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Dear Brethren:

Race is a creation of God. No one came into existence by accident. Though men may not always understand—willingly or unwillingly—what exists on this earth and what is occurring is by the will of God (Dan. 2:21; 4:17; 5:21).

It all starts with a place of habitation (the earth) and then the creation of mankind. With the existence of the human races comes social relationships, economic considerations, religious expressions, educational necessities, political structures, and, resulting from the previous five, military operations. From the beginning, the existence of man has been fraught with animosities, resentments, contempts, absurd verbalizations, and as a final expression of ill-feeling, the brutalization of one another. Why? How can intelligent, educated, "feeling" men do the things they do to one another? Some acts of men defy any definition of emotional feeling. An unfeeling machine could do no worse.

Some have sunk to the level of unconscionable behavior. However, long before this stage of unregenerate behavior is reached, there is a progressive slide from levels of social behavior more acceptable to society. The question: Why this slide—degradation of behavior? No baby is born bereft of all capability to love, feel, emote, manifest concern or care, or simply respond. What happens in that significant period of development is the resulting manifestation of two factors—the innate defiant, weak nature of man, coupled with the adversity and conditions of that period of development. That is, man is the manifestation of what he is coupled with what he has experienced.

The essence of what I want to convey in this *Letter* is: the level and scope of responsibility of those who bear rule, authority, leadership. A high percentage of man's problems could be appreciably mitigated by one simple fact—the basic fact that leadership is not given for purposes of self-service. All authority is for the purpose of serving. Do nations which gain the ascendancy seek opportunity to serve those less fortunate? Does one with wealth and power seek opportunity to give and help—serve? Do government agents know they are servants?

Few people want to serve! For most, any action taken is for the purpose of selfish gain. A people faithfully served is a people at ease, happy, and responsive. Trust and integrity prevail. Selfish pursuits generate suspicion, doubt, contempt, distrust, and resentment. Of course, there is always the element of deception. Even the perfect—Christ—was, and is, accused. More on that subject at a later time.

Summary: Do you want position and authority? Then learn to serve. Give your all for the people—the masses. Such service *never* demands recognition. Anyone can serve.

Prayer Requests

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Deaths

We were saddened to hear of the death of Mr. Henry Quenzer. He died July 22 at approximately 6 A.M. Mr. Quenzer suffered from vascular problems of the brain. Please remember Mrs. Quenzer and her family during this time of trial.

Trips

Mr. Raymond Cole will be in the central Pennsylvania and Baltimore, Maryland, areas for the Sabbaths of August 6 and 13, respectively.

Mr. George Leeman will be in Vancouver, Canada, for the Sabbath of August 13. He will be in Eugene for a ministerial conference during August 18-21.

The scheduled trip to Knoxville and Ohio/Pennsylvania by Mr. Bryce Clark from August 26 through September 9 has been canceled. The only scheduled trip in September will be Mr. Raymond Cole's trip to Sacramento on September 19.

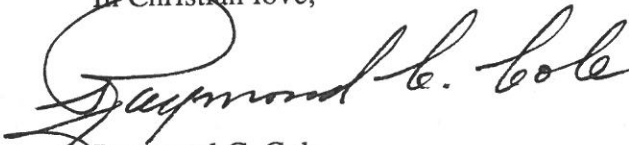
On the Sabbath of August 20, Mr. John Mitchell will be speaking in Portland and Mr. George Leeman will be speaking in Eugene.


Tape Schedule

Tape #	Mailed on:	For:	Title:
WSE-RC 37-	7/15	8/06	What is the natural body? #16
WSE-BC 118	7/29	8/13	Lessons from the life of Noah
WSE-RC 37-	7/29	8/20	What is the natural body? #17
WSE-BC 119	8/12	8/27	Are you a man of spirit or flesh?
WSE-RC 37-	8/12	9/03	What is the natural body? #18
WSE-BC 120	8/26	9/10	The subject of prophecy
WSE-RC 37-	8/26	9/17	What is the natural body? #19
WSE-BC 121-	9/02	9/24	Difficult texts of the O.T. #1
(Feast of Tabernacles: <i>no weekly tape</i>)			
WSE-RC 37-	9/02	10/08	What is the natural body? #20

Let us all be preparing for a most rewarding Feast of Tabernacles this year.

In Christian love,


Raymond C. Cole


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