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Our Very Dear Brethren:

Warmest greetings once again. The year 1984 is well underway. To the average and undiscerning eye conditions look pretty much normal. What really counts is not what is seen, but what is transpiring behind the scene. That is quite another matter. Though we must not build castles and images of sand, we most assuredly must be alert and observant -- aware of the times and circumstances in which we live. Nowhere in all the Bible is there an indication that the events of the last days might be changed by human efforts. The events prophesied for the traumatic last days will happen exactly as God had them recorded. The only defect relative to these events is man's understanding of the times involved.

What is happening all around us in our physical world?

CURRENT EVENTS

Giving you an analysis of relevant events of these days without putting emphasis on times or specifics is a most difficult task. Much thought has been given to the nature of subjects to present. What are the telltale manifestations of the last days? A generalized outline has been developed. Though all facets of that outline will not be included in each Announcement Letter, those subjects demanding some consideration will be analyzed. We hope the thoughts will be helpful -- that the material itself will induce you to a further and more intense observation and evaluation of these days as they unfold.

The above-mentioned outline was developed for us many, many years ago. It is the very format by which the evil and nefarious forces are attempting to bring about the one-world government mentioned in the Bible -- called Babylon, the Great. What are the varying facets of Babylonianism? This Babylonianism embraces every concept of men -- as well as all races and nations existing on this earth. Simply stated Babylonianism consists of six divisions of operation. They are: 1. politics, 2. economy, 3. religion, 4. military, 5. education, and 6. society (social). Within these broad categories will fall every detail of its operation.

Although not complete, the following list will help you to grasp the meaning and direction of the events unfolding. But, let me stress once again, we are not stating absolutes. The most we wish you to accept from the material presented is that all the actions and events of these days do in some way relate to the prophetic events Christ said were destined to transpire before His glorious return to set everything in order once again (Acts 3:19-21). You are commanded to "watch." In order to do this successfully, it is imperative that you have some mental fabric into which to assign the significance of the events themselves.

Most of the material which you will be receiving you will have heard or read. Our usage of the items will simply give you some idea of what we consider relevant and important for the month. We hope this approach will help you. But, do not assume we are predicting or specifically applying any of the material. We can stop this presentation as easily as it was begun. We can know the specifics only when and if God makes them known. When that happens, we will be absolute, if we are the ones chosen to communicate them to His own called and chosen servants.

So that you may have the format in mind, the following lists will indicate what is basically covered under each of the above six broad categories. Some semblance of order will help both you and us.

Here are various subjects covered under each broad category.

1. POLITICS: elections, bureaucracy, surveillance, wars, taxation, control, philosophy, citizens' response, judicial, and international affairs.

2. ECONOMICS: banking, monetary control, interest, industry, business, commerce, agriculture, internationalism, labor, and regulations.

3. MILITARY: purposes, draft, philosophy, equipment, space, control, operations, quality, morale, and conflicts.

4. EDUCATION: primary, secondary, and advanced education, philosophy, objectives, testing, quality, facilities, orientation, private, legalities, advertising, teachers, and students.

5. RELIGION: ecumenism, churches, eastern philosophy, occult, evangelicals, homosexual churches, charismatics, changes, operations, and WWC.

6. SOCIETY (social): revolution, marriage, divorce, family, entertainment, immorality, music, alcoholism, drugs, smoking, disease, crime, work and welfarism, and attitude.

The above are basic subjects. Much could be added to them, but what is listed is sufficient to organize our thinking.

One other point needs to be added to this outline before proceeding to the remainder of the Announcement Letter. That is, the above does not take into consideration the fact that many of the difficulties to be experienced in the last days will come as a direct result of God's intervention in the affairs of men. Mankind is to receive the full brunt of God's punishment for its rebellion and disobedience. What appears to be a direct result of that intervention will be listed under different headings. As time progresses, these particular headings will be developed.

ARTICLES

The healing article is enclosed. We are most happy to submit this final segment of the healing article. We do trust and pray that you will find it most rewarding and informational. We feel most rewarded and trust that you will feel the same way about it.

Work is progressing on the next subject which we have elected to undertake at this time -- the subject of Israel and the Church. We do sincerely desire an interest in your prayers regarding the research and writing of this article, or perhaps book. By far, this will prove to be the most difficult subject undertaken. Your prayers should be of very great comfort and assistance to us.

Work continues on the calendar article. However, each time we feel adequate material has been digested to write the article effectively, other meaningful data comes along. Wanting the article to be thorough and well documented, we will take the time to complete it in an exhaustive manner. We do thank you for your continued patience. The future results will be more than rewarding.

