



--The New Birth Canal and God's Call to Service!

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Dearest Arthur, (From Maria)

1. HI!--FROM THE LAND OF MOUNTAINS AND PINE TREES! Wish you were here!

So sorry we had to leave, but we've had this trip planned for some time and David needed to get away for a rest. It seems like you could use a rest, too, so why don't you join us? --Although I don't know how much rest you'd get with me around!--Ha! Those nights with you were wonderful!

2. I'M SO SORRY YOU WERE SO TIRED when I called last. I do wish you'd rest more. It does seem like you should take better care of yourself. Maybe you need somebody to take care of you, like, guess who?--Me! --We've got a nice big apartment with a separate salon and an extra bed just for you, and we even have our own kitchenette where you can make me some more of that good steak and mushroom and tomato gravy!

3. THERE ARE ALSO PLENTY of nice easy chairs for all of us and a nice big balcony with table and chairs with a gorgeous mountain and forest view from eleven floors up! There's also a huge heated swimming pool in the lovely gardens below. It would only cost you a few dollars for one week, including all expenses paid: plane fare, room and full board and three delicious meals a day!--And you should see the bevy of

beauties in bikinis surrounding the pool every day! They would really keep you busy!--And the plush rooftop bar has a 100-mile, 360-degree view, soft lights and music and hard drinks and dancing!

4. ARE YOU READY?--Are you coming?--I've already gone (thanks to David), but I'm still waiting for you! You really sent me and I love you--and you need it! The sun and air could even be good for your eyes! Just bring your bathing trunks (or you can get some here) and sun glasses. That's all you need, except you better bring a jacket and pair of slacks for dinner and dancing. We'll have a great time!

5. IF YOU PROMISE TO COME, Becky will tell you where we are. Otherwise, I guess she'll have to take care of you until we get back. I hope she makes you rest more. I hate to see you killing yourself with that job! It's not worth it! You need to have fun in the sun and live it up a little!

6. WE'LL BE HERE AT LEAST A MONTH, so hurry! Which do you love most--me or that job? David says you can come work for me and be my chauffeur so you don't have to work so hard any more--just your hard!--Ha! Would you like that? I'd love it!--Wouldn't you?

7. SERIOUSLY, ARTHUR, I really do think you need a rest, so why not?

We promise to take good care of you. If you haven't got the cash right now, tell Becky to get it for you. She knows where there's plenty. Be our guest! Please give your answer to Becky immediately so we can make the arrangements. Please stop worshipping your work! You owe God, yourself and us a little of your time!--Amen?

8. IF YOUR BOSS REALLY CARES about you, he'll give you a little time off for a much-needed rest. Otherwise, he's a slave driver and you've slaved long enough! After all, a week isn't very long. He certainly owes you that much time off and probably a lot more! So how about it?

9. WE'D REALLY LOVE TO HAVE YOU! I know you'd enjoy it and I believe you really need it. Please, Arthur, do it for me if nothing else, because I love you and I'm concerned about you! David thinks you really should!--OK, We're waiting for you!

10. PLEASE TELL BECKY right away how soon you can come, as we'll be phoning her.--Book through Cosmos tours. They give the best deal. Of course, two weeks would be even better and cheaper, too.--And why not make it a month while you're at it!

11. ENJOY YOURSELF!--IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK! Enjoy yourself while you're still in the pink! All work and no play will make you a very dull boy! That job is killing you! Your life's worth more than that! It's against God's rules of health and happiness to work seven days a week, and God won't bless it!

12. YOU MUST OWE GOD at least a week's rest by this time. The human body was not built to never take a rest. Tell that slave driver of yours you need a rest!--He takes plenty of time off!--Why not you? We're really honestly concerned about you, Arthur, so please do come and have a good time with us. We really do want you to come. Please discuss it with Becky and

make your plans accordingly. We'll be looking forward to seeing you soon. God bless and keep you!--With lots of love from both of us, --Maria.

