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Dear Brethren:

The relentless march toward globalism continues. Globalism, to those in the know, means the fulfillment of Daniel 2:33 and Revelation 17:12-14. The May 1989 issue of *The Omega Letter* lists a number of recent moves toward globalism. For example, World Federalist leader Dieter Heinrich just proposed the use of "doublespeak" to facilitate the move toward a New World Order. The word "*common security*" has now become a new powerful term in the language of the peace movement. "Common security" is a useful political term because it says so much, yet so little. It designates a new direction which is utterly subversive to the current order, yet which is so vague the military does not get alarmed. "Common security" is the term the peace movement can use to infiltrate the political mainstream and the hearts of the suburban voting public. If it is used relentlessly and tirelessly, Heinrich says, it can be used to massage the middle class, the policy makers, the media, and the military. This devious method can lead ultimately to world federation—the New World Order.

Former U.S. Senator Mike Gravel of Alaska, now residing in California, is calling for a California ballot proposition for world government. This referendum would delegate our individual sovereignty to a world government with respect to security, human rights, environmental safety, and economic well-being. Gravel is convinced of our need for a world government.

Meanwhile, both the United States and the Soviet Union have agreed to come under the authority of the International Court of Justice in The Hague. The United States has agreed to submit in an international dispute and Russia has agreed to accept World Court rulings in cases involving human rights treaties, which signals an end to Soviet resistance to being judged by other countries. Also, the United States will soon propose that additional powers be added to the Secretary General of the United Nations in order allow him to investigate allegations of the use of chemical weapons anywhere in the world.

Senator Jesse Helms recently warned that a "systematic psychological warfare" campaign is being waged against the American people, all orchestrated by the Eastern establishment and the radical left. Those involved include the Department of State, Department of Commerce, the money-center banks and multinational corporations, the media, the educational establishment, the entertainment industry, and the large tax-exempt foundations. This pervasive influence is contrary to our long-term national security, Helms says. The viewpoint of the establishment is globalism, where nation-states and national boundaries no longer matter. The viewpoint of the establishment insiders is also de facto atheistic and materialistic.

Environment is now being recognized as a global issue and European states are proposing to submit voluntarily to international policing in order to insure that their citizens comply with agreed rules. The target date of 1992 for a single market for 320 million consumers in Western Europe is making politicians realize that the end result will

be the surrender of large chunks of sovereignty to Brussels. Some politicians may have second thoughts as the date approaches. As Daniel wrote, the alliance will be a mixture of iron and clay. It will not hold together too long.

Spiritual Principle: Why we will not have any "official" physical activities in the church.

Over the years, we have tried to organize and institute certain organized activities in the church, especially during the Feast of Tabernacles. Invariably, conflicts arose. There was never any real accord and commonality among those involved. Regardless of direction assumed, some form of criticism was voiced.

What was the problem? Were we all that unconverted? After reflecting upon the situation, I think I can say that the basic reason was not a lack of conversion—even though no one has a right to put any feathers in his hat. Perusing the Bible from beginning to end, and analyzing the situation, we are basically convinced that the ministers' and the church's real responsibility is the preaching of the Truth. The responsibility of the individual is the care of the family and the internal development of close physical and spiritual ties. Organizing these church physical activities was, in the final analysis, an overt attempt to force young and old alike to have close, warm fellowship without the least manifestation of a party-spirit; that is, selecting those with whom we wished to spend our time and eliminating everyone else. Indeed, we should have a spiritual affection for all, but it is not the duty of the ministry to force it into existence. Those who hear the Word of God know what is required of them. They, individually, must act on, and live by, the Truth which they were called to hear.

When our faults of character manifest themselves in relationships which are not forced, we have no alternative but to accept our own liabilities. But when responsibilities are erroneously assumed by the church, the ministry and church are subjected to censure and criticism which should not exist. For our part we apologize. For a long time we have recognized the weakness of forced faith and obedience. But we did not recognize all of their manifestations. The axiom is: By their fruits you shall know them. The fruits of church-sponsored organized activities have not been good from the beginning. Since those who worked at the production and organization of these activities did such a splendid job, we can only assume such activities did not have the full blessing of God.

