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Dear Friends:

It gives us pleasure to answer your recent letter.

The financial records of the Society are open to those who have a valid reason for seeing them. For example, when the charitable nature of the Society's work was challenged in connection with the Kingdom Farm tax case some time ago, the records were made available in court. As much as opponents tried to find fault, they could not prove their contentions. This was so because an unbiased judge heard the evidence and rendered judgment. Hence, the information in the records of the Society was not distorted.

The only ones who question the integrity of the Society are its opposers or enemies. If records were made available to them without their use being controlled by a judge, they would advertise certain figures and suppress others to give a dishonest impression, as they tried to do in court. Yes, the Society could answer them, but why give them the information in the first place? Primary attention is properly given to the Kingdom work.—Matt. 6:33; 24:14.

Financial figures of the Society are not secret. They are made available in court and they are read to members of the corporation at annual meetings. Of course, true Christians are not disturbed over the fact that the Society does not publish a financial statement, because they know the Bible standard. They know Jehovah would not bless the organization if there were dishonesty involved. The increase, the blessing that is realized by Jehovah's organization, is evidence that Jehovah God approves of the way matters are being handled. Incidentally, it might be mentioned that all members of the Bethel family, including the officers of the Society, receive a monthly allowance of just fourteen dollars. So none of the finances of the Society are used for personal aggrandizement.

We might also mention that by law no religious or philanthropic or charitable organization is required to operate at a financial loss to itself in order to escape being taxed for its operations. The motive and the purpose of the organization is what brings about its

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