

42. They should be someone who can pick up the phone & say: "What's the question?—OK: Letter number so-&-so, that's your answer! Read it!"—Somebody who knows the Letters, somebody who knows the Lord, somebody who knows the field & who can act as the genuine Shepherd of that field with a heart & the knowledge & the experience & the ability for the job. We've had some years now to develop VSs, we've had almost a couple of years now to develop Area Shepherds, so we should have found sufficient leadership by this time to be able to do these jobs.

43. This is something I've been thinking & praying about for years, something I tried to put into operation under the Chain: More local supervision, push the administration down to the local level with more dispersion, decentralisation, local Shepherds etc.

44. I think now we have developed a new leadership that we're going to have to trust, & the closer the End gets, the more we've got to push the local shepherding down to local Shepherds who are there on the scene & can take care of it without us if necessary!—Even without me or you or the publications or anything! It's apt to come to that, at least for awhile.

45. My heart aches, it weeps, it breaks for those poor little people down at the bottom who have nobody to look to & don't know who to ask—maybe the VS, maybe the NAS—and they don't know what they're doing half the time! They don't know for sure who they should go to to solve their problems, ask questions & phone to an emergency. Nobody really has that definite local overall responsibility.

46. They need to have one man, one shepherd of the sheep, one person—or he & his staff—to be able to sit down & memorise those reports & learn to know the people personally. They're right there in their own country, they've already been a VS or a NAS, they've travelled all over, they know the Homes & situations.

47. They know the areas, they know the Fellowships, they've seen the people, they know what they're like personally face-to-face! They know them, they know, therefore, what they need to do about it! They can do local shepherding on the local level! It's got to be, whether we like it or not, & the time is now!

48. And we still need the NASs to carry the load of the various Fellowships. That's a fulltime job in itself, to supervise

the local & various regional Fellowships, & make sure they have 'm, & make sure they have 'm right & in the right places & supervise'm & probably attend as many as they can. The NAS should be a road-man in a way, only he's not visiting the local Homes like the VS, he's visiting the various Fellowships instead.

49. The VS & the NAS are both road men, the right & left hands of the National Supervisor, & they report back to him what the conditions are, the people & everything. He's the National clearing office for all the information. He knows everything, he knows the people, he knows a lot of them personally, he knows the local situations, he's been a VS or a NAS already himself so he knows their problems, he knows the towns, the areas, the language, the people, he knows it all—or he should! He's got to! If he doesn't know it already, he's gonna know it! Amen? That's the burden of my heart today & I just can't hold it!

WHO IS ASHRAF?

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1. When you're dealing with demonology & demons & exorcism or the attacks of the Enemy, it's very important sometimes to know its name, if possible. Find out or determine the name of the demon who is attacking, & then command them by name with authority in the name of Jesus Christ, & they have to obey! The demons are subject unto us. (Mat. 10:1; Mk.3:15, 16:17; Luk.9:1, 10:17-19) Evil