

Church of God, The Eternal

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Announcement Letter May 1998

Dear Brethren:

As the days, weeks, and months pass, evidence grows that predictions of certain health prognostications given early in the season were more accurate than anyone might have realized. They warned: The flu type ravaging Europe and America could turn very severe, even lethal. On what they based their conjectures we are not sure. Looking back in retrospect, reality substantiates, significantly, those early predictions. Many, even in the church who are the faithful have experienced relapse after relapse. Each relapse brought with it more severe conditions.

Though we, as mere human beings, cannot assign specific consequences to specific failures or weaknesses, we can, indeed must, recognize general needs in our lives. If we continue changing on the basis of those general needs, we feel confident some specifics will surface by which we can grow closer and closer to God. Do not shield and protect the self. That which we have experienced during this past flu season surely has made us aware of a great need to be more diligent in our self-mastering, overcoming. We need to make changes in our lives. Above all, do not accept the status quo. Conditions are going to grow worse and worse. What will happen to us in the terrifyingly critical days which lie just ahead of us? We have been warned. Will we take heed, effectively change our lives, individually?

For a beginning, let us offer five things. First, what about our prayer life? Second, what about fasting? Third, what about our daily Bible study? Fourth, what about our diet? And last, what about our total lifestyle? All these things should be reviewed regularly by anyone who sincerely seeks to do the perfect will of God.

God's promises remain viable and in force. He has assured the faithful these last day curses will not come nigh us—if! The "if" is our part of the contract. We are deeply concerned based on what we have seen thus far this year. We all have a great need to enhance the manifestation of Christ—through the Holy Spirit—in us. We can do that only by concentrating on the self, not focusing upon others. If each of us would as critically evaluate the self as some are inclined to do to others, our relationship with God, as a body, would be greatly improved. Please remember, salvation is not, in a significant way, a private

matter. It is by being a part of the body of Jesus Christ—the church (John 15). And that body, and mind are one. Individualization is patently wrong spiritually.

We urge you, think soberly regarding the above. It is your life with which you are dealing. With God’s help we will not cease to pray for you all.

May the experiences of next year reveal a major improvement in our health and collective relationship with God.

New Office

Our new physical street address is 1471 Pearl Street. Please note that our mailing address remains the same. The mailing address is PO Box 775, Eugene, OR 97440-0775.

Our new primary office phone number is (541) 344-8880 and our secondary phone/fax number is (541) 344-8881. Although calls to the old number will be forwarded for a period of time, this service provided by the phone company eventually will be discontinued. Please make a note of the new number and begin using it as soon as possible.

The church web-site address is: <http://www.cogte.org>

Trip Schedule

May 30, June 6

Switzerland

R.C.C.

Tape Schedule

<u>Tape Series</u>	<u>Mailed</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Title/tape #</u>
WSE-BC 147-44	02/04	05/02	Mighty Acts & Miracles of God #44
WSE-RC 78-1	02/18	05/09	My Sheep, Hear My Voice! #1
WSE-BC 159-6	02/18	05/16	Ten Commandments As They Relate To Statutes & Judgements #6
WSP-DC 1	03/04	05/23	How Do You Represent God?
WSE-BC 147-45	03/04	05/30	Mighty Acts & Miracles of God #45
WSE-DC 13	03/18	06/06	One Mind—And It's Not Yours
WSE-BC 159-7	03/18	06/13	Ten Commandments As They Relate to Statutes & Judgements #7
WST-JB 2	04/01	06/20	How Is God Preparing Us?
WSE-BC 147-46	04/01	06/27	Mighty Acts & Miracles of God #46

In Christ's service,



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