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A very warm and special greetings once again to all our beloved brothers and sisters in Christ. Our faith and trust in you never flags. We know God is richly blessing and inspiring you daily.

What would life be like if we did not have the fond remembrances of God's chosen servants to inspire and motivate? Nothing is so gratifying as understanding Truth and being privileged to serve others. Thanks for allowing this rare and marvelous opportunity.

The study load is becoming increasingly heavy. Unless we can present material and information which is inspirational and instructional, we cannot properly serve you. To accomplish this objective requires hours and hours of intensive study and organization of material. Study responsibilities now include preparatory work for:

- 1) The Monthly Letter
- 2) The Christian Living series — on the Fruits of the Holy Spirit
- 3) The Eugene Sermon series — How God Has Dealt With Man
- 4) The Portland Sermon series — Light vs. Darkness
- 5) Alternate sermons for both Portland and Eugene
- 6) The Central California Sermon series — on The Ten Commandments
- 7) Special sermons prepared for outlying Churches which are covered on specific trips
- 8) Sermon preparation for Feast of Tabernacles
- 9) Sermon preparation for all the other annual Holy Days
- 10) The considerable Biblical research for all articles written
- 11) The Biblical outline material relevant to the subject of Babylonianism
- 12) Study for a considerable number of personal letters

To the above can be added the incredible requirement of historical, technical and other forms of research for each article which is written. Also, there is the daily requirement of overseeing the office. No mean task for two of us.

We do not write the above to seek your sympathy. It is given only to explain why we may at times be required to omit a certain monthly responsibility. There are times when time is simply insufficient. We have promised to give you our all. We cannot go above that commitment.

The above is a long way around to explain the following. We simply have not found sufficient time to do the necessary study and preparation of the second portion of the Babylonian Outline — Chapter Twelve of The Gnostic Connection. I do have much of the fifth point — The Historical Manifestations of Babylonianism — done. But I do not wish to do a partial job. We want the material to be complete and well organized. It is the only way by which we can feel the job is done correctly. You, then, are the recipients of a job done to the best of our ability, not a poorly and indifferently constructed study. Sincerely, we do want the best for you. We are trying to give you the best we can offer. Where we fail, please overlook and forgive.

ARTICLES

The required research is just about completed for the upcoming article on "The Sacred Names." We feel sure you will be quite surprised with the results — once the actual article is written. There will be much historical information contained in it. At the same time much good and interesting Biblical information will be apparent. No one should find the article uninteresting. There will be much material which has never been given in any article written on the subject in the past.

I must yet do much of the Biblical work on the Sacred Names article. As soon as the pressure of the Monthly Letter and other duties requiring our attention in the early part of the month are completed, work can begin on this Biblical study. Again, we do ask that you will remember our eyes and general health in your daily prayers. We surely need them.

At this time, we feel it necessary to ask that you begin thinking about the subject of "Healing." Please, if there are any specific questions which trouble you, send them to us. In fact, any information which you feel imperative regarding the subject of healing should be sent to us. In the past, brief comments have been made. We do have some idea of overall questions regarding the subject. Even so, we would like for you to think the subject through and submit any questions and material which you feel might be helpful in resolving the nature and meaning of the subject of healing. For your help, we thank you.

NEW INTEREST

Several new contacts have recently surfaced in the Dallas — Fort Worth, Texas area. These people are deeply troubled by events which are

yet transpiring in and out of the Worldwide Church of God. They need our prayers. Please ask that God's will be sought and that the people have the courage to act on that which they once believed and practiced. Your prayers will mean so very much to them.

Hopefully, I shall have the opportunity of seeing several of these people at the time of the Days of Unleavened Bread, 1982. I am planning, God willing, to be in that area for the last High Day. See instructions and schedules for the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread this year — in this Announcement Letter.

There are indications of expanded interest in Australia. Please pray about this potential growth. How encouraging to see the possibility of others returning to the faith God originally gave. This, indeed, is the doing of God. We are grateful.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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FEASTS

The Passover season is upon us.

Passover date is April 7 — observed at 7:30 P.M. on the eve of April 6. Night to be Observed is the evening of April 7: Unleavened Bread is April 8-14 — first and last days are High Sabbaths. Plans for the occasion are pretty well completed. They are as follows:

Portland and Eugene: Since I will be on an extended trip, Mr. Bryce Clark will remain in this area. The specifics for these days will be announced locally.

Lead men in their respective areas will be in charge. They may proceed to establish schedules of services acceptable for the brethren in those areas. The list of lead men and their areas is as follows:

- 1) Knoxville — Maryville, Tennessee area: Mr. Bill McCammon. Any who are planning to be there for Passover, Unleavened Bread, or both, should contact Mr. McCammon.
- 2) Dallas — Fort Worth, Texas area: Mr. Wesley Winant. Those planning to be present for Passover, Unleavened Bread, or both, should contact Mr. Winant.
- 3) Austin, Texas: Mr. John Byrd or Mr. Archie Murray. If you are planning to be present in that area, please contact either one of the lead men.

