

Announcement Letter April 2012

Dear Brethren:

We are timing this month's mailing so that most of you should receive it either just before or during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. We are so thankful for all of you who are keeping Passover with an acceptable orientation, and who are making an acceptable offering before God in His holy convocations.

There are very few in the world today who are really doing that. Compared to the population of the whole world, there are very few even aware of Passover and Unleavened Bread—let alone attempting to keep them. Even fewer of them are among those *actually called* by the living God to a knowledge of real Truth with the opportunity of keeping them correctly. And within that very small subset, there is only a very small remnant of that legitimate congregation who will actually offer sacrifices this year which God will accept. Saying so is not an attempt to make ourselves "unique."

We are not trying to be "the only ones." But we believe strongly—and assert that the Bible and our own history in this age supports—that only a very few have held fast to the faith once delivered. The majority of God's dear children—as was true in every other age documented in the Bible—have repudiated revealed Truth in favor of something of their own making. But God will not accept worship from His children in any way except the way He commanded us to worship. He revealed that form of correct worship through chosen servants. None others have any authority to instruct or to determine how to keep Passover or Unleavened Bread correctly. Yet there are many out there right now "keeping" some form of worship from their own interpretation of Leviticus 23, believing that God is with them. But unless they acknowledge the true doctrines of Jesus Christ as revealed through His legitimate instruments, they are only walking in the footsteps of Cain, *who did indeed sacrifice*, but whose sacrifice was *rejected*.

Dear friends, as members of this particular remnant body, what you are observing is not a set of doctrines conjured up by your serving ministers today, nor by any other self-proclaimed authority. We are holding fast to the very form of worship which came originally through the man we believe became God's true servant—Mr. Herbert Armstrong—and reconfirmed and defended by Mr. Raymond Cole. We have no pride of authorship for any of those traditions we champion today, and we are not interested in coming up with anything "new and titillating" to bring attention to ourselves. That would be the same as offering "strange fire" on the altar of God. We refuse to do it!

There are many others, however, offering such "strange fire" right now, and even if some of them do so in ignorance, nonetheless God is not happy with their sacrifices. Some of them do indeed know where the original truth is being proclaimed, but due to personalized concepts, emotional responses, or simple human pride or individualism, they refuse to acknowledge any authority except themselves, demanding instead to "keep" Passover and Unleavened Bread "on their own." It will never work. It is one thing to *wind up* on your own—against your will—because of distance from one of those authorized places of holy convocation. Many of you would love to be in one of those designated places right now and to worship with others of like mind. In that case, you can be sure that your isolation does not preclude you from making an acceptable offering to God. It is quite another case, however, *to choose to be alone* and think that God will accept our offerings "in our own homes." Again, such a concept is "strange fire."

The very essence of Unleavened Bread is to acknowledge our failings and to commit again to search out hidden sin in our lives. We acknowledge Jesus Christ as our perfect example of obedience, and we admit the need to be cleansed from our sins through His shed blood. To the faithful, that recognition is more than mere lip service. It is a deep-felt understanding whereby we acknowledge the reality of our carnal depravity of mind, and we cry out for mercy and help to overcome. We do not just "go through the motions," but treat every Passover season as another opportunity to learn and to begin to do better spiritually than at any time before. In spite of the nagging sins which may still be plaguing us, if our minds are focused with sincerity in that way, and if we are determined to let nothing stand in the way of preparing for the return of Jesus Christ, then we can indeed be certain that God will honor our efforts to keep these Holy occasions before us.

May your lights, though few at this time, be strong to confirm the depth and sincerity of that Truth in this dark world. And may each one of you gain strength and inspiration through fulfilling the law of love in keeping this Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread.

New Moon

The new moon, Iyar (second month), will begin on the evening of April 22. The new moon day is April 23.

Holy Day

Pentecost

Monday, May 28

Trip Schedule

Mr. Brisby:

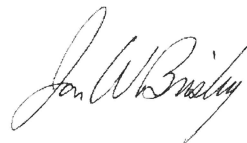
May 19 Carlisle, England

May 26, 28 Lausanne, Switzerland

Recorded Sermon Schedule

Sermon #	Mailed	Played	Title
WSE-JB 22-142-25-I2	03-01-12	03-31-12	Fund. of Belief #25: Marriage and Divorce: Technicalities of Divorce #2
1st HD-UB	03-01-12	04-07-12	Unleavened Bread Sermons
2nd HD-UB	03-01-12	04-13-12	Unleavened Bread Sermons
WSE-RC 23-3	03-22-12	04-14-12	Hope: Its Purpose, Power and Potential #3
WSE-RC 23-4	03-22-12	04-21-12	Hope: Its Purpose, Power and Potential #4
WSE-RC 23-5	03-22-12	04-28-12	Hope: Its Purpose, Power and Potential #5
WSE-JB 22-143-25-I3	04-12-12	05-05-12	Fund. of Belief #25: Marriage and Divorce: Technicalities of Divorce #3
HFT-TT RC 83-1	04-12-12	05-12-12	The Biblical Concept of the Ministry #1

In Christ's service,



Jon W. Brisby