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Dear Brethren,

The next holyday, past by the time you receive this letter, is Pentecost. Always a day of special meaning. It is our very fond hope that all of God's children had a wonderful time. Now begins the countdown to the fall feasts. They will be here soon.

Spiritual Principle: The Just Shall Live by Faith

Man is a creation of God. He is an intelligent being. A being with the capacity to think, plan, make decisions, and evaluate. But the scope of such powers is limited—limited by the very substance and nature which empowers his unbelievable arrogance and conceit.

That which is seen is the manifestation of heart and mind (Prov. 23:7). It is the innate way which was created in the design and makeup of flesh. That way tends toward weakness, disease, evil, and ultimately death. God warned man, Adam, as well as the nation of Israel many years later, what consequences the pursuit of the fleshly way would produce. All history substantiates the verity of that prognostication. In virtually every orientation of man, with the exception of his own personalized self-esteem and presumed capability, degeneration has continued unabated until man is now at the very threshold of self-extinction, short of the intervention of God Himself. For the one who can see the forces of that annihilation at work the manifestations are ubiquitous.

Is extinction the fate of man? If not, how has the Creator of all physical things purposed to redeem man and reorient his thinking? To understand this principle is to understand what the will and purpose of God is for the chosen at this very time.

The key is faith! Man lacks no depth of self-confidence. But is faith and self-confidence one and the same thing? Indeed, no! Self-confidence is of the flesh; it is carnal—destined to be eliminated. Faith is a manifestation of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22). Since the Spirit proceeds from God, faith comes from God. It is a spiritual fruit. That is, it is a product of the Spirit.

How important is faith? It is absolute. We are told that ". . . therein [the gospel, v. 16] is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith" (Rom. 1:17). The concept is written in Habakkuk 2:4. How serious? Note carefully verse 18. "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and *unrighteousness* of men who hold the truth in unrighteousness . . ." The warning is against those called of God who attribute to God unrighteous acts—acts which do not manifest real and genuine faith. Please remember, however, this verse is not talking about weakness of faith. The warning is explicit. It is warning us against justifying human frailties on the basis of a lack of faith. What God wants is the ability on our part to recognize our frailties and then seek His powerful assistance (Luke 17:5). We must always remember that what is not a manifestation of faith is sin (Rom. 14:23). When we attribute to God a human weakness or violate His cardinal laws we have sinned greatly. Weakness is indigenously a part of humanity. Recognition of that fact is the beginning of conversion. Then, based on that recognition we can approach God with required humility and an honest appeal to grow in spiritual character with its attendant spiritual manifestations—included is the absolute faith required for salvation. In essence, we must ask ourselves, how can we have salvation which requires absolute faith if we do not have sufficient faith to receive mundane things—things of this world?

What is faith? It is a characteristic of the Spirit. Since spiritual things are not seen (II Cor. 4:18), it is a manifested confidence in the promises and assurances of that unseen world (Heb. 11:1). So vital is it in the conduct of our lives that without it, it is impossible to please God (Heb. 11:6). It is the underlying evidence and assurance of everything which we believe and practice—called the "faith once delivered." When one truly believes in the mysterious divine revelation of God, it is manifested in faithfulness, continuity of belief, unwavering and steadfast conviction. Change is antagonistic to absolute faith. Why would anyone want to change that which he knows, believes, and in which he has absolute confidence?

Due to the hypocritical nature of man, God will allow our professed faith to be tried many and varied times (I Pet. 1:7). Remember, the Bible speaks quite frequently about feigned faith. That is, do we really believe what we profess? Tests are God's way of calling to our attention the status of our faith. If we will correctly evaluate ourselves we can come to a clearer picture of where we stand before our Father and God. Attempting any form of self-justification is tantamount to spiritual suicide. Weakness is not the problem. The real difficulty is recognition and admission. Let us with dedication and purpose seek a perfect relationship with God, our Father. In so doing we can have every acceptable request we utter to Him (James 1:6–8).

One final note. Faith must be totally personalized. No one can manifest faith for another human being. Attempting to compel others on the basis of presumed faith is tyranny

(II Cor. 1:24). It is not faith at all. Even the presumption involved is based on fear—not on confidence in the promise or assurance of God.

