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Dear Brethren:

Warmest greetings, brethren. Though there are many things in life which could create doubt, depression, even fear, we possess the real antidote. Let us daily stir up that Spirit through study, fasting, and prayer.

God is allowing all the trials for purpose. By those He can determine our level of faith, patience, and determination. Remember, most people fail at the very time just a little more faith, confidence, and vision would have made them successful.

We are living in traumatic times. As with Peter, we must keep our eyes fixed on Christ. Knowing who we are, the absolute way of life, and the unalterable promise of God is the recipe for success. With that we add our love and prayers daily.

Growing Demonism

Again, allow me to call to your attention an urgent need. We all are informed that demonic influences would be common and abrasive in these closing days of time. The antidote is found in Ephesians 6:11–19. My suggestion to you is this: Make Ephesians, chapter six, a part of your daily reading. Your lives, spiritually, may be dependent upon that very exercise.

Further, if you receive unsolicited mail, as I have told you in the past, burn it, or in some way destroy it. It does not take much poison to kill. If you *knew* the truth, from the beginning, why dabble with the spurious? It, too, can kill. That is why Biblical authors so frequently were inspired to warn. If we do not take heed, we could pay a very heavy price.

Do not be mesmerized by numbers! Remember Christ gave us two cogent warnings. 1) Only those who endure to the end shall be saved (Matthew 24:13). 2) Only a small number will actually find the way of life and refuse to depart therefrom (Matthew 7:13–14).

Allow me to add a third concept! Take heed what you hear (Matthew 7:15–29).

Concept of Love

In the near future I want to write or speak on the concept of love in the Bible. Because of perversion and viciousness on the part of the perverted, some members are not only forming erroneous thoughts but some are terrified of the concept. The Bible addresses three kinds of love. All translated by the one English word, love.

Tragically, some today are so perverted in mind and heart that they attempt to slander and abuse by innuendo. Worse yet are those attempting to use these perversions for deceptive and hateful purposes. Will you allow yourselves to be destroyed by such maliciousness? Please remember how the enemies of Christ paid special attention to the words He used so they could falsely accuse Him. Today, in like manner, there are hate messages—mail, email, other—by which some are attempting to merchandise you and to destroy you spiritually. I have attempted to warn you in the past. The scope, depth, and viciousness of such deception will grow. You must be careful. Learning too late the real truth of these matters will indeed be a sad experience. I warn you. What else can I do?

The Faith Once Delivered

Since many ridiculous, and spurious concepts regarding this most important subject have been and are being circulated, I felt it necessary to inform you these matters will be addressed—by *Monthly Letter* or sermon—in the near future. Some are attempting to explain to you what I believe. They are so confused and bewildered by their own uncertainty that if it were not so tragic, their concepts would be laughable.

Prayer Requests

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Blessings of Brethren

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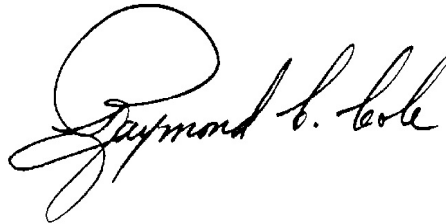
Feast of Tabernacles

Considering the scope and depth of Satanic activity in these days, let us begin to pray earnestly that God will give us a rewarding and meaningful series of annual feasts, culminating at the time of the Feast of Tabernacles and the final Great High Day. Our combined and prevailing prayers will make a gigantic difference.

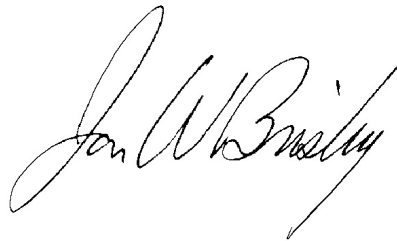
Tape Schedule

<u>Tape Series</u>	<u>Mailed</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Title/tape #</u>
WSE-RC 84-1	11/25	02/13	A Contrast of Two Mysteries #1
WSE-BC 165	11/25	02/06	Are We Learning the Principles of the Kingdom?
WSE-RC 85	12/09	02/20	Those Designated Times in Which the Truth was Given.
WSE-RC 84-2	12/09	02/27	A Contrast of Two Mysteries #2
WSE-RC 86-1	12/23	03/06	How Are You Going to Endure?
WSE-RC 87-1	12/23	03/13	Why do Most People Fail in Almost Any Venture?
WSE-RC 88-1	01/06	03/20	Refinement or Rejection #1
WSE-RC 88-2	01/06	03/27	Refinement or Rejection #2

In Christ's service,



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