13. P.S. Is Becky taking good care of you?--And you know what I mean! Tell her we miss her. You could bring her, too, if you'd like.--Ha!--Loves and hugs and kisses and a whole lot more! PPS. Please don't tell anybody where we are. PPPS. Your Shepherd is calling you, dearest Aries! You've been on that rock long enough! Now come down, you stubborn Ram! New horizons await you! A new life is just 'round the bend!--You gotta be a little crazy to enjoy it! God loves you and He wants you to be happy.--Are you game? Have you got the faith for it? If not, I'll pray for your faith so you will have. Come on, let's go! Start living today! There's only one way: God's way!--Your Shepherd in Him and his Little Ewe Lamb,--Dad and Maria.

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Dear Arthur & Becky: June 22, 1974

Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name! Thank you for your good letters, Beck, and that beautiful poem, Arthur! I believe that is one of the most beautiful confessions of faith I have ever heard! It was like your Declaration of Independence from doubt and fear, confusion and frustration, as you take your new stand on the firm foundation of renewed affirmation of faith in Christ!

15. FOR IT IS HE AND THE FATHER that you must love most of all, however much you may love me and my loved ones. It is Jesus with whom you must fall in love above all of us. Then you will have the same love and Lover that we all have and Whose love it is you find so appealing in all of us.--To Him be all the glory, Amen!

16. AS THE NEWBORN BABE, who knows and understands very little about the whole new world around him, ex-

cept that he is loved and needs those who love him and is comforted and cared for by them, so it is with the newborn Child of God when entering for the first time into the whole new world of a whole new life in the nearly incredible spiritual Kingdom of God!

17. AS THE NEW BABE MUST BELIEVE AND TRUST the loved ones about him for his every need and his instructions in how to survive in this new-found happy land as he grows in strength and knowledge and skill until he is able to care for himself and finally matures to care for others as well, so must the newborn babe in Christ trust his spiritual family of loved ones and their leadership as his brothers and sisters and fathers and mothers in the Family of God.

18. "FOR EXCEPT YE BECOME AS A LITTLE CHILD, ye shall in no wise enter into the Kingdom of God." (Mat. 18:3.) Therefore "ye must be born again", in spirit: First, by believing the Words of God; then, recognising your own need of a Saviour from your sins, by receiving the Spirit of Jesus Christ Himself into your own heart personally in a definite individual decision; forever thereafter proclaiming Him as the Son of God and your Saviour, as well as the Saviour of all those who will believe and receive Him and His Words even as you have.

19. THIS IS WHAT IT MEANS TO BE "BORN AGAIN" in the Spirit and "become a new creature in Christ Jesus: Old things shall pass away and all things shall become new!" (2 Cor. 5:17.) His coming into your life not only renews and purifies and regenerates your own spirit, but it also renews your mind, literally breaking old connections and reflexes and gradually rebuilding it and rewiring it into a whole new computer system with an utterly different outlook on life, a new way of looking at the world, and with new reactions to nearly everything

around you.

20. YOU'RE BORN AGAIN, A NEW MAN, GOD'S NEW CHILD! Usually when this happens, the new man frequently testifies that he even feels better physically. He now likes to face life and finds a thrill in his new-found tasks and the greatest of pleasure in the fellowship of his new-found family and the greatest of satisfactions in his new-found faith.

21. HIS WHOLE LIFE, NATURE, MIND, HEART AND ALL IS CHANGED! His whole outlook, desires and aims in life are usually much different than before. I have often heard some even claiming that the grass actually looked greener, the skies bluer, the trees more beautiful, the sunshine more glorious and golden and they feel like they've entered a whole new world of Heaven on Earth compared to the Hell that they were living in before! It's just that wonderful!--As we've said before in a recent Letter:

22. DON'T TRY TO FIGURE HIM OUT--JUST LET HIM IN! The newborn babe does not try to rationalise his mother and father and brothers and sisters and the new world and life around him. He just accepts and enjoys them and starts learning how to live and enjoy life and loved ones. He could not possibly understand it all, as he has not yet gained enough knowledge to be able to reason it all out or comprehend how it all works and why. That takes a lifetime, and even then some do not find all the answers.

