were able to keep the overall cost of the Feast down. If we select any other site, you can count on spending a lot more money. We have looked at a number of places.

Based on the facts, at which we have to look, I have all confidence that God selected Eugene as the site — as He has in every case previously.

This time we would like to encourage all to secure their reservations in the Gateway area. By so doing, members will have a more unified and group feeling and will not be so broadly scattered. The Gateway area is the one closest to the site of the meetings. The motels are the International Dunes, The Budget Motel, Ramada Inn and The Rodeway Inn. Of course if economics dictate, please do not feel that other motels are excluded. We are only encouraging all who can to secure housing in the Gateway area.

Much more will be forthcoming in future letters. Just wanted to let everyone know the above before contacts are made. Other related information will come later.

TRIPS

In a couple of separate trips, I will be visiting brethren in the New York City to Baltimore area and Southern California. All particulars will be coming to those involved in a few days. I am looking forward to seeing

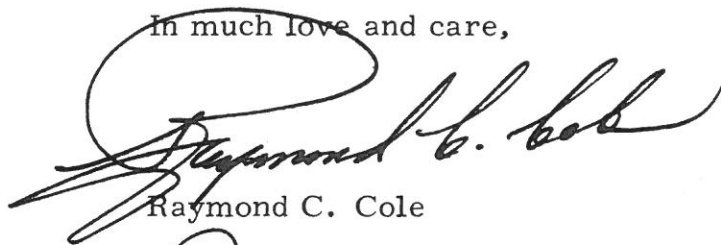
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everyone, in those areas, once again. How I wish it were possible to see all of you on a weekly basis. Our present configuration is one of the prices we must pay for the fact that the vast majority of our other brothers and sisters could not remain faithful to the Truth which God gave to us. We pray and sincerely hope for better days in the future.

CONCLUSION

We are all well. We sincerely pray that all of you are blessed and in good health.

In much love and care,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bryce G. Clark".

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