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Dear Brethren:

A very warm greeting once again. After a very hard and trying Winter we hope you all are well and experiencing little difficulty now. If we have handled this severe trial well, perhaps we are on the way to mastering the nature with which we were born and are being prepared for the larger trials yet to come. Each situation we experience in life is allowed for some purpose. We can by our attitudes make the experience one intended for good or we can circumvent the entire purpose by allowing ourselves to manifest the natural inclinations of the flesh and mind. The Apostle Paul put it succinctly when he was inspired to write, "... we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28).

CURRENT EVENTS

Events are happening at a dizzying pace. The real intents and purposes of those intending to reshape the thinking and structure of the world in which we live are not clearly seen nor understood by the average street individual. For some reason, most people just cannot come to believe that human beings can be so ruthless and cruel. Thus the inexorable objectives are pushed forward with virtual impunity toward those over whom they intend to rule and exercise the ultimate fierce Babylonian tyranny. America will not wake up until it is too late for one simple reason. Even those who see problems in such areas as economics, education, politics, etc., do not -- nor will they allow themselves to -- believe several other areas are equally involved in this behemoth being generated for the sole purpose of destroying man. The real mastermind behind all that is transpiring here on earth is not any man -- it is the evil design of the ultimate evil one -- Satan the Devil. In this context, the great continuing religious deception has provided the "darkness" essential for the production of this ultimate plot against humanity. Only the light of true understanding will erase the cause and results of this nefarious scheme. For that day of light we all must be praying. Once that light is given we are held accountable no matter when God wills or elects to call others of the human race. Once called we are accountable.

ARTICLES

Work is progressing on the article about Israel and the Church. As you were informed several months ago, the research for this article would require considerable time. Please continue to be patient and do daily render a necessary service by your prayers. I am sure the results of this article will inspire you all.

NEW INTEREST

There appears to be considerable interest developing in several areas around the country, the world. Please continue to pray for these people as they attempt to regain their spiritual orientation and a hold on the "faith once delivered." Indeed, it is inspiring to see these people begin to question their past actions and manifest a sincere interest in regaining the required spiritual status.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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GENERAL REQUESTS

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FEASTS: HOLY DAYS

With the approach of March, the advent of the first Holy Days is just a matter of weeks away. Now is the time to begin our preparations required for a successful observance of these "High" Sabbaths.

Passover will occur the evening of April 4. The Night To Be Much Observed will occur the following evening on April the 5th. The Days of Unleavened Bread are April 6-12. The first and last Days of Unleavened Bread are High Sabbaths.

Please, all those in their respective areas of charge should begin to make the necessary arrangements for these services. As always, the tapes required for Passover, Night To Be Much Observed, and the two High Sabbaths will be provided from the office here in Eugene. In any area, if there is need of help, counsel, or assistance in making necessary preparations, please call us here at the office. We will be most happy to help you.

In general, the arrangements should be made sufficiently early so that necessary announcements can be made for the benefit of the brethren in those areas. Where special arrangements are desired and

one of us from Eugene will be present for the services, we will attempt to include those in this Announcement Letter. In this way, all will be apprised where the services will be held without any major expense to the men in charge of the areas.

Passover

Specific arrangements will be made for all locally designated areas. Information will be given locally.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. George Leeman: Mr. Cole will be present for the services there. The time of the service will be 7:30 PM.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles May: Mr. and Mrs. Gary Layton will be there for the Passover. Time of service will be 7:30 PM.

Eugene and Portland, Oregon: Arrangements and announcements will be made locally.

Night To Be Much Observed

Generally, local areas will proceed to make their own arrangements and announce details to the members involved.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, area: The meeting will be at the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge and Restaurant in Monroeville, Pennsylvania. A choice of boneless breast of chicken at \$11.28 or roast sirloin of beef at \$13.11 is available. This is a full course menu that includes tax and tips. Mr. Cole will be present for the service there.

Eugene and Portland, Oregon: Arrangements and announcements will be made and given locally. Mr. Bryce Clark will be present here for all of the Spring Holy Days.

Feast of Unleavened Bread

Again, most services will be arranged and announced locally. The responsible men know who they are. Please proceed to make all necessary arrangements.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, area: Services will be held at 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM in the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge at Monroeville, Pennsylvania. A full luncheon menu of boneless breast of chicken at \$9.08 or broiled chopped sirloin at \$8.47 will be available. Mr. Cole will be at Pittsburgh for these services.

Mr. Bryce Clark will be here in the Eugene-Portland area. All necessary arrangements and announcements will be made locally.

SPECIAL NOTE: For those planning to be at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for the Night To Be Much Observed and for the first High Day of the Days of Unleavened Bread, reservations and required money must be sent to Mr. Gary Layton; Route 2, Box 118; Clearville, Pennsylvania 15535. The telephone number is (814) 652-2476. All money must be sent and reservations made no later than March 22, 1985.