23. THE LITTLE CHILD SIMPLY WALKS BY FAITH trusting the love and wisdom of the loved ones around him, walking in obedience to their greater knowledge and experience in child-like trust until he himself begins to understand in the continuous and never-ending process of learning.

24. A GREAT DEAL OF THE INCENTIVE IN LIVING IS LEARNING, and the curiosity of the child is almost insatiable, but cannot be totally sat-

isfied in a moment or he might lose interest in life. We must always be curious about the future or what's around the next corner or over the hill or on the other side of the fence or the ocean or the vastness of space or the realms of the Spirit.

25. IF WE KNEW EVERYTHING ALL AT ONCE we would miss the joys and the thrills of the multitudinous experiences of the exciting learning process, and might even lose our interest in going on living! So many suicides are those who have had everything, seen everything, known everything, tried everything, and sometimes have lost everything, including their desire to live, because they've lost the things they lived for.

K 26. THE NEW CHILD OF GOD HAS SO MUCH TO LIVE FOR and love for and work for! There's so much to learn, that, like every little child, he's always asking questions, some of which we may be unable to answer. He's always searching, investigating, exploring, experimenting, discovering and trying new things, new ideas, tasting new foods, starting new steps, learning new tasks, acquiring new habits, learning new skills, loving new friends, finding new places, having new feelings, seeing new sights, making new journeys, experiencing new thrills, understanding new concepts, meeting new people, and always

27. LEARNING, LEARNING, LEARNING --IT NEVER ENDS! I love it! I always want more! Every new person I talk to fascinates me! Every new land I live in intrigues me! Every new language I learn greatly interests me, and every new task I begin totally absorbs me! I love this life, both in the flesh and in the Spirit!

28. I WOULDN'T CHANGE IT FOR ALL THE DEVIL HAS TO OFFER!--And I'll tell you, he hasn't got much to offer but lies and deceits and counterfeits and imitations and disillusionments, disappointments, dis-

couragements, doubts, fears, confusions and monotonous frustration and final destruction and total death! Living the life the Enemy has to offer is nothing but agony, death and constant dying for that which is not worth dying for!

29. HE JUST LOVES TO GET PEOPLE IN A RUT with their nose to the grindstone so they can't see anything else, never learn anything else, never love anything else, never do anything else and never live anything else! What a bore, what a chore!

30. THANK GOD FOR DELIVERING US from the carnal life of constant materialism and the failures of the flesh! When Jesus walked by the shore He called to the fishermen who had just caught the biggest haul of their lives: "Come, follow Me and I will make you fishers of men!-- And immediately they forsook all and followed Him!" (Mat. 4:19,20.) --The fish, their nets, their boat, their livelihood, their old life and their poor old father! How could they do such a thing?

31. HOW COULD THEY FORSAKE THEIR VERY LIVING AND THEIR OWN FAMILY and friends without notice to follow this strange Stranger and His motley crew?--Because He offered them a better life, a better job, in a better place with a better Boss for a better Family and greater rewards! "Why labour for the meat which perisheth", when you can earn immortal souls that will be your friends forever! (John 6:27.)

32. BUT SOME HESITATE: "First let me say farewell to my father." But Jesus answered, "He that puts his hand to the plow and then looks back is not worthy of Me!" (Luke 9: 61,62.)--"But let me at least bury my father!" (He probably wasn't even dead yet, and this might have taken months or even years!) But Jesus firmly said,

33. "LET THE DEAD BURY THE DEAD! COME THOU AND FOLLOW ME! (Mat. 8: 21,22.) Once you have chosen God

and His way, He refuses to take second place to anything or anybody, and will not let you put any other gods before Him--not your old job nor your old boss nor even your old family and friends!

34. GOD IS NOW YOUR BOSS and He has a new job for you and He will not wait, now that He has called you and you know it. This is God's first test for every disciple: To see if he loves Him enough to put Him first by forsaking all immediately to follow Him now!

