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Dear Brethren,

Despite frigid weather across the nation and around the world, we send a very warm and personal greeting to all. Our prayers for one another are imperative—now. As bad as they are at the present, conditions are destined to become worse—much worse. May we all weather the storms of the last days and be truly successful in that endeavor to which we are called.

Spiritual Principle/Current Event: A Counterfeit Plan

Nothing just exists. The very fact intelligent life (in fact, any life-form) exists is living and concrete proof Superior Intelligence exists. It is absurd to believe the inanimate has great capacity and "reason." Sanity of mind demands a belief in an intelligent Creator—though unseen.

At some remote time in the past, that Superior Intelligence planned and brought into existence that which is seen—and for purpose. The proof of the acceptance of that Intelligence is seen in the comprehension of and action upon the principles involved in that plan. Those who do not understand that purpose are in mental darkness even though they may not realize their natural state of mind.

The plan of God, that Superior Intelligence, involves both time and subjects. Time, as it relates to human beings, is not infinite (Rev. 10:6). The Greek word in this text is *chronos*. It simply means a space of time, an interval. In the future, existence will be defined by some totally different denominator. Time as we know it is related to human existence.

The subjects are human beings. Created in the very image of God. They have a purpose which does not extend to other life forms God created. All other life-forms were created for purpose, also. That purpose, however, may be defined as—creations which serve men. In fact, the entirety of the physical creation, as we know it, was established to serve mankind.

The physical creation reveals the purpose of God (Gen. 1:14–18, Psa. 19:1–3, Rom. 1:20). Contrary to the command of God, even His called and chosen ones, Israel as a nation, began to serve the created, not the Creator (Deut. 4:19–20, Rom. 1:25). The evidence is abundant. The called of God today continue to pervert His ways, turning to those same pagan ways, practicing those things which brought about the destruction of ancient Israel—however, appropriating the very name of God. From two most influential organizations associated with the United Nations—World Goodwill and Lucis Trust—human beings are being taught: "When awakened in sufficient numbers of human beings [the indwelling soul of all men and women] will enable humanity to take its rightful place in helping the Plan of God to find full expression on Earth."

Basically we know what the plan of God is. For years we have been taught that way of life revealed in these last days through the meaning of a series of holydays. The real purpose of man is made plain in correctly understanding the meaning of those holydays. Is the purpose, plan, mentioned by the above organizations the same one we have come to understand?

When speaking at the 1989 Globescope Pacific Assembly in Los Angeles, California, John Alexis-Viereck said: "The Earth is a living thing and there is a plan for the Earth. . . . There is only one life and there is only one face. It is the face of creation. That is and must be the faith of our common future. There is no other. . . . This we know, the Earth does not belong to humans. Humans belong to the Earth." In context he made it very clear, the real purpose of the plan is to bring to pass a world religious system of nature [creation] worship. He made it abundantly clear, the creation of this new religious system is "to establish [a] New Covenant with the Earth."

God's plan focuses on mankind. The earth is but the scene of the action. It was given to man—and for reason. The plan of men basically reduces man to the level of "creatures." That is, they hold no superior relationship to the rest of God's creation. Obviously we are dealing with a counterfeit. Who is the author of such a plan?

In Mark 3:22–26, Christ strongly implied Satan has a kingdom. And John was inspired to state that the scope and extent of that kingdom was the entire earth—all peoples (Rev. 12:9). Men are inspired by Satan. They are motivated and led by a spirit which is not of God at all.

Since a frontal attack would not be successful, Satan uses deception and trickery. He assumes a position and power which are contrary to that ordained of God. To be successful, Satan must cleverly counterfeit that which is planned and purposed by God. What are some of the elements of that deception, the counterfeit?

A Perversion of Baptism

Gerald Barney, president of the Millennium Institute states: "Over the next five years all five billion of us humans must prepare to die to 20th century ways of thinking and being. . . . Every person must learn to think like Earth, to act like Earth, to be Earth . . ."