For our part, we do not despair at the resistance and even rejection of the revealed Truth of God. Jesus said this would happen. But, where is the command for us to organize church-sponsored internal activities in the body of Christ?

Make no mistake about it: You parents have an obligation to your children. It is your duty to organize activities with other families. We highly encourage this type of structuring in conjunction with the spiritual scheduling of the Feast. Always, you must correctly prioritize. Spiritual things first. But why prioritize if there is nothing which follows the spiritual? Make the Feast a time to do things—to fellowship, to enjoy one another—all the people of God.

Now the duty is upon each of you to maximize your experience at the Feast. That is precisely where such responsibility belonged in the first place. Remember, nothing will mean much to you, unless you truly make the spiritual first. That is the reason for the first. God helping us as the ministry, we will never let you forget that principle. That is our duty—not to be involved in the organization of physical things, regardless of how remote we have attempted to keep ourselves.

In the bearing of our individual responsibilities, there will be great joy and satisfaction. May you have a wonderful time at the Feast—both spiritually and physically.

Articles

The expanded and revised article on the holy days is now completed and will be made available at the Feast of Tabernacles. You will find this article to include about twenty pages more material than the original article and answers about every objection brought up against observing the holy days.

Prayer Requests

[Omitted for confidentiality]

Births

Jacques and Isabelle Litzler: Laëtitia Sarah Litzler, born August 16, at 7:30 PM. The baby girl weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 20 1/2 inches in length. Both mother and daughter are doing fine.

Deaths

We were saddened by the death of Grace Burke, who expired August 3. Funeral services were conducted August 7 by Mr. Raymond Cole. Please remember Trudy and Jerry in your prayers.

Feast of Tabernacles

Plans should be well underway for all of us as the Feast is only about six weeks away. Mr. and Mrs. Cole and Mr. and Mrs. Sloneker will be in Tennessee, while Messrs. Clark, Leeman, and Mitchell will be in Newport. There is no switching of speakers planned for this Feast. We will be looking forward to seeing all of you.

Trips

Mr. Bryce Clark will be in the Nashville area for the Sabbath of September 23 and in the Austin area for the Feast of Trumpets on September 30.

Mr. George Leeman will be in Youngstown, Ohio, on September 30 for the Feast of Trumpets.

Tape Schedule

Tape series:	Mailed on:	For:	Title/tape #:
WSE-RC 39	8/9	8/19	Confrontations and responses of Christ #14
WSE-BC 122	8/9	8/26	Great men of the O.T. #18
WSE-RC 39	8/23	9/2	Confrontations and responses of Christ #15
WSE-GL 5	8/23	9/9	Elements of a Godly attitude
WSE-RC 39	9/6	9/16	Confrontations and responses of Christ #16

WSE-BC 122	9/6	9/23	Great men of the O.T. #19
		9/30	Feast of Trumpets
WSE-RC 39	9/20	10/7	Confrontations and responses of Christ #17
		10/14	Feast of Tabernacles: No tape is scheduled
		10/21	Feast of Tabernacles: No tape is scheduled
WSE-RS 2	9/20	10/28	The ABCs of life

A dating adjustment will be made in the near future.

Comments

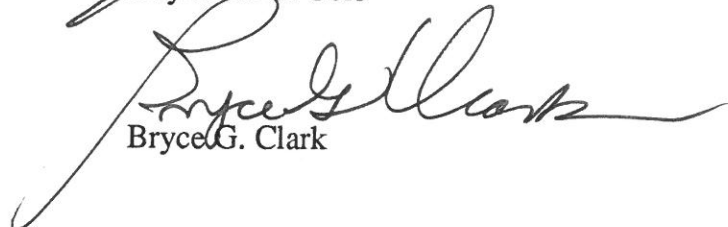
Mr. King is working on the writing of 22 new hymns which we plan to make available at the Feast of Tabernacles. We hope you will find these hymns to be easier to sing than some of the previous ones. We plan to remove the difficult ones from the present hymnal. These added hymns will not be in their final form until some time later, but will be printed on a paper that will suffice until we can complete the hymnal at a later date.

Our love and affection to all of you. We will be looking forward to seeing all of you soon.

With love and respect,



Raymond C. Cole



Bryce G. Clark