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Announcement Letter April 1982

The time of Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread are once again upon us. May all of us here in Eugene convey our deep love, respect and warm regards to all of you who are far removed from us. We think of you daily. You are always in our prayers. The long separation does have one unique advantage. It allows for the development and growth of a very meaningful anticipation — the anticipation of seeing each other at the Feast of Tabernacles. This phenomenon occurs yearly — from feast to feast.

Our lives are very much intertwined with one another. Being brothers and sisters in Christ allows for the development of very strong and emotionally binding ties. The more we lose our selfish individualism, the more we become intricately bound up in the spiritual ties of the one family to which we all belong. It is the only really lasting relationship.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for the out-flowing of concern for us. It is the result of the introductory information which I put in the Announcement Letter last month. Though the intent was not to play upon your sympathy, you have more than encouraged us by your deep concern. Thank you, very much. We sincerely appreciate your thoughts and suggestions.

This past winter has been a very difficult one for me. Whatever hit me shortly after the Feast of Tabernacles seemed to have remained residually in my system for months. I would improve sufficiently to continue with the writing, studying and other work which needed to be done, but never sufficiently to really permanently throw off the problem. The more recent bout with vertigo (disequilibrium) has very greatly strengthened my resolve to effect requisite changes in my life. We desperately want to continue to serve all of you — the people whom God has sent to us. We want to serve and inspire you all. Your return to the faith and dedication to that way to which God called you has in every respect been a major inspiration to us. We would be derelict not to give you our all. Better organization, economics of energy and requisite rest when needed are all indicated. Effecting a balanced approach to the work-load which God has given to us is one of the meaningful trials which God has allowed to confront us. With a wise and judicious

approach to the problem, we can do all within the framework of what God wills. Your prayers will be most helpful. For them, we sincerely thank you.

ARTICLES:

The Gnostic Connection: the fifth point of the basic outline has been completed. It will accompany this letter this month. It is our hope that you will once again find the information inspirational, helpful, and revealing.

There are from five to seven points yet to be analyzed and organized into a part of the overall outline. Following these points, we will endeavor to supplement that outline with information derived from the study of other words.

The work on the article "The Sacred Names" is progressing nicely. Historical study and research has been completed. Much of the Biblical work has been completed. At the present time, Mr. Clark has written about forty pages of the article. Where necessary, we will augment the material with the Biblical information when it is completed. We sincerely hope to have this article in your hands before too much longer. Let us state once again, we feel you will be quite surprised with the contents of the article.

It is our hope to make this article one of the most comprehensive ever written on the subject. It will be about 100 pages in length. The more studying which was done, the more surprising was the documented evidence available.

If our eyes will hold out, the next research and study must be on the subject of Healing. We do want to thank you for your information which you sent to us. For those who have not yet contributed any thoughts or suggestions which they feel important, now is the time to do it. It is our hope to make this subject clear, concise, and at the same time comprehensive. I am sure God will give us the direction which we need. This subject will possible the most sensitive subject which we will have covered.

NEW INTEREST:

Please continue to pray about the newly generated interest both in the United States and Australia. None have committed themselves, but the interest does remain high. Our prayers will be most meaningful and important to them in making decisions which will affect their lives both now and in the future. Because of the maze of confusion and bewilderment, these people do need our thoughtful concern — in the nature of prayers.

When anything specific materializes, we will try to remember to give you the details. Growth does mean a great deal to everyone. We are always happy to see the spiritual family expand.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

[Omitted for confidentiality]

FEAST OF TABERNACLES:

We are encouraging and recommending that all who can should lodge in the Gateway area this year. These are the motels closest to the meeting location. These motels are: The Pacific 6 Motor Inn: 3550 Gateway; Springfield, Oregon 97477. Phone: (503) 726-9266. Prices range from \$12.95 to \$40.00 plus tax. There are no kitchenettes. The rooms are exceptionally clean. The Rodeway Inn: 3350 Gateway; Springfield, Oregon 97477. Phone: (503) 747-0332. They offer both kitchenettes and weekly rates. With limited maid service, the weekly charge is \$175.00 plus tax. The charge is for one or two people. Each additional person costs \$2.00 plus tax. The extra night will cost the regular daily rate.