Faith is the way. Let us learn to walk in it with confidence—day by day. Many trials will come to help us to understand. Let us use those trials to evaluate ourselves—never anyone else. In these terrible and chaotic times, we are going to need the ultimate faith which can come only from God.

Current Events: What Is the Oklahoma City Bombing All About?

Frightening things are happening around the world. Are these events interrelated? Is there a common foundational cause? Do we simply and injudiciously accept current explanations? There are many other begging questions. For the present let us take a cursory look at a couple of intrinsic factors.

Is There a Biblical Inference?

The Psalmist David was inspired to write: "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us" (Psa. 2:1-3). Many years ago Hosea prophesied, "Hear the word of the Lord, ye children of Israel: for the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood. Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away" (Hos. 4:1-3). Of last day Babylon the Apostle John wrote: "And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: The merchandise of . . . chariots, and *slaves*, and *souls of men*" (Rev. 18:11-13). What is occurring is mysterious in nature. John wrote: "And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the *mystery* of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns" (Rev. 17:1-2, 7). And finally let us take a look at who is involved and what is the source of inspiration and direction. Again, John wrote: "And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine

of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies" (Rev. 18:2-3).

Indeed, many things are mysteriously being introduced into the fabric of society. Obviously there is an agenda. By reading and astute analysis is it possible to know anything about what is happening?

What are some of the mysterious elements which are now surfacing? According to a message received by the *Spotlight* it is stated, "the bombing was an enhanced reflection wave detonation with a duplex charge." The rationale? It was further stated, had it been ammonia nitrate (used in fertilizer bombs) there would have been nitric acid clouds—thus none of the workers would have been allowed in the area without breathing masks. The *Spotlight* was further told, by the same criminal investigator, if the bomb had been a chemical-fuel oil type, only 60 to 70 percent of the concoction would have detonated, the remainder being scattered about the blast site. This was not the case.

The *American Sentinel* said: "The likely perpetrators of this loathsome deed are made-to-order, seemingly as if proponents of federal power had ordered them up from Central Casting." Within minutes of the prime suspect's arrest, federal investigators began "spinning" the facts.

One other very significant fact. Before the bombing, there was wide discussion on America Online about the relationship between major astronomical events of the past, such as full moons and solar/lunar eclipses, and major events in human history which have accompanied them. There was speculation that something significant would take place during the thirteen days between an eclipse of the full moon, April 15, and an eclipse of the sun on April 29. In fact, according to former occultist David Meyer: "The period of time between eclipses is always prime time for spell-casting [because the occult elite always] practice their craft strictly according to astrology." Not only did the bombing occur "between the eclipses, but it was also exactly 13 days before the witches' highest sabbat called Beltaine on May 1st, which they believe is the day that Lucifer rises from the underworld to the astral spheres." Could this fact have anything to do with a specific prophecy of Isaiah? (Isa. 2:6)

Remembering that what is happening is a mystery, let us begin to understand how Satan is bringing to pass his plan. One of his key servants, Adolph Hitler, once said: "It is part of the genius of a great leader to make adversaries of different fields appear as always belonging to one category . . . [A] number of different internal enemies must always be regarded as one in such a way that in the opinion of the mass . . . the war is being waged against one enemy alone." It is the opinion of the *New American* that the elitists are pursuing this same principle of "ideological reductionism" in consolidating "right-wing fanatics" into

"one enemy alone." They point out: "From the very first reporting of this horrendous crime, much of the media has acted irresponsibly . . . conscious tailoring of stories and commentaries by the leftist media elites to smear by implication, association, and outright accusation of all those they consider to be on the 'right.'"

An example of this demonization campaign is from the *New York Times*, Frank Rich states: "[T]he far right factions are interconnected, forming a political network that often publicly espouses the same ideology as the terrorists in our midst . . . that there is a demonstrable link between anti-abortion extremists . . . New World Order paranoids . . . Reconstructionist Christians, white supremacists and assault-weapon fanatics in a national paramilitary subculture . . . designed to attract followers to a rabid anti-government crusade."

