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To: J.D. Bales

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Dr. J. D. Bales  
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Dear Dr. Bales:

I have just finished reading the manuscript you sent me back in July. I deeply regret being this long but I have made two or three important decisions that have involved a radical change in my family's activities. The decision to remain here in Abilene and to preach for the Highland church was one that took a lot of special attention. Therefore, I have just now gotten to *Man On All Fours*.

Basically, I think the manuscript is one that ought to be read by all college students. I believe that it will make an excellent addition to a Christian evidences series. Your analysis of the atheism of communism is, of course, outstanding. Your treatment of the fruits of atheism is also significant and badly needed by today's college student. I was deeply concerned about one slight matter...on page 69 of the manuscript. When talking about the Moynihan Report regarding the ghetto family, you make a flat statement regarding immorality that I think will be questioned, not only by college students but by many sensitive Christian blacks. I think you will find that the ghetto conditions of our day have a much more involved genesis than simply "immorality." Even though I agree with you that immorality has as one of its fruits the total decay of society, I do not believe that your statement will be appreciated or accepted and it would, therefore, cause some to question other things that you want to say. You do indicate that this is not a racial matter but at the same time, I do believe that most Negroes reading this book would be offended and many of the college students I know would not appreciate the off-handed way this problem was handled on this particular page.
Otherwise, I feel that the manuscript makes a distinct contribution. I would like to see it published. If you, at this point, do not have a publisher, I would like to recommend that you send it to Dr. Charles Moore, Royal Publishers, Inc., P. O. Box 843, Nashville, Tennessee, 37202. I know Chuck well and I also happen to know that his company is looking for a good manuscript of this nature. You might want to send them a copy of it for their review and consideration.

Under separate cover we are sending your manuscript.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk

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