- 4) Southern California: Mr. Al Beyer. Please contact him for schedules and other information relevant to Passover and Unleavened Bread.
- 5) Central California: Mr. John Mitchell. All arrangements will be made by him. Please contact him for pertinent information.
- 6) Vancouver, B.C., Canada: Mr. Rick Cartier. Please contact him for all requisite information concerning Passover and Unleavened Bread.
- 7) Ohio and Western Pennsylvania: Mr. George Leeman. For all arrangements outside of the scope of my trip for the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread contact him.
- 8) New York — New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania: Mr. Arthur Meining. For all arrangements outside of the scope of my trip for these Spring Holydays contact him.
- 9) Baltimore — Washington: Mr. Bud Kidwell or Mr. Eugene Leeb. For all arrangements outside of the scope of my trip as mentioned in points 7 and 8 above.
- 10) All other areas where there are sufficient members to gather for these occasions: Please contact us for information and help. We will supply special tapes made for these occasions. Of course, these tapes will be sent to the lead men for the above specified areas.

NOTES

If there are areas which desire to get together for any or all of the meetings involved in the Passover or Unleavened Bread season, please feel free to make these arrangements among yourselves. We sincerely like to see God's people get together.

Here is the itinerary for my trip for Passover and Unleavened Bread.

- 1) Sabbath: April 3: I will be with Mr. and Mrs. George Leeman in the Ohio and Western Pennsylvania area.
- 2) Passover: April 6, evening: Baltimore, Maryland for the occasion
- 3) Night To Be Much Observed: Baltimore, Maryland
- 4) First High Day: April 8: The whole area will meet at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, for 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. services. There

will be no covered dish meal because of distances involved. We will eat in a local restaurant.

- 5) Location of meeting place in Carlisle: The Howard Johnson Motor Lodge. If coming from the East, take Interstate Highway 81 North to exit 17W and U.S. #11, one-half mile North of Pennsylvania Turnpike. If you are coming from the West take the Pennsylvania Turnpike Exit #16 — U.S. #11, North and East toward Harrisburg. The address is 1255 Harrisburg Pike. Telephone # is (717) 243-6000.
- 6) Sabbath: April 10: Knoxville — Maryville, Tennessee area. For details, please contact Mr. Bill McCammon.
- 7) Last High Day: April 14: Dallas — Fort Worth, Texas area. Please contact Mr. Wesley Winant for details.
- 8) Sabbath: April 17: Rather than just pass over the area enroute home, I am planning to stop in the Los Angeles area for the Sabbath Service. Please contact Mr. Beyer for information.

TRIPS

I have just returned from a very successful trip to New Jersey, Baltimore and Southern California. Though the New Jersey — New York area experienced another snow storm on the weekend I was present there, we were still very greatly blessed. I was privileged to either see or speak with most of the members in the whole area. What a blessing it was to me to see and share time with all of you.

On the following Sabbath, I was privileged to speak to the brethren in Baltimore, Maryland, the Sabbath of January 30, an equally great blessing for me. You brethren are to be commended for your love, warmth and hospitality. Thank you for allowing the Spirit of God to motivate and use you so marvelously.

On the Sabbath of February 20, I was greatly blessed to be with the brethren in Southern California. We met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schaer. What an inspiring day it was. As the Bible says, it is marvelous to be together with those of like faith and mind. I can only thank you for all your love and hospitality. I am so grateful for all the blessings which you receive and have received at the benevolent hands of God.

OFFICE

Despite the adversity of economic recession, God continues to bless us very greatly. It is truly amazing and inspiring to see the hand of God at

work. Physically, employment of people and other tangible things, the whole situation appears quite soft. Yet, spiritually, the little endeavor of God which He has allowed us to have a part in performing, is more solid than ever. By faith we can have confidence regardless of all the physical circumstances combined. What a joy to see the actual results of faith in God. We all, individually, have our parts to play. Yet, it is amazing to see the absolute and observable blessings of God. For our parts would amount to little without the immeasurable intervention of God. For this love we are so grateful and thankful.

The Feast tape of Mr. Bryce Clark, on Babylon, has made quite a mark in the minds of those who have departed from Worldwide Church of God. We are being inundated with requests for it. A cover letter had to be written to explain the reason for the tape and our modus operandi. We do not want people to respond only because material may appear to be anti-Worldwide Church of God.

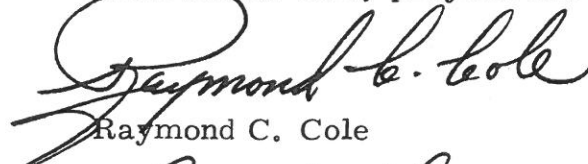
CONCLUSION


Times are quite trying. Our faith will be sorely tried — economically, healthwise and in many other ways. That is what this Christian life is all about. As Jesus said, He that endures to the end, the same shall be saved. We must positively use these trials to gain the necessary level of faith and conviction. If we fail as a result of trial, it is due to the fact our strength and spiritual resolve is small. This is what God inspired Solomon to write in Proverbs 24:10.

Let us keep our faith strong. We can always count on the promises and assurances of God. He has never and will never fail. Let us understand the need for trials and allow those circumstances to bring about perfect patience and confidence.

Our love and feelings of compassion are always with and for you. We love, admire and respect your courage and conviction. Keep them strong and vibrant. We surely do look forward to opportunities of seeing many of you on occasions. Until such an opportunity presents itself, please take care. Remember, you are priceless in the sight of God.

With all our love, prayers and affection,


Raymond C. Cole


Bryce G. Clark

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