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From/To: Don Reece (Chalk's reply filed first)

Don Reece
December 22, 1970

Mr. Don Reece  
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Dear Don:

I think you did a great job in reviewing *Three American Revolutions*. I don't know of anyone who has grasped the real core meaning of the book like you have. Thank you for taking the time to read it so carefully and to review it with such effectiveness.

I also noticed your recent article in Mission. It showed an obvious amount of painstaking and careful thought. Thank you for sharing that information with the readers of Mission.

I hope that 1971 brings you many new opportunities to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for being a real brother and friend.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk

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Mr. John Allen Chalk  
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Dear John:

Thank you for your letter of September 24th, which I have been intending to answer for some time. I am gratified that you found the review of Ken Chafin's book satisfactory, and will be glad to review other books for you as you might desire and as I have the time.

I sent the review of your book to Mission but have not heard from it as yet. I, too, hope that they will publish it, and that it will increase your sales for the book. Integrity did publish a shorter version of it, a copy of which is enclosed. At the last minute we changed the name on the Integrity version from "A Fresh Wind Blowing From Texas" to "Facing the Revolutions." I got to thinking that those who are out to get you might link the idea of a "fresh wind" up with some scripture such as "Be not carried about with every wind of doctrine," and have a "field day" at your expense, so I asked Hoy to change the title, and he did.

I am also sending copies of the August, September, and October issues. In the last you will find my follow-up article to my article on private judgment, in which I have tried to probe a subject to which I have at one time or another given a lot of thought, the question of just what should be the grounds for the breaking of Christian fellowship. I believe that this is something to which the brotherhood truly needs to give some serious thought.

I have recently got hold of Ira Rice's Contending For The Faith, and have read his attacks on you, as well as those reprinted from the Christian Journal by Noble Patterson. I never dreamed that we had brethren who could, or would, be that vicious. I hope to have something to say by way of reply to some of it, but without the poison pen approach which they use, in some future article. One is tempted to answer in kind, but then that would put us on the same plain with them, and that is the very trap which Daniel Webster was about to fall into in his argument with "Old Scrath"—if you've read "The Devil and Daniel Webster," by Stephen Vincent Benet!

May God continue to bless you.

In Christ,

Don Reece