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Dear Brethren,

So many unexpected, unexplained, and bizarre events are happening. Charges and counter-charges are the order of the day. Can the public safely and confidently believe anything they are told? Time is a revealer of all things.

Spiritual Principle: The Family

The family is the creation of God. He, and He alone, determined the rules by which such a relationship should exist and by which it would function acceptably. Yet, today, the very fabric of that relationship is strained beyond the breaking point and it is fast becoming an institution of antiquity. How many really understand the reasons for what is going on socially in this world? What is causing the generalized breakdown of the very pillar of society itself?

Since the subject for the Monthly Current Events section of this *Letter*, is about stresses of today relevant to the family, it is felt that the Spiritual Principle should lay the basis for which understanding is possible. Obviously only a bare skeleton outline of the Biblical material available will be presented in this section.

Of the the family God said: ". . . It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him" (Gen. 2:18). Who was this help meet and what are God's specific instructions? "And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh" (vv. 22-24).

Childbearing plays two distinct and very important roles in the great plan and purpose of God. First, from that family relationship was to come all the nations of this earth (Acts 17:26). Second, childbearing looked forward to the coming of Jesus Christ.

Physically, God determined what nations were to exist and the scope and extent of their national boundaries and length of time to exist. Any attempt to breakdown those boundaries and/or times allotted is a violation of the plan and purpose of God. A price will be paid.

Specific family divisions are according to the will of God. Deuteronomy 32:8 reads: "When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel." God divided the nations—the beginning of race. He, also, determined the bounds of their habitation. Any tampering with that purpose is a violation of enormous magnitude.

By and through whom did God divide the peoples of the earth? Of Noah we are told: "These are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood." From verses one and five we come to understand that the fathers of all nations were the three sons of Noah. Then in verses eight through ten we are informed of a unique kingdom among men which began to take shape. As we have come to realize, that was the beginning of a political, economic, social, religious, and an all-encompassing structure which was and is a counterfeit of that kingdom which God is planning. Note its first manifestation in Genesis 11:1–9.

Shortly after that first manifestation, God called a man, foreordained long before his call and the performance of his initial responsibility. That man was Abraham (Gen. 12:1–3). The same promise was passed down to a subsequent generation of Abraham—to Jacob (Gen. 28:14). Through this family of humanity God has purposed to accomplish some magnificent objective. The One seed promised through Abraham was Christ (Gal. 3:16). And the inheritance promised to Abraham was the entire world (Rom. 4:13).

How? Through womankind. Through marriage and the family relationship, that One seed was to be brought into the world (I Tim. 2:15). It is through the woman that Christ was to be born. That Child of God did not come through an animalistic relationship. Though begotten of the Heavenly Father, He was born into a family—a family as selected by God, the Father, himself.

What is the purpose of the present-day manifestation of that Babylonian system mentioned earlier? The destruction of the family and a counterfeit coalescing of the nations, races, and peoples into one integrated family—all contrary to the will and purpose of God, humanly.

It is a counterfeit of what God has purposed. There is to be created a singular family in both heaven and earth (Eph. 3:15). It is the mystery of God to be revealed and understood as He wills (Eph. 3:9).

How will the differences, hates, resentments of the differing races be resolved? Effecting such a change is the pith and core of the great plan of God (Eph. 2:13-19, Gal. 3:27-29). In its completion, the family structure will remain viable and strong. God the Father and His sons and daughters, Jesus Christ being the Elder Brother.

Current Events: Destruction of the Family

Satan is the god of this world. Babylonianism is the system by which he has brought mankind under control. Throughout the history of man there have been various manifestations of his attempt to coalesce his kingdom and to make it produce an objective end.

On the other hand, what mankind must learn is that God still rules in the kingdoms of men. He alone is the ultimate Controller. What, then, Satan has accomplished must be allowed or expressly permitted by God himself. And for reason.

Biblically, we are well informed of this fact: Once again, in these last days, there will be a virulent attempt to achieve his long-range and devious goal. For this issue of the *Announcement Letter* one specific area of that effort is addressed: The destruction of the family and those purposes involved in that destruction.

Don McAlvaney says: "Our culture, morals, thinking and mind-set have been systematically changed by the liberal agents of change in the educational system, the media, and the government over the past 30 years until we find our society, culture, morality, beliefs in, and practice of traditional values in a virtual free-fall today. It didn't happen by accident. It was planned that way." He continues: "Just as the 'environmental crisis' and the 'drug war' were created, and are being used as vehicles to slam dunk America into socialism [Babylonianism], so another 'so-called' crisis, the 'plight of the child in America' is being used by the socialists to advance their agenda. Liberating children from the constraints of the family is one small part of that agenda."

Gloria Steinem states, "I believe that by the year 2000 we will raise our children to believe in human potential, not God." Of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child the *New American* says the entire point of the convention is to codify the assumption that children belong to the government.

How do "they" propose to achieve the above objective? Lawrence Patterson, of *Criminal Politics*, with reference to big business moving to foreign lands, says: "The harm done in terms of family instability alone is worthy of a book . . . factory workers are reduced to . . . permanent unemployment or semi-employment to the tune of minimum wage levels, the typical result is family instability: divorce, drug addiction, alcoholism, abuse of women

and children in the family and so on." Hillary Clinton said she wanted to be "the voice of America's children." She called for the "extension to children of all procedural rights guaranteed to adults; the rejection of the legal prescription of the identity of interests between parents and their children, and permission for competent children to assert their independent interests in court." "Child-rights" activist, Gay Courter says: "Childsavers must be willing to seize some children who are unwilling to leave parents . . . Just as a child must sometimes undergo the pain of surgery to be cured . . . sometimes it is essential to inflict pain of separation and loss to have a healthy outcome." And according to the *New American* the agenda of the International Year of the Family (IYF) "is intended to destroy the traditional family through redefinition and make the home an administrative unit of the global government." Further, "policies affecting the family should seek to avoid promoting, implicitly or explicitly, a single, ideal image of the family."

