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Dear Mr. White,

Thank you for your letter of the 8th July.

Thank you for taking the trouble of sending all the newspaper cuttings. Some of them certainly support what we have been saying would happen according to prophecy. I'm sorry that I cannot take the time to comment on each one, but I have passed them on to Martin Sieff and perhaps he will.

Yes, Mr. William Dankenbring is still a member of the Church. He was at the Feast in Brighton last year. Some of his writing should be considered to be in the speculative area -- as being interesting, but not church doctrine. The pre-Adamic era is still much in the research and thinking stage.

I don't believe Mr. Gunar Freibergs is still in the church. He's certainly not worked at Ambassador College for the last two years.

In regard to my writing, I had hoped to write an article every other month, but haven't yet fulfilled that ambition. I think my next one will appear in the September edition. I'm doing research on the Irish problem. Much of my thesis has been published in the GOOD NEWS (March-May 1967 and January 1980).

To me, chronology and dates of various events in the past is fraught with problems. Can we really be sure of the correct dates? Whose set of dates do we accept? I really don't know the current thinking of those in Pasadena. One book that was used for dates in New Testament times was Equipped for Every Good Work published by the Jehovah's Witnesses.

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Three books about chronology that would be interesting to read are the following:

Chronology of the Old Testament  
by Martin Anstey (Kregel Publications,  
Grand Rapids, Mich. 49501; 1973)

The Wonders of Bible Chronology  
by Philip Mauro (published in 1922)

The Chronology of the Bible  
by Philip Mauro (published in 1933)

Anstey's book was first published in 1913 and reprinted by Kregel in 1973. It is very complete and has a section on the Ezra-Nehemiah problem. Philip Mauro has copied Anstey in many cases.

Bullinger isn't right in every thing he says. I would think that Coulter is right in regard to Matthew 27:34-38. "Robbers", "thieves" or "malefactors" are different words for the same thing. Bullinger is stretching a point about this.

I haven't studied Crockett's Harmony in detail, so cannot point out any mistakes.

In regard to Orlin Grabbe's paper, I haven't seen it myself, but you could write to his brother about it in Pasadena -- Dr. Lester Grabbe.

Concerning the 40 years in the wilderness, Dr. Hoeh's articles enclosed cover that period fairly well.

Torrey's book about difficulties in the Bible is very good, but not complete. The best one, which I mentioned in my thesis, is Alleged Discrepancies of the Bible by John W. Haley, republished in 1958 and recently as a paperback by Evangelical Press. Yes, I believe R. A. Torrey was British. I don't know if there was any connection between Torrey and Bullinger, but I suppose it is a possibility. You will have to do your own research on that subject in connection with early church history and the Christadelphians. I just don't have the time myself, I'm sorry to say.

Mr. Jack Elliott is still a member of the Church as far as I know. I saw him at the ministerial conference in 1978.



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Where does Mr. Armstrong state that the ministry comes from the Levites? I can't see that on page 56 of his book. Levi was a priestly tribe and today ministers are spiritual Levites, but there is no evidence that they are all descended from Levi. Some undoubtedly are, but these things are difficult to prove.

I don't know anything about the status of Des Griffin. I last saw him in 1978.

I will have to conclude this letter now for lack of time. I hope you understand.

Yours sincerely,



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