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Dear Brethren:

In a chilling book just out entitled *The Ultimate Evil*, author Maury Terry demonstrates the link between the Son of Sam murders in the New York City area and the Charles Manson family in California. David Berkowitz, according to Terry, belonged to a witchcraft coven located in the New York City area which was a part of the Process Church of the Final Judgment. The Process, as it is more commonly known, was started by Robert Moore DeGrimston and Mary Anne MacLean who had been with the Hubbard Institute of Scientology in London. The Son of Sam murders were carried out by a group of several occultists and appear to have used a California hit man referred to by Berkowitz as Manson II. Manson II has been linked by author Terry to the Manson family. Some of the victims selected were silenced because they knew too much. Others were selected at random to cover up the original victims, and still others to fulfill the witchcraft need to spill blood.

The philosophical reasoning behind the witchcraft need to murder has been explained in *The Gnostic Connection*. Lest anyone have the idea there is no real need to be concerned about the occult, author Terry says at the close of his book that there is now no insulating Middle America. The battleground is not the inner-city eruption but the comfort zone of America which is now being victimized at will. One of the biggest failures of the police, Terry says, is its unwillingness to face up to the fact that many of these murders are associated with the occult. David Berkowitz was not making a joke when he said, "There are other 'Sons' out there."

Articles

The work on Israel has been completed and we are presently editing the draft for the final copy. It will be some time before this editing is complete. We are hoping to have this work ready by the Spring festival, if finances permit. Please pray that this work can be made available soon.

Feast of Tabernacles

Regarding site selection: God alone determines the location(s) for the observance of the Feast. It is the place where He will set His name. During the time of the Feast, He is actually in attendance—in a very special way—with His sons and daughters. In retrospect, can we visualize how differently we would have conducted our lives—actions and conversations—if the actuality of His presence had been uppermost in our thinking at all times? How greatly our concept of God is tainted, colored, by the vanity and arrogance of the human mind—especially during those moments when our emotions have been offended! Take time to read again the fruits of the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:22–24). There is no mention there of the usual, natural, human

tendencies to evidence contempt, disgust, anger, suspicion, doubt, or any other trait of human emotion.

Yes, God sets His name at the place of His choosing. But, how does God make that selection? He does not come down in a manifested, flesh, form.

Since the days of Moses, God has elected to use human beings as His instruments. By His human servants, He speaks to His people. By His servants He conducts every aspect of His work today. The Bible is replete with texts substantiating this fact.

On the basis of the above, the selection of Feast sites is a ministerial function. This function must be carried out on the basis of service—service to all the children of God. In all of our selections, the element of service, to all the brethren, has been the primary guide. In every respect, we have consciously attempted to give consideration to all the people—catering to no area or group. If you will carefully evaluate the areas we are presently using, you will readily see the centrality of each. When that center changes, we will quickly reevaluate the area. Our aim is and has always been to serve, not to take any personal advantage.

Here in Oregon, we have a unique set of circumstances. We can easily go either to the mountains or to the sea shore—the two geographic areas frequented by our loving elder Brother, Jesus Christ. Both areas, here, are equally acceptable. For this reason, we, after praying and carefully considering the matter, have decided to let the calendar be the guide. In the years when the Feast occurs early, we will repair to the mountains. In those years when the Feast dates occur late, we will gather at the sea shore—Newport, or wherever acceptable accommodations are available. God will always be the One who determines.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you.

Trips

Mr. Raymond Cole will be in Hawaii for the Sabbaths of February 6 and 13.

Mr. George Leeman will visit the Baltimore area on February 4-7 and will conduct Sabbath services on February 6. He will then be in the Ohio/Pennsylvania area for the Sabbath of February 13. Mr. Leeman will be in the Altoona area for the Sabbath of February 20.

Mr. Bryce Clark will conduct Sabbath services in Vancouver, B.C., on the Sabbath of February 20.

Mr. Raymond Cole will visit the Pittsburgh area for the Sabbath service of February 26. He will then be in the Nashville area for the weekend of March 5. This order is the reverse of the trip schedule.

Mr. George Leeman will be in the Central Pennsylvania area for the Sabbath of March 19.

On March 19 Mr. Charles Lewis will conduct Sabbath services in the Tampa, Florida, area.

Mr. Bryce Clark will be in the Sacramento area for the Sabbath of March 19.

Mr. Raymond Cole will visit the Rochester, New York, and Dallas, Texas, areas for Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread.

This trip schedule has been sent out two months in advance so that the necessary arrangements can be adequately handled. We are looking forward to seeing all of you at these various times.

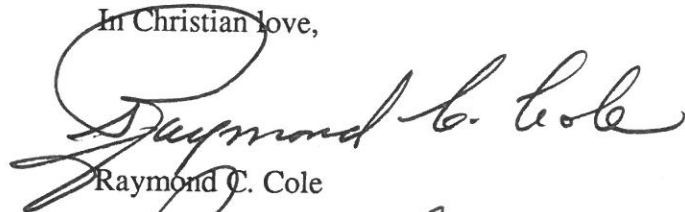
Deaths

We were saddened to hear of the death of Mr. Jesse Baker, who died in January 1988. Mr. Baker was 78 years of age.

Births

One happy note, however, was the birth announcement received from Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Litzler of France. Mrs. Litzler gave birth to a son on January 13, 1988. He was named Jérémie and he weighed 8 lb. 8 oz. and was 21 inches long. He and his mother are doing fine. Mrs. Litzler wrote and said, "the father is doing better."

In Christian love,



Raymond C. Cole



Bryce G. Clark