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Dear Elder Dugger:

I have thought many times that I would sit down and write you a letter and tell you much much I appreciate the Mount Zion Reporter. I try to follow the news about Israel and developments there, because I realize that the final show-down will occur there. So I read everything with avid interest that I can get hold of on the subject of the Middle East, and the Arab-Israeli conflict. Perhaps you have noticed that we have started a series in The Gathering Call on that subject.

There are some rather disturbing reports that I would like to get cleared up. We often hear the charge made that the so-called Jews now in Israel are not true Jews; that they are descended from the Khazars, an ancient Turkic people from that area that is now called the lower Volga region of Russia. The Khazar nobility is said to have embraced Judaism in the 10th century. Furthermore, the charge is made that most of the Jews of Europe were descended from them. The texts in Revelation 2:9 and 3:9, which speaks of a people who say they are Jews, and are not, are often applied to the Jews (so-called) who now occupy Palestine. Of course, if this be true, then they have no legitimate claim on Palestine at all. Only the true descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob would have a legitimate claim on the land of Palestine.

Then there are various other charges that we frequently hear. We hear reports of Jewish terrorist gangs, with atrocities committed against Arabs. We read about the Jews being a minority who rule and that the Arab population has no representation in government.

What do you make of these things. I would appreciate getting your opinion on these things. If you can point me to some facts to refute these charges, I will appreciate it very much.

I also hear about the ten lost tribes. I hear this British-Israel theory. What do you make of it?

If the people in Israel who call themselves Jews are not Jews, and have no legitimate claim on the land, then where are the true Jews?

Any help or guidance you can give me on this subject will be much appreciated.

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Naturally, if I am going to write on the subject, I want to be correct. We don't want anything but truth in our publication.

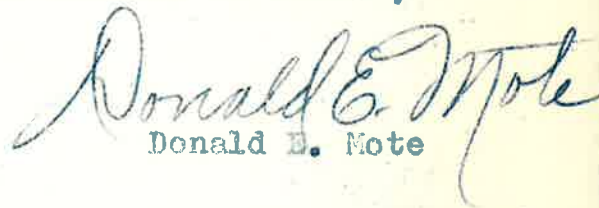
Incidentally, I was pleased to see the new format of The Mount Zion Reporter. Apparently you have a new multi-color press. The paper is much improved. Congratulations; I am glad for you.

If you don't mind a mild criticism, I would like to suggest that you mail the magazine without a wrapper, or put it in a large envelope, so that it can lay flat and arrive in that condition. By the time we get the paper, it has such a permanent crease in it that we have to put it under the huge, unabridged dictionary, and pile a lot of other large volumes on it, and leave it overnight before it will lie flat enough to read. We often get periodicals from long distances, and they seem to arrive in pretty good shape, without a wrapper or envelope of any kind.

Another thing we hear a lot about is the intolerable conditions of the Arab refugee camps for the displaced Arabs.

Praying that this finds you and all the friends there in good health and contentment, and busy about the Lord's work, I am--

Your brother in Christ,

  
Donald E. Note

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