Intimidation and legalities are the footsteps of design. Columnist Joe Sobran says, "When the state . . . can break up families, what you have is tyranny, plain and simple." And that what the government is really saying is: "The judgement of whether the child is suffering unduly . . . belongs to them, and not to the child's parents." Dr. Jack Westman, University of Wisconsin-Madison, believes the state has first claim upon children by virtue of what might be called "biological collectivism." He further states, there is "a biological basis for the legal position that we do not own our children. The genes we give to our children are not our own . . . they are only a part of the species' store . . . We are only temporary hosts to our genes and our children." He believes that "because the consent of children is not required for the exercise of parental power, it is in the privacy of their homes that their civil rights are least assured." That America needs to undergo a "paradigm shift" in thinking because in "our modern world, little-picture thinking is no longer sufficient to ensure individual . . . nor group survival." He assures us that an anointed elite exists that has already undergone this "paradigm shift" and practices big-picture thinking. That these specially endowed change agents can "see parenting through the eyes of the children" and are therefore qualified to assess the competence of potential parents. He maintains that the root cause of crime in this country is incompetent parenting and that the decline of the traditional family is irreversible, therefore, society must intervene to deal with the "crisis." The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child advocates the removal of children from the home "by competent authorities . . . in the child's best interest." Of course, the state will determine the child's best interest. McAlvaney says, once the treaty is ratified, children can be removed for many reasons, including: 1) refusal to register a child at birth; 2) refusal to have a child "immunized" against certain diseases; 3) the administration of corporal punishment; 4) refusal to allow a child to associate with whomever he chooses; 5) restricting a child's access to public education; 6) violating a child's "right" to privacy (including the right to abortion, access to media material); and 7) enforcing religious training, or refusing to allow the child to participate in the religion of his choice. Further, the convention advocates: "Families struggling with their children's sexual orientations" should be provided

with "support services," while the youth are placed into "gay and lesbian foster and adoptive families" pending the outcome of "family reunification efforts."

Why such an endeavor in the first place? Dr. Bryce J. Christensen, editor of *The Family in America*, says social engineers like Westman are inspired by the concept of "the state as savior." Continuing he says: "Many of the elites who generate these proposals regard the state as a surrogate god—infallible and limitlessly competent." The UN Convention makes a total break from paternalistic responsibility for children, making the state directly responsible.

Memories are very short. Much of the Babylonian system has been tried before. In every case the efforts have failed. Its ways are the ways of self-destruction. According to God, the ultimate authority in the universe, this last effort will likewise fail. May that day soon come. Then, a real fabric for a society based on principle will be laid down.

General Instructions

It is alarming how fast humans can drift, totally unintentionally, from the rigidity of truth. Even though not consciously done we fail in some measure to wholly follow the instructions of God regarding Holyday offerings. The instructions are clear and precise. We are not to come before God *empty* at specific designated times—Passover and Unleavened Bread, Pentecost, and the great fall harvest Feast. Technically, to fully honor God, we should take our offering with us to be presented at the time of the convocation. In honor to our Great God, let us, all of us, take our offerings to the appointed places of worship—meeting location or home, if we live too far to congregate—then if necessary send them to the office here in Eugene. Most will be privileged to surrender them to appropriate individuals who will handle the submission to Eugene. Full and faithful compliance should bring us all many blessings and a feeling of joyous satisfaction.

Prayer Requests

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Blessings of Brethren

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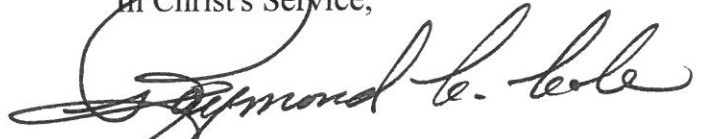
Trip Schedule

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| May 13 | Rochester | R.C.C |
| May 20 | Mosinee, WI | R.C.C |
| June 3, 5, 10 | Switzerland | R.C.C. |


Tape Schedule

| Tape Series | Mailed | For | Title/tape # |
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| WSB-BC 147-4 | 03/08 | 05/06 | Mighty Acts and Miracles of God #4 (Sodom) |
| WSE-RC 59-19 | 03/08 | 05/13 | Despair or Glory, Which #19 |
| WSE-BC 147-5 | 03/22 | 05/20 | Mighty Acts and Miracles of God #5 (Abraham #1) |
| WSP-RC 18-2 | 03/22 | 05/27 | Do You Know God's Will? #2 |
| WSE-BC 147-6 | 04/05 | 06/03 | Mighty Acts and Miracles of God #6 (Abraham #2) |
| Pentecost | 05/17 | 06/05 | A.M. & P.M. services |
| WSE-RC 59-20 | 04/05 | 06/10 | Despair or Glory, Which? #20 |
| WSE-BC 147-7 | 04/19 | 06/17 | Mighty Acts and Miracles of God #7 (Isaac & Jacob) |
| WSE-RC 59-21 | 04/19 | 06/24 | Despair or Glory, Which? #21 |

In Christ's Service,



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