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Announcement Letter  
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Dear Brethren:

Very warm greetings to all. The Feast of Tabernacles and the Last Great Day are fast approaching. With the passing of this past year, we are now one year closer to a gloriously anticipated day—a day just like the present one—the day of Christ's Second Coming. In that day, if we have been faithful—living obediently to all we know and understand—we can confidently stand before Christ—not in self-confidence, but in a glorious confidence in His mercy and compassion.

Just the very thought of that anticipated meeting should make our lives tingle with excitement and purpose. The only cloud which presently effaces that thrill is the prophetic knowledge that some will be devastatingly disappointed. They will hear the voice of Christ say: "Depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matt. 7:23). Weeping and gnashing of teeth will follow. This need not be the fate of any one of us. All we need do is decide we will be faithful and master the self at all cost. The decision is ours. All the help needed has been assured.

We have come this far, why should we allow ourselves to fail *now*? Let us pray for one another. Let us turn to the strength and power of God and His Son Jesus Christ. They have a desire for the workmanship of their hands. They will see us through the dark and cloudy times which lie ahead, if we will it that way. The Feast is an excellent time and opportunity to recharge our spiritual batteries. Renewed with a determination to be successful, we can make this Feast exemplary of all that the Kingdom of God represents to us.

## Current Events

This is an election year. The airwaves are filled with promises. Promises which no candidate intends to keep. Or cannot keep because of our system of government. If you were to believe each candidate on the basis of promises, the next administration should border on utopia. But the past, for the analytical, proves that all such promises are baseless palaver. Conditions have only grown worse from administration to administration. It makes little difference which party or what man is in power.

Knowing the Truth, we have come to recognize and believe there is no hope in governments of men. In fact, we are specifically told the Kingdom of Christ is not of this world, John 18:36–37. There is no system of government of this world which is of God. Human government is a *curse*. It was forced upon man as a result of rebellion against God. Mankind has been paying the high price of rebellion ever since the introduction of human government.

Why, then, should the servants of God be concerned with what occurs in this sphere of human activity? We are commanded to watch—to be aware of conditions and circumstances.

God alone appoints over the people whomsoever He wills (Dan. 2:21, 37-38; 4:17; 5:21). We see only physically, not the real power behind the events of the times.

By the people (men) whom God allows to assume (or appoints) to specific offices, we can know some of what to expect. Consider God's evaluation of Nebuchadnezzar. Now contrast him with others He appoints to high office. Considering the above, we can, to some degree, determine what will happen in the case of either individual seeking the presidency. Really, they are only office "boys" for the real power-brokers in the U.S.A. and the world. On the basis of prophecy, we know that the people are going to pay a terrible price. The ultimate is total servitude—as vassals. They are destined to become the bondservants of the presumed elite.

With this election, we can be assured the realizations of their nefarious purposes will take another giant step forward toward complete and ultimate fulfillment.

Let us not be concerned or anxious. The God of all "gods" still resides in the heavens. He knows who the faithful are. We can have all confidence in His superior purposes. You are a part of that great spiritual purpose.

### **Articles**

The article on Babylon, from a Scriptural perspective, has been completed. It will be edited before too long, but probably will not be sent out until sometime after the Feast.

### **Prayer Requests**

[Omitted for confidentiality]

### **Blessings of Brethren**

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Mrs. Helen Clark: Her phlebitis has cleared up. She is doing much better overall.

### Feast of Tabernacles

Sabbath services will be held at the Feast of Tabernacles meeting hall in Townsend, Tennessee at 1:00 P.M. on September 24.

### Trips

Mr. Raymond Cole will be in Sacramento, California, for the Sabbath of September 17.

On October 15, Mr. Lewis will be in Dallas, Texas, for Sabbath services; Mr. Clark will be in Vancouver, British Columbia; and Mr. Leeman will be in Central Pennsylvania (Altoona).

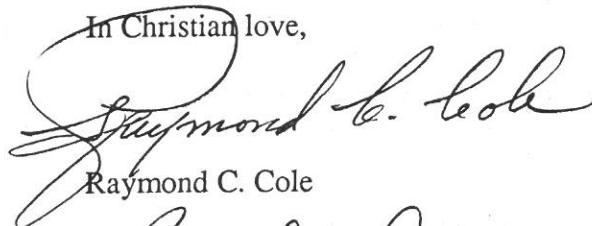
For the Sabbath of October 22, Mr. Leeman will be in Rochester, New York. Mr. Cole will be in Spartanburg, South Carolina, on October 22, continuing on to Austin, Texas, for the Sabbath of October 29.

On October 29, Mr. Leeman will be in the New York/New Jersey/Pennsylvania area.

### Tape Schedule

<b>Tape #</b>	<b>Mailed on:</b>	<b>For:</b>	<b>Title:</b>
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-GL 4	9/06	9/24	We are all children
<i>(Feast of Tabernacles: no weekly tape)</i>			
WSE-RC 37-	9/06	10/08	What is the natural body? #20
WSE-BC 121-	9/16	10/15	Difficult texts of the O.T. #1
WSP-JM 4	9/16	10/22	Live by every word of God

In Christian love,



Raymond C. Cole



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