If you are planning to stay over in the Pittsburgh area for any of the services, you may wish to make room reservations at the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge. The telephone number is (412) 372-5500.

Mr. Cole is scheduled to be in Baltimore, Maryland, for the last High Day of the Days of Unleavened Bread. Mr. Bud Kidwell and Mr. Eugene Leeb may proceed to make whatever arrangements are necessary.

Mr. Cole will be staying with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Layton between the two High Days of the Days of Unleavened Bread. They will journey down to Baltimore on Friday morning, April 12, for the last High Day services. Since the next day is the Sabbath, the men in Baltimore may just as well arrange for Sabbath services, too. Mr. Cole will remain overnight in Baltimore for the nights of Friday and Saturday. His flight for Eugene leaves on the following Sunday, April 14. If there are any changes in these last day arrangements, they will be given later. At the present there appears to be no difficulties involved.

FEAST OF TABERNACLES

Services for the Eastern division will be held once again in the beautiful Townsend, Tennessee, area. Reservations and preparations may proceed according to individual plans.

The site of the Feast for the Western division has been selected for this year. We will once again meet in Newport, Oregon. We have engaged the services of the National Guard Armory. After considering all the options which we had, we felt that for economic reasons as well as many other considerations this site was by far the best for this year.

The future may dictate the necessity of another site. Unless there is an appreciable change in the international economic picture, we will in all likelihood be forced to make some expanded arrangement. For this year, it seemed best to ask that we all assist our Canadian brethren. They will be forced to take approximately a 30% loss on the exchange of their money. This will be a killing exchange. But, if we all help, it will lessen the burden all the way around. For all to journey the added distance north could cost more than making an arrangement to assist those coming south.

If we are forced to create a third Feast site for the benefit of the Canadian brethren, a site just north of Victoria, British Columbia, will be ideal. It will be a very pleasant location and should add to the physical dimension required to experience the meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles. Time will alone reveal these needs. For this year, we are most convinced God has set His name upon Newport.

Once again, we will not be directly involved in room reservations. Enclosed you will find a very nicely organized brochure which should provide you with the necessary information to make acceptable reservations. For those who may want to be close to the beach, you may want to give consideration to the Whaler Motel. As you will note, they have the best rates. Further, if a number of the families elect to stay there, they will give some reduction to the published rates. Please make sure you mention that you are with the convention of the Church of God, The Eternal. This, of course, should be done regardless of where you elect to stay.

Many of the motels have kitchenettes. Such units are both on the beach and in the center of the town of Newport on the coast highway. The cost of rooms is considerably less in the center part of town. For those who elect to economize regarding rooms, please remember the beach is not far from any part of the small community. The beach is within easy reach of any location either by car or by foot.

Please, begin to make reservations as soon as possible. The earlier you make your reservations, the better chance you will have of getting just what you want. Newport is an attractive coastal town. Many tourists journey through it.

TRIPS

In the end of March, Mr. Cole will be making a trip to Hawaii. There are a number of people who have once again manifested an interest in the Truth. Please be praying about this. There is some evidence giving reason to believe that God is beginning to intervene in the lives of some who lost their direction earlier. Our prayers should be most helpful to them.

The schedule reveals the fact Mr. Clark will be journeying out to a couple of areas in the next few days. He will be with the brethren in both Nashville, Tennessee, and the New York/New Jersey area. This will include the people from Northeastern Pennsylvania. Again, we are happy someone could come out to visit with you. Though we do not seem to come to your particular area very often, we seem to be gone about half of the time.

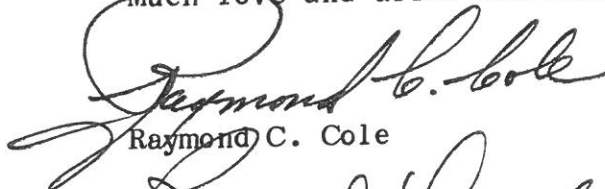
OFFICE

Once again it is necessary to comment about the tapes. The return is so low that we are forced to purchase many new tapes. Is it possible that a number of tapes, out of the many thousands which we have sent out, are lying around loose not rendering any service? Most of you have done an excellent job of returning the tapes. We are just hoping that a goodly number may be uncovered and returned. Otherwise we will be forced to buy many new tapes. Our tape budget could be strained considerably.

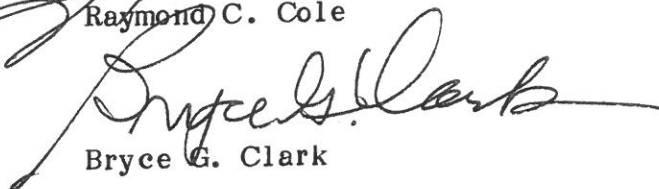
Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

This Letter has grown long due to the needs of a couple of the specific areas which were covered. I now will bring it to a close for this time.

Much love and affection always,

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Raymond C. Cole

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

Bryce G. Clark