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**Announcement Letter**  
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Dear Brethren:

Nineteen eighty-nine could be a very critical year in the unfolding of events in the last days. Beneath the surface of known knowledge are mysterious elements conspiring to plunge this world into its blackest period of history. Bit by bit, those secret elements will surface and form the fabric destined to materialize and take its toll in human misery and decadence.

These elements' rising to form that injurious fabric are inevitable. God's prophetic Word is called the "more sure word of prophecy" (II Pet. 1:19). The last-day events will occur. Even as Christians we cannot change the conditions of this world. The *only* changes we can make are regarding the self. We can manifest greater faith and conviction. We can evidence greater mastery in our personal lives. We can constructively live the fruits of the Holy Spirit. We can become more at one with God and our fellow servants. We can eliminate more of the works and manifestations of the flesh. And above all, we can become more personally oriented toward God and His Way of life.

Are we really observing the self—the heart and mind of our carnal, natural responses? Are we really studying and praying daily? Or, have we become more or less attuned to this society? Accepting customs, ideas, concepts, and ways? Are we compromising the Truth which we know? Or are we more aggressive spiritually because we understand the times in which we live?

As the Apostle Paul said, I am sometimes frightened that our labors will be, in some cases, in vain! To be successful we all must be able to shake off all lethargy and indifference. We must face reality for what it is. Our all-consuming purpose must be the object of the call which God gave to us. The day is not far removed when all else will be of little significance to us. When in flight for our lives, will personal problems be all important?

When we really understand the Truth of God and the times in which we live, our daily actions and attitudes will reveal that conviction. Let us put God first! Let us forget the machinations of our minds and hearts. Let us be as dedicated to our goal as today's Olympic trainees are to their goals. Nothing else matters to them. They train and train with zeal and purpose. All for a corruptible crown. We for an incorruptible one—if we endure unto the end.

Let us always heartily pray for one another.

## Current Events

The nations of Israel (not merely the Jewish nation) are destined to fall into slavery. Watch this occur progressively. The circumstances by which this national servitude will be realized are in existence right now. Can you see those beginnings and watch as they take final form?

The creation of worldwide Babylon is in progress. Can you pick out elements of this religio-economic combine? We know there are ten subdivisions. We also know that two

powerful human beings have to surface—one political, the other religious. We know that the religious man must have some relationship with the real Truth of the Bible—not just any concept of Christianity.

Know what God says about this resurrected power. But do not allow yourself to interpret. Events themselves will make the fulfillment obvious if we will wait in patience.

Anticipate the powerful and direct intervention of God, but do not jump to conclusions. When we carefully read God's Word while refusing to interpret, the facts of God's aggressive action in the last days are apparent. By faith in the revelation of Christ—the Word of Truth—we will not be led into deception. You must have an anchor from which to view and understand all events destined to occur within the next few years.

### **Prayer Requests**

[Omitted for confidentiality]

### **Blessings of Brethren**

[Omitted for confidentiality]

### **Deaths**

Mr. Frank Sheffold's father was laid to rest on January 23, 1989.

### **Trips**

February 18

Bryce Clark, Vancouver, BC, Canada  
George Leeman, Ohio/Pennsylvania area

February 24-March 12

Raymond Cole, Hawaii

February 25

George Leeman, Central Pennsylvania (Altoona)  
John Mitchell, Dallas, Texas. *Please note the schedule change.*

March 4

George Leeman, Baltimore, Maryland

March 18

John Mitchell, Eugene, Oregon  
Bryce Clark, Sacramento, California

March 25

Bryce Clark, Baltimore, Maryland  
George Leeman, New York/New Jersey. Will be in area  
3/25 and 3/26.

April 1

Bryce Clark, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

### **Feasts: Holy Days**

General instructions and information will be given in the *March Announcement Letter*.

For the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, area some early information is needed. From year to year, I change areas where I plan to be for Passover and Unleavened Bread. This year I am planning to be in the Eastern Pennsylvania area—the Harrisburg area. The last half of Unleavened Bread I will be in Florida.

Since there is a scheduled antique car show in the Harrisburg area at that very time, the following is early information which those planning to attend should act on. The facility is the Quality Inn of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The phone number is (717) 652-3811. You should make your reservations early. Also, please state that you are a part of the Church of God group. You will be given a special rate and will be assigned accommodations from the block of rooms Mr. Gary Layton has held for our group.

Mr. Gary Layton needs to know by March 1 the head count for the Night to Be Much Observed. When you call or write him, please give a full count—adults and children, including ages of children. The address and telephone number of Mr. Gary Layton follow: Rt. 2, Box 118; Clearville, PA 15535. Phone: (814) 652-2476.

As stated earlier, more information will be given regarding Passover and Unleavened Bread in the *March Announcement Letter*. If any of the lead men feel information needs to be included in the next *Announcement Letter*, please write or call the office. Thank you.

### **Tape Schedule**

<b>Tape series:</b>	<b>Mailed on:</b>	<b>For:</b>	<b>Title/tape #:</b>
WSE-RC 37	1/19	2/04	What is the natural body? #28
WSE-BC 122	1/19	2/11	Great men of the O.T. #5
WSE-RC 39	2/02	2/18	Confrontations and responses of Christ #1
WSE-BC 122	2/02	2/25	Great men of the O.T. #6
WSE-RC 39	2/16	3/04	Confrontations and responses of Christ #2
WSE-BC 122	2/16	3/11	Great men of the O.T. #7
WSE-RC 39	2/23	3/18	Confrontations and responses of Christ #3

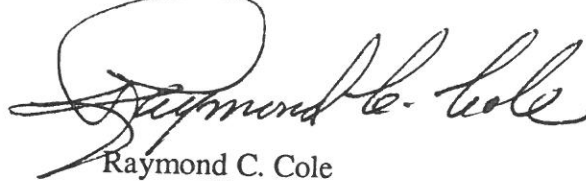
### **Comments**

Out of respect for those who pray for you—as listed in the *Announcement Letter*—we here in the office need to inform them of God's intervention or progress in the condition or situation involved. In order to do this, it is necessary to hear from each individual directly. Understandably, one month may not be sufficient to accomplish objectives involved. Yet, within two or three months, we should know something of the matter—whether all of us need to redouble our efforts—prayers, and even fasting—or whether to be expressive of our appreciation to God for His kind and benevolent intervention. Thank you all most kindly for helping us to fulfill our duty of service here in Eugene.

As Spring looms on the horizon, let us renew hope, enthusiasm, and purpose. How blessed we are as the people of God. How can we take that relationship for granted? Wherever the children of God are found on the face of the earth, we are numbered among them. Is there any glory greater than that? May God help us to really see who we are and to see the greatness and majesty of our God and Father, and to see the benevolence of Christ as our personal Savior and daily Friend.

Again, our expression of love and concern for you all. We think of you so often. Our thoughts of love and concern.

Much love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raymond C. Cole". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial 'R'.

Raymond C. Cole

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bryce G. Clark". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial 'B'.

Bryce G. Clark