A Perversion of the Process of Conversion

David Spangler, co-director of the occult Findhorn Institute writes: "The need of our time is to allow the image of Christ to grow in our minds to become truly holistic and not a symbol of a particular group of people or of a particular ideology."

A Perversion of the Concept of Obedience

Mikhail Gorbachev when addressing the Environmental Media Association in Beverly Hills said: "At a time when the religious foundations of our culture are wearing thin, new value systems are needed more than ever before. . . . There must be a kind of ten commandments for the environment, something that no one would be allowed to violate."

A Perversion of the Concept of Oneness

Aart Jurriaanse, South African theosophist, says that, at or near the top of the agenda for the "Masters" is the creation of a "One Church and the New World Religion." He explains, "This great objective of eventually gathering all peoples of the world into the one great Universal Church, is the task of [the] Masters." He states, One of these "Masters" is the "Master Jesus." Further, he says, this One Church will be established after a time of "religious turbulence."

A Perversion of the Covenant Relationship

Richard Kirby, CEO of the World Network of Religious Futurists and a frequent consultant to the UN, states: "Religions are now headed toward what may eventually form a 'United Religious Organization (URO)' structured in much the same way as the United Nations and sharing the same goals."

A Perversion of the Concept of the Kingdom of God

Time magazine, April 1995, says of the founding of the UN: "In the beginning there was light. At a time when much of the world still huddled under blackouts, the crystalline blaze of San Francisco after dark looked like the very kingdom of heaven . . . Tyranny, injustice and deprivation would never again blot out the light of the world. Governments of

good faith would band together under the universal benevolence of something called the United Nations."

A Perversion of Those Who Will Inherit, Rule

James H. Billington, in his book, *Fire in the Minds of Men: Origins of the Revolutionary Faith*, holds that in this worship of the state, governing bodies, such as parliaments, Congresses, etc., become the priests of the policies handed down by the masters. Interestingly, during the French Revolution the French National Assembly was regarded as "the inviolable priesthood of national policy . . . responsible for dispensing the ideology of the revolution as 'a political gospel.'" They are referred to as a "Spiritual Hierarchy," or the "Ascended Masters." Of those civic leaders, Czech President Vaclav Havel said: "We are not here alone nor for ourselves alone, but that we are an integral part of higher, mysterious entities against whom it is not advisable to blaspheme" (a speech at Independence Hall, Philadelphia, July 4, 1994).

Finally, Tragically, a Perversion of the Second Coming of Christ

David J. Meyer, a former occultist who now covers occult influence in world affairs, says the Illuminati is preparing to stage the most heinously deceptive plot ever conceived: A false second coming of Christ.

There are two plans unfolding simultaneously here on this earth. One is destined to exist forever. The other will come to an earthshaking conclusion. It will be no more. In which one will we find ourselves at the time of revealing and the ultimate judgment?

Prayer Requests

[Omitted for confidentiality]

Office

Please be reminded of the telephone area code change to take place in June. The new area code for Oregon (except Portland metropolitan area) will be 541.

Trip Schedule

February 10	Florida	R.C.C.
February 17	Nashville	R.C.C.
March 16	C. California	B.G.C.
March 30	Austin	R.C.C.

Tape Schedule

<u>Tape Series</u>	<u>Mailed</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Title/tape #</u>
WSE-BC 147-22	12/06	02/03	Mighty Acts and Miracles of God #22 (David, Solomon)
WSE-RC 59-33	12/06	02/10	Despair or Glory, Which? #33
WSE-BC 147-23	12/20	02/17	Mighty Acts and Miracles of God #23 (Solomon, Jeroboam, Elijah)
WSE-RC 59-34	12/20	02/24	Despair or Glory, Which? #34
WSE-BC 149-1	01/03	03/02	The Teachings of Christ #1
WSE-RC 69	01/03	03/09	Atonement: What Is It, and Why Do We Need It?
WSE-BC 149-2	01/17	03/16	The Teachings of Christ #2
WSE-RC 59-35	01/17	03/23	Despair or Glory, Which? #35
WSE-BC 147-24	01/31	03/30	Mighty Acts & Miracles of God #24 (Elijah)

In Christ's service,



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