35. "SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD and His righteousness, and all these other things shall be added unto you!" (Mat. 6:33.) God will not tolerate your putting anything else first before Him and His Work and human souls and their eternal salvation! Jobs and businesses and bosses and other families can come to Him or go to Hell where God is concerned, for He is only concerned about you and His Work of saving others like you.

36. IF YOU CAN BRING THE FAMILY, FRIENDS, BOSS AND BUSINESS WITH YOU, FINE! But quite obviously the Disciples' father was unwilling to leave his boat and the business and all those nice new fish and follow Jesus along with them--and we never really hear of him again! The father who stuck by the business and the rest of their family vanished into obscurity and oblivion, whereas those stinking filthy fishermen sons of his wandered off with a perfect Stranger, and made history that has helped save millions of souls for Eternity!

37. ISN'T IT RIDICULOUS NOW to compare those few fish, a boat, a business and even one father and family, which all soon perished, with the millions of immortal souls who have been saved for Eternity through the decision of those simple fishermen to put God first that day, drop everything, forsake all and follow Jesus! Now that we can see the results it's easy to know

they made the right choice, despite their father's objections and the wrecking of his business!

38. FOR BUSINESSES AND BOSSES CAN GO TO HELL, as far as God's concerned and where His Work of saving souls is concerned, if businesses and bosses stand in the way! Nothing is more important than God and His Work of love to save the youth of today, and all the ungodly businesses and bosses can go to Hell, where they're probably going anyway, if it means the salvation of just one poor young lost soul--maybe even yours!

39. SO THERE'S NO CHOICE as far as I'm concerned: God's a tough Commanding Officer when it comes to obedience in His Army, where nothing is more important than His War against death to save lives! God's only time is NOW--or forget it! The guys who stalled Him off never came back! --And their list is much longer than the list of followers!

40. "MANY ARE CALLED, BUT FEW ARE CHOSEN!" (Mat.22:14.)--Because they've chosen to follow Him above all!--Which are you? Who and What are you going to put first? Why not ask the boss and the family to come along with you? They could follow just as well!--Why not? If they're not willing, they don't deserve you or your support! Which is more important: Saving them or the world? The time is NOW! Tomorrow is too late!

41. PRaise THE LORD! Now that I've got that off my chest, and we hope you've made the right decision, we can proceed with the details, God willing! Becky Dear, thank you again for your excellent reporting of your progress as well as problems, and congratulations on the profound success of your project: Dear Arthur! --And Dear Arthur!--How we do love you and how happy we are that our love for you was not in vain! It looks like God is pulling you through with Becky's help! Hallelujah! How could I have loved you more!

42. I GAVE YOU MY JESUS ALONG WITH

MY TWO FAVOURITE WIVES! I'm so glad that their love also has not been in vain! This little one here still loves you very much as well, and after leaving we even wrote a letter to you (see the enclosed letter of March 27) inviting you to drop everything then and come and join us!-- The loving impulse of the moment! But afterward, after much prayer and concern for you, we thought better of it and that we should not involve you with the burden of our own personal security which might be too great for you at this stage, for you could make a slip or even slip yourself in some way which might endanger us.

43. AS YOU MUST KNOW BY NOW, WE HAVE MANY BITTER AND JEALOUS ENEMIES who would like to kill us if they could, just as they did Jesus, the Apostles and Prophets, and have always slain their saviours because of jealousy, exposure, envy, covetousness and pride! Some even accuse me of stealing their children, when they had already lost them long before I ever came along!

44. THE JEALOUS RELIGIONISTS ACCUSE ME OF BEING THE BAD, MAD, FALSE PROPHET who is leading their children astray! I may be bad and mad, but I really believe that most of what I've said is true and truly of God and has accomplished a lot of good. "If ye believe neither Me nor My words, believe Me for My Works' sake", (John 10:38.) "For by their fruits ye shall know them", (Mat.7:20.) and I believe you must confess that the works and the fruits are mostly good.

