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A Warm Greeting To All:

The Fall Feasts are upon us. Last minute preparations for these Feasts are under way. Always, there is much to do -- things which cannot be done until the final weeks leading up to the Feast.

Early preparations were completed many weeks ago. As of this writing, all arrangements are in good order. We should have a marvelous Feast this Fall. The success of it largely depends on the attitudes we all bring with us. Come to fulfill the purpose and will of God, and the success of the Feast is assured.

More about the Feast of Tabernacles at the appropriate time.

CURRENT EVENTS

Is there any question about the direction world events are taking at this time? Those with eyes to see and the mind to comprehend know the basics. Of course, no one grasps the specific detail of last-day prophecies. That is not yet given to any man. But, there can be no significant question about the general direction events are headed.

Keep your eyes fixed on international banking and economics. Watch carefully all political maneuvering -- especially in many sensitive areas of the world. Central and South America. Israel and the whole of the Middle East. The whole of Africa. Unification efforts in Europe. All these areas will indubitably play significant roles in the development of the final structured Babylonian Empire.

Watch events as they unfold in the Church. From all indications, you are not going to see the unfolding panorama of events unless your eyes are fixed where they should be. For the very inherent reasons in the above statement, most who once knew the Truth of God will miss entirely this final emerging scenario.

Read the prophecies which relate to the last days -- regularly. Just avoid the temptation to ascribe them to specific times and places. Let the actual events themselves reveal the intent and purpose. For God alone knows and understands the intent He wrote into those prophecies.

TAPE RETURN

Thank you for your response to my last letter about the need for tapes. Several sent a number of badly needed tapes.

With this thank-you, please allow me to urge you to consistently remember the need for a goodly return. We have at least ten thousand tapes in circulation. Despite the natural and normal attrition -- due to breakage or the fact tapes wear out -- we should realize a return which would accommodate our weekly need. Most of the time we have no difficulties. On occasion we do run short and have need to secure new cassettes.

Again, thank you for your praiseworthy cooperation in this matter. Your thoughtfulness is sincerely appreciated by all here in Eugene.

ARTICLES

The first half (section) of the healing article has been typed, edited, and is now in the process of proofreading. Once this action has been completed and the necessary corrections made, the article (first section) will be sent to the printers. We hope to have this part done and ready for distribution at the Feast of Tabernacles this year. All effort will be made to finish the second section (Biblical) in just a matter of weeks after the Feast. It will be expeditiously mailed to you. It is our desire to submit the whole of the article at the earliest possible convenience. By the time you read and digest the first section, we think we will have the last part available.

When not involved in proofreading and other duties regarding the preparation of the healing article, work is being done on the next major article we feel needs to be completed and submitted. This major work will probably require a minimum period of two years. However, we will be submitting shorter works which will fill in this gap of time. For instance, the article on the calendar is being readied for typing, editing, and proofreading. Mr. Robert Jacobs is making progress in the writing of this much needed article.

GENERAL WORK

Several new people have requested the early studies which I made at the time of the internal conflict in our former affiliation. Since these studies were never really put in correct and well-organized structure, I have been embarrassed to see them being sent out. I sincerely want to redo them completely. Obviously they are much desired.

Therefore, time, when possible, will be made available to properly organize and then print them in an acceptable form.

NEW INTEREST

We continually receive a number of letters requesting information about our activities and purpose for existence. Some are quick to see and respond. Others have been so badly damaged in faith and understanding that much time is required, and then not all will be able to reorient themselves. The Bible clearly shows this element of fear and suspicion. How greatly they need the prayers of those who do see and comprehend the times and conditions of these frightful days.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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GENERAL REQUESTS

[Omitted for confidentiality]

BLESSINGS OF BRETHREN

[Omitted for confidentiality]

HOLY DAYS

TRUMPETS: Both Portland and Eugene will meet in Eugene -- at the regular meeting place, the Santa Clara Grange. There will be AM and PM services on Thursday, September 8. Times are 10:00 AM and 2:30 PM. A covered-dish meal will be served between the services. All arrangements will be made locally.

Mr. Bryce Clark will be in the Sacramento, California, area for Trumpets. Those responsible may proceed to make arrangements there.

The Sabbath following the Feast of Trumpets -- September 10 -- Mr. Clark will be in the Southern California area. Arrangements may be made for that service.

In the Northeast, Mr. George Leeman may proceed to make whatever arrangements he wishes. All details can be handled locally.

ATONEMENT: This year Atonement will be held on September 17. Single services are generally held on this day. A Portland service will be at 10:30 AM. I will be present for the service. The Eugene service will be held at 1:00 PM. Mr. Bryce Clark will have the sermon.

In all other areas, those responsible may proceed to make whatever arrangements are convenient and necessary.

We trust and pray that all will have wonderful services -- and be greatly blessed of God. Faithful obedience to the statutes of God results in the receipt of the promised blessings and favor of God.

Of course, as always, we will be sending out the necessary tapes for the above services. Two tapes will be sent for the Trumpets services. One tape will be sent for the Day of Atonement.

Some of our more remote brethren will be arriving for the Feast of Tabernacles by the Day of Atonement. Dewey and Mary Keohohina will be here in Eugene for Atonement. We are all looking forward to having them with us once again.

FEAST OF TABERNACLES

As indicated earlier, nearly all arrangements have been finalized for the observance of the Feast this year. Requisite forms and material will be present at the two sites for early pickup by those who bear responsibility. All information and other material to be distributed generally will be available at the same time. In all cases, the applicable forms and information may be secured at the time of

registration. Registration is essential for future planning. Without this data our plans could not be very accurate.

RECENT COMMENTS

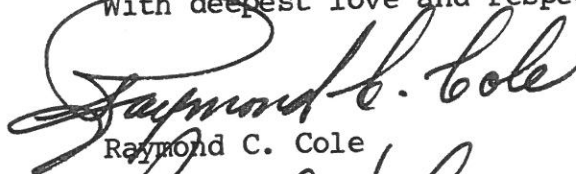
Nimal and Sriyani, of Sri Lanka, send the following message:
". . . hope that the brethren have a meaningful, inspiring, and enriching Feast at Bend and Townsend. We will be with you all in spirit and praying for the success of the Feast and safety of all the brethren."

May I for all the brethren here in the United States and Canada say, "Nimal and Sriyani, we all send our best wishes and love to you both for this period of time. We hope you, too, will enjoy the special blessings of God. Though two only, God is still most aware of you and your needs."

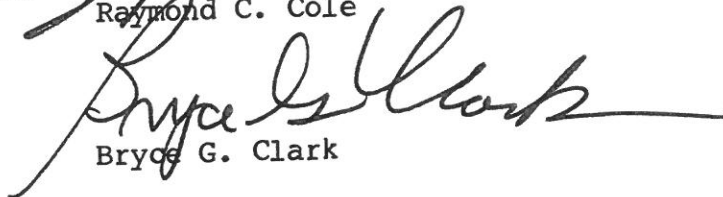
In conclusion, we do pray for the safety and protection of all during your journey to the Feast, regardless to which site you are going. Our prayer is that God will favor us with a most rewarding and inspirational Feast. I know your continued obedience pleases Him greatly.

Please take care. We look forward to seeing you all during the Feast this Fall.

With deepest love and respect,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Raymond C. Cole".

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