What could have been the purpose for such a heinous crime? William F. Jasper, of the *New American*, says "Wars, crises, tragedies, and infamous criminal acts have ever been useful handmaids to ambitious and amoral politicians. It was the age-old phenomenon of usurpation-through-crises that James Madison was referring to when he warned in 1795 against those who would use 'the old trick of turning every contingency into a resource for accumulating force in the government' . . . the fearful prospect of future terrorist acts like the murderous April 19 attack on Oklahoma City." And tragically, Rep. Stockman (TX) is paying for his benevolent attempt to warn against government-sponsored paramilitary type assaults against American citizens. According to the *McAlvaney Intelligence Advisor*, since the bombing, the media has launched an all-out attack on Stockman—and a few others—who they say contributed to the "climate of hate" which led to the bombing.

Why such volatile action? Public opinion and expressed outrage over incidents like Waco, Ruby Ridge, and others is mounting. The *Spotlight* had made a number of comments prior to the event of Oklahoma City. David J. Meyer, mentioned above, says, "[T]here may be as many as 100,000 members of militia organizations, and the government is not only afraid of them, but will stop at nothing to get rid of them. The best way to do this is to find a way to create incidents to turn the public solidly against them. We also know every militia has government agents in them as infiltrators, and these are usually the extreme rabble rousers, who stir up the others into a fever pitch, and then stand back and watch the reaction."

What lies ahead? According to a high-level federal official, desiring anonymity, "people within various federal agencies and the military know what's going on and there are sharp divisions as to where their loyalties rest." He warned the situation now existing in America would get worse in the months ahead, as the government presses for more restrictive laws and grabs for more power. The reality is this: The beast power is destined to arise. Nothing will stop that fact.

Technically, there are several features of the explosion which make the past official stories seem suspect. Many comments have been and are being made by present, or past, high-level officials who are, or were, in positions to know the facts. Why do we not hear this information regularly. Is there a conspiracy?

The last laugh: "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure" (Psa. 2:4-5).

Office

Here at the office a decision was made to alter and then establish the monthly structure of the *Announcement Letter*. In the past we have divided the *Letter* into three sections. The main body carries specific announcements and other relevant information. There was a section called, "Spiritual Principle." Finally a section called, "Current Events."

The "Spiritual Principle" section, henceforward, will not appear monthly. It will be written only when specific need exists.

Since current events should always have a Biblical premise, in essence, the introductory part will become a type of Spiritual Principle which will appear monthly—as God wills.

Blessings of Brethren

[Omitted for confidentiality]

Deaths

We were saddened to hear of the death of Patrick Marchington, son of Mrs. Moira Marchington, of Queenborough, England. Our sympathies are extended to her and her family.

Also, we received word of the death of Mrs. Bunnie Owenby. She was 75 and had been in ill health. We convey our sympathy to her family.

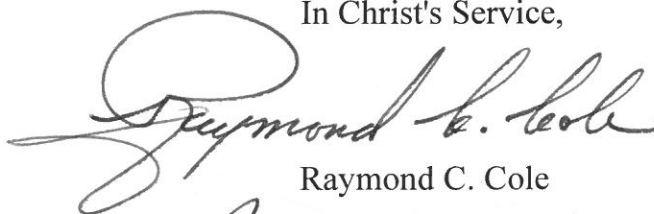
Trip Schedule

June 3, 5, 10	Switzerland	R.C.C.
July 22	C. California	B.G.C.

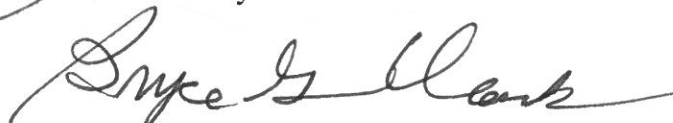
Tape Schedule

Tape Series	Mailed	For	Title/tape #
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
WSE-BC 147-8	05/03	07/01	Mighty Acts and Miracles of God #8 (Joseph)
WSE-RC 18-3	05/03	07/08	Do You Know God's Will? #3
WSE-BC 147-9	05/17	07/15	Mighty Acts and Miracles of God #9 (Moses #1)
WSE-RC 59-22	05/17	07/22	Despair or Glory, Which? #22
WSE-BC 147-10	05/31	07/29	Mighty Acts and Miracles of God #10 (Moses #2)

In Christ's Service,



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