45. THESE KIDS ARE BETTER OFF NOW and of much more value to society and others, and especially to their own kind, than they were before we found them and showed them the love of God and how to love others. Even the non-religionists should be able to see the improvement, and they often do, thank God!--So where do we go from here?

46. WE BEGGED BECKY TO SHOW YOU

THE SAME LOVE that we had shown you, and from what we hear, she has, and, of course, won your heart, as we knew she would, for God's love is nearly irresistible, especially in the form of one of my beautiful girls!--Amen? And I'll tell you right now: God must really love you, Boy, to make me willing to sacrifice two of them to win your heart! I don't know why, either, but God knows, so we'll just have to trust Him that He knows what He's doing!

47. I GAVE UP ONE OF MY GREATEST LOVES (RACHEL) FOR ONE OF GOD'S KINGS (EMANUELE) in Italy, and now the two of them are the leaders of that great work down there, our second largest and one of the most important in Europe and the world! What kind of a king you're going to make I don't know, but God knows, and that's enough for me! He said you are a king and going to father me a son, and I believe it --another kingly for His Kingdom!

48. SO I'M EXPECTING TO HEAR THAT BECKY IS PREGNANT any day now! Maria had your first one, but she was not ready for it, so the Lord took it. But I now believe we're all ready for it, and God has chosen Becky as the best one to guide you for the time being. So I see no reason why she should not continue to work with you--and play with you--as much as possible and necessary, while you both give most of your time to the Lord and your fellowship together in Him, as you learn His Words and Ways together, which are wonderful and past completely finding out! So be it! Praise God!

49. WE ARE SO GLAD WE COULD LEAVE HER IN YOUR HANDS as well as the Lord's, and particularly that we could leave you in her hands and His for the salvation of your life and future for Him and His Work in His Kingdom and mine! You have joined a strange breed, for as He says, "My people are a peculiar people!" (Tit.2:14.) But

He says also, "Beware when all men think well of you!" (Luke 6:26.) If you're too popular and have no enemies, something must be wrong with you, for He says,

50. "FOR YE SHALL BE HATED for My Name's sake", (Mat. 24:9.) and the world was always down on all His Prophets, particularly the religionists! Jesus and His Disciples were always more popular amongst the drunks and the harlots, the publicans and sinners, and He was crucified with thieves--by the religionists!

51. SO DON'T EXPECT MUCH APPROVAL for joining us from anybody but us, and some of us may not even approve! We're a rough bunch, and it's a rough and a rugged road, but read "Did God Make A Mistake?" and a few others Becky can recommend and it may help you to understand--if you're really one of us or want to be one of us.

52. IF SO, YOU MAY HAVE BECKY for the time being if she so desires, and as long as God so chooses that you need her, if you are willing to forsake all and join His Army as outlined above. If so, I am sure we can find a place of service for you along with her in our little kingdom as well as His,"for the Harvest truly is plenteous but the labourers are few!

53. "PRAY YE THEREFORE the Lord of the Harvest that He will send forth labourers into His Harvest!"--(Mat. 9:37,38.)--And the first one He will send will be you for others to follow! You've already been getting your initial indoctrination and now it may be time for your boot camp training.

54. I WOULDN'T GIVE YOUR BOSS MORE THAN A MONTH'S NOTICE if I were you, and that's stretching it some, considering what the Disciples did! Of course, if you can bring him and his business along with you, so much the better! We wouldn't mind a bit if he wants to serve the Lord and now devote his time, efforts, products and

profits to the Lord and God's Work! You could at least give him a chance to choose. That's the only way he could possibly keep you even part time and not lose you entirely.

55. WITH GOD, IT'S USUALLY ALL OR NOTHING AT ALL! There's no halfway with the Lord! He abhors the half-hearted, the lukewarm, the indecisive, the compromisers, the "so-far-and-no-farther folks"! When you join God's Army, it's got to be a total commitment just as in anyone else's, if not more so!--And why not? Amen?

56. GOD LIKES WHOLE-HEARTED, STOUT-HEARTED MEN! Have you got the guts to be one of these?--If so, God has a place for you in His Army, and He's apparently already chosen that place for the time being at Becky's side: She's a queen in her own right and deserves your utmost devotion, support and care as you fight by her side in His service.