NOTE: Rodeway bought out the International Dunes. There is no way to compare rates with those given to us last year.

Other motels in that general area are: Ramada Inn — on Gateway near the Pacific 6 Motor Inn, and the Country Squire — which are located at the Coburg exit, just a few miles from the Gateway area.

Of course, there are many other motels scattered throughout Eugene. A major list was submitted last year. If there are those who do not have that list, please send a request to us. We will be most happy to submit a copy to you.

One other comment needs to be made at this time. An announcement, via radio, was made locally that Worldwide is planning to bring a sizeable group into Eugene in the Fall of 1982. You might want to keep this fact in mind as you make your reservations for this year, and at the time you are here this Fall.

WORLD EVENTS:

Very significant events are possible before the year of 1982 comes to a conclusion. One fact is very clear, even if these events have not yet transpired, major forces of exploitation and purpose in the last days are jockeying for positions of power and influence. Remember the events which characterize the last days do not arbitrarily happen. Some power and force is working behind the scenes. As the Bible says, the wise shall understand. Why? Because they know what to watch for even though they do not comprehend until the events come to pass.

Prayer, studying, and fasting are the answers. We must remain close to God. We must retain an attitude of humility and teachableness. These are the children whom God will keep well informed and protected in the last days.

TRIPS:

This year Mr. Clark will take the Passover and Unleavened Bread trip. That trip will remain the same as indicated in last month's letter, with the

exception of the Southern California segment. Once the trip has been completed, the details of his contacts will be given in the Announcement Letter next month.

CONCLUSION:

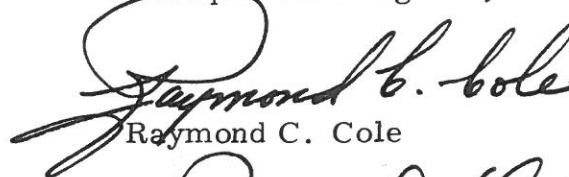
Nice events are always inspirational to report. This one is especially nice. Mr. James Penman and Miss Rowena Lawrence were married this past Sunday — March 28. The ceremony occurred at the Charbonneau Country Club in Wilsonville, Oregon — near Portland. The time was 1:00 P.M. They were blessed to have the parents of both present. Mr. Robert Penman had come from the Eastern part of Pennsylvania. It was nice to have him present. This should be a very fine and exemplary couple. They convey all their love and respect to you.

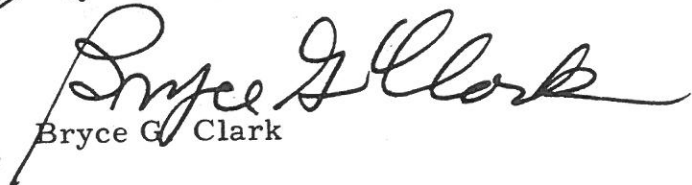
TAPES: The return has been good. But I want to remind all continually how important it is that we maintain a substantial return monthly. In this way we can minimize the cost of new purchases. Thank you for your exceptionally fine cooperation. It is sincerely appreciated.

Finally, at any given time when we are unable, for whatever reason, to supply new and current study and reading material, it has been suggested that all take the time to effect a very good and thorough review of past material. This is a very good suggestion. For most of our material is not dated. It comes directly from the Bible and is, therefore, timeless in its value.

Must close for this time. We, again, convey all our love and respect.

With profound regards,


Raymond C. Cole


Bryce G. Clark

P.S. This section of the Babylonian outline terminates at page 574. The last point is not complete. Since we want to keep the outline as an uninterrupted whole, the final part will be held until the next part is submitted.

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