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TO ALL CHURCHES WORLDWIDE: September 15, 1980

Dear Brethren in Christ:

In place of a "Co-Worker letter" this month I am sending you all—in all parts of the world—a letter I have just written to our Brethren in AUSTRALIA.

For the past two years I have been laboring very hard to be Christ's servant and apostle in SETTING GOD'S CHURCH BACK ON THE TRACK. The entire Church had been derailed. A LIBERAL spirit from Satan had been injected into some in high positions under me at Headquarters in Pasadena. Instead of wholeheartedly OBEYING Christ through HIS WORD, THE BIBLE, there was creeping in, during years when I was in other parts of the world up to 300 out of the 365 days in the year, a LIBERAL spirit of SATAN.

Those leaders to whom I had delegated the responsibility of ADMINISTERING the POLICIES and DOCTRINES Christ had set in God's Church through His apostle, went way BEYOND the authority given them. They started CHANGING POLICIES and watering down God's TRUTH, changing DOCTRINES, compromising—seeing HOW CLOSE they could go—and lead the Brethren in going—to the ways of SATAN! They wanted to be more LIBERAL—more like THIS WORLD OF SATAN.

This was kept from me. Those I left in charge to administer policies and teach doctrines Christ had set through me threatened to fire any employee who communicated to me what was going on.

I was forced to disfellowship from the Church forthwith a number of those seeking HIGHER OFFICE FOR THEMSELVES. They were seeking personal POWER in a spiritual organism with an annual income of some \$70 to \$80 million, which they wanted to change into a worldly secular ORGANIZATION where they could wield the POWER!

Brethren, I have never sought to take away from above me a HIGHER SEAT in the Work. Christ used me in BUILDING His Work from 19 new members brought into the Church through my preaching. Whatever seat of authority Christ has put me in, He BUILT through my efforts, sacrifice, hard labor, suffering every opposition and persecution.

But for two years Jesus Christ has been using me and those loyally still with and under me to SET BACK ON GOD'S TRACK God's Church.

AND THE CHURCH IS MOSTLY BACK ON THAT TRACK NOW.

But there STILL remains among a FEW of us a tendency to LET DOWN—to lose our zeal—and even to become LUKEWARM. In some parts of the world there has been a little tendency creeping in of a spirit of COMPETITION. A few in Australia were thinking of the Work of God's Church as "the AUSTRALIAN WORK" separate from that in America, Germany, South Africa and elsewhere.

When we first began building up the Church in England in 1960 I remember some speaking of God's Truth as "an American religion." They wanted only an "English religion." What we should all want is God's Truth.

I want now to ask you all not again to speak of the Work of God's Church as "the Australian Work," or "the GERMAN Work," or some other Work. But speak of it as GOD'S WORK in Australia or in Germany or in South Africa. For WE ARE ALL ONE in Christ! And it is GOD'S Work!

But WHY does God have a CHURCH? WHAT IS ITS PURPOSE? I fear sometimes many of us do not realize. So I am sending to ALL of you, all around the world, the following letter I wrote to the brethren in Australia—for it states clearly THE REAL PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH! I feel GOD inspired this letter, and that He wants you to READ EVERY WORD. The letter follows: (See September 13, 1980 Co-worker Letter)

With deep love, in Jesus' name,

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