As indicated in a previous issue of this Letter, there will probably be a couple of articles submitted before the completion of the major work on the subject of Israel and the Church. These articles will be compilations of material covered in other ways in the past.

GENERAL WORK

As soon as we have worked out all the "bugs" in the computer network, we will again function very smoothly. No system becomes

functional without the trials of refinement. All is going well. We just need a little more time to complete the system -- to make it perform what we have in mind.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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GENERAL REQUESTS

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BLESSINGS OF BRETHREN

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FEASTS: HOLY DAYS

Many have already submitted necessary information regarding the upcoming Spring Holy Days. However, this data will not be given until

the month of March. This amount of lead time did not seem advisable. For all those bearing responsibility across the nation, please give us all the detailed information regarding Passover services, Night Much To Be Observed, First and Last High Days. What are the times of services? Who is in charge of the service? Will there be covered-dish meals between services, where two services are planned? Any other information needed to aid all the brethren to have a marvelous occasion.

For those who have already submitted information, please do not take the time to send information again. We are retaining the material sent to us. For those who have sent partial information or those who have not yet sent detailed information, please convey this material at your earliest convenience. We sincerely thank you for your valuable assistance. Without your help, we could not possibly render an acceptable service to God.

For any planning necessary, suffice it to say, Passover is on Sunday evening, April 15, this year. Other particulars will be given in the next issue of the Announcement Letter.

FEAST OF TABERNACLES

Little needs to be said about these Fall Feast days. In March we are required to make our deposit payment, for Master Account, to the Inn of the Seventh Mountain, Bend, Oregon.

Fall Feast information will be given at appropriate time.

TRIPS

February 17-26: Mr. Bryce Clark will visit the brethren in both Knoxville, Tennessee, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, areas. Sabbath, February 18, a service will be held in the Blount County Library located in Maryville, Tennessee. For any information desired, please call either Keven or Terrie McCammon who are still living in the McCammon home in Maryville. The telephone number is: (615) 984-6585. Their address is: Route 13; Box 234; Maryville, Tennessee 37801.

February 25: A Sabbath service will be held in the Pittsburgh area. For information on location, time of service, and other particulars please contact either Mr. George Leeman or Mr. Gary Layton.

March 1-11: I will visit the brethren in the Baltimore and New York, New Jersey, and Eastern Pennsylvania areas. The Sabbath of March 3 I will be in Baltimore. The Sabbath of March 10 I will be in the other area. Responsible men may proceed to make appropriate reservations or arrangements for these upcoming services. For any

needed information, please contact the designated lead men for their respective areas. Either Mr. Bud Kidwell or Mr. Eugene Leeb for Baltimore and Mr. Arthur Meining for the New York/New Jersey/Pennsylvania area.

Both Mr. Clark and I are looking forward to seeing you all at the above times. We surely hope that we are favored with good weather and other considerations. Our trips must be so limited, we do hope to make them as profitable as possible.

COMMENTS

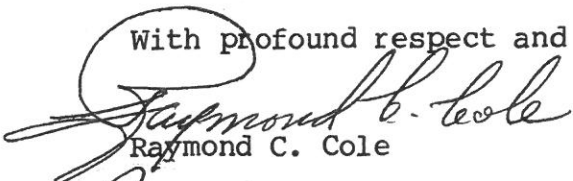
Again we must report a death of one who was among us. On January the 7th, Mrs. Marge Bailey died. Surely this must be a great release from the terrible pain which she suffered during the last days of her illness. We are most thankful for the great mercy of God in this release. Now, Mr. Don Bailey asks the prayers of you all for direction and purpose at this time. He is not quite sure what he should do. Your prayers will be very greatly appreciated.

Before closing this Letter, I want to briefly comment about the annual tithe receipts. Since this was our first year to generate much of the information through the new computer system, it is possible some errors may have crept into them. Please review them carefully. If there appears to be a discrepancy between our records and yours, please inform us. We can manually retrieve the information and verify where necessary. I am very sure there are very few mistakes, but we did want to make you aware of the possibility.

That just about covers all the particular information which appears to be relevant for this month. We do hope and pray that you all are well and greatly blessed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you daily. Please continue to remember us in all the work which must be done just to keep current with the basic needs of our little fledgling operation. Your comfort, assistance, and continued convivial spirit are of immeasurable value. Thank you for such loyalty.

As always, remember you are priceless both in the eyes of God and us, as your ministers. We do have deep feelings and empathy for all.

With profound respect and love,



Raymond C. Cole



Bryce G. Clark