57. READ "LORD BYRON" if you want to know what I mean: This is the picture God gave of the utmost in devotion and service to one of His queens, a place for a noble knight indeed! Do you want to be such a knight in His Kingdom in service to one of His queens? Then those are the conditions!

58. SHE WILL ALWAYS BE MORE DEVOTED TO HER KING THAN TO THEE, and this you must accept as the will of God.--Otherwise you do not deserve her, for your service is only accepted in this Kingdom if you, too, are devoted and loyal to her King. I believe it best to make that clear right now, and I'm sure Becky would have it so--which may be your second hurdle:

59. IF YOU CAN QUIT YOUR JOB SOON and clear this one, too, I will give my approval to your continued fellowship. I speak this as God's Prophet and King, as it was in olden times--and this, too, you must try to understand and accept.

60. BECKY, PERHAPS YOU CAN GIVE

ARTHUR SOME MORE LETTERS which will help him understand this, such as the "David" series, "They Can't Stop Our Rain", etc. Don't give poor Arthur too much to swallow at once: A baby may be born in a day, but it takes him a lifetime to grow up and mature and become more tolerant and understanding--and I'm still learning!

61. SO IF YOU AND YOUR BOSS want to start designing and producing equipment, furniture, office necessities, insignias, yokes, medallions, seals, signet rings, paper weights, staves, scrolls and a myriad of other products which we need now and for the future, I'm sure we would have enough for you both to do as well as to produce for the profit of the Kingdom from now till Kingdom Come!

62. IF WE CAN BE ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST PUBLISHING HOUSES with offices, agents and distributors in nearly a hundred countries with one of the world's highest circulations of any periodicals, as well as producing wine in Italy for all of Europe, and manufacturing plaques, posters, books, pamphlets, and many other items for God's glory in many other parts of the world, I'm sure God could give your boss more business than he could ever possibly handle without our help and helpers, and we're ready to help him if he'd like to help us! So there's just one little job to think about amongst many other possible ones! We need many of these items right now, and since you like to work with your hands, you could also work on designing things for the future, like that lovely little paperweight you gave Maria!

63. THERE IS NO LIMIT to the possibilities for a man with imagination, and if you walk into any boutique or head shop you'll see what I mean. The kids of the world are crying for stuff to clutter up their rooms with, and we might as well give 'em stuff that will glorify God and be a wit-

ness to others, their families and friends!

64. HOW'S THAT FOR A NEW DEPARTMENT for the Children of God! Copy this letter for Jeth and arrange to discuss it with him, including this new project, and he will also be receiving a letter from me along this line. The Kingdom of God is not only spiritual, but often "has to pack pork to pay expenses", as the Chicago Christian businessman said!

65. "THE GOSPEL IS FREE, BUT IT COSTS MONEY TO PIPE IT TO YOU!"--as the Negro preacher said! You say you like to work with your hands, Son, so I'm trying to think of ways you could use that God-given talent for the Lord, while at the same time you do not neglect your other talents of writing poetry and having dreams and visions, etc. There are an infinite variety of opportunities in God's Work: It only remains for a man to find and make them work!

66. THE MEANING OF YOUR DREAMS is obvious: You are passing through the tunnel of decision (the New Birth canal) from darkness to light, even though you cannot see what's ahead around the bend.--And to the thirsty parched ground of the earth, the hungry thirsty hearts of the world who are appealing to you for help, as a Christian soldier you are pointing the way to God!

67. LET'S HOPE YOU'LL NOT FAIL TO FOLLOW! Maria quit everything and joined us, and virtually started at the top, skipping all our grades and rules by the will of God!--And she's still here, Praise God!--Why not you? When you're ready, if the Council approves, you might even move in somewhere with Becky, if she thinks best. We may not need the house much longer, so that could be a possibility--it's cheap and commodious. So let us know your desires and decisions, and we're praying God's will be done! Love, Dad and Maria.