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January 20, 1971

Mr. Alan Diana  
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Dear Alan:

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Congratulations on your new relationship with Oklahoma Christian College. I can really appreciate the studying that must be going on there. The courses you are taking sound great. I think you will be in for some tough time studying but I know of nothing that could be more profitable than what you will be doing there.

Your relationship with Gail Berry sounds beautiful. I can appreciate the sadness at being apart from her this semester but I can also appreciate what it can do for both of you as you have the opportunity to look at your relationship from a distance. It sounds as if God has certainly answered your prayers and presented a very real possibility of a life-long relationship. May His wisdom guide you as you continue to look at this matter.

I have a number of outlines on the subjects you mention. I wouldn't know how to go about putting them together for you. I think you might find some of the material you are looking for in a chapter in my book, Jesus' Church in the library there at OCC. There is a chapter, "The Spirit of Jesus' Church," which is a fairly good summary of the Biblical teaching on the Holy Spirit. In the same book you can find six chapters on Genesis 1 through 3. Two or three chapters are devoted specifically to the nature of man. This is the best I can do for the time.

It was great hearing from you. I'm thrilled that you are at OCC and that things are going well.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk

JAC:hm

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth  
us with benefits . . . . Ps. 68:19

Jan 10<sup>th</sup>

Dearest John Allen,

Forgive me for neglecting to let you know how  
He has been working... tho I know you are <sup>not</sup> worried.

I am here at O.C.C. with 16 hrs. of Bible:

Doctrinal Problem Dr. Kelez  
Job to Song of Solomon Dr. Jones  
Scheme of Redemption Dr. M<sup>c</sup>Leod  
Contemporary [Christian] Ethics Dr. Kelez  
I, II Timothy + Titus Dr. Jones  
Hebrews and II Corinthians Mr. Howard

I can't realize fully, nor thank Him enough for every  
blessing accompanying this period in my life. But I  
have something even more wonderful to share, His  
gift to me is a <sup>mutual</sup> (shared) commitment of love, trust  
and faith (for as long as we shall live) ~~to~~ with  
Miss Gail Berry. She is a Christian, last year's  
Valdictorian at Michigan Christian. She is presently  
at Michigan State majoring in German and French.  
I am having a hard time being so far from  
her, but I believe He has a purpose in it.

Gail and I want to get married this summer.

It is a truth that I have very little capacity  
for understanding what is best, or essential →

[as you said, we can <sup>only</sup> lift up our arms and receive.]

~~most~~ <sup>all</sup> of the virtues I thought were essential to the ministry - development of my mate for myself (this, I have never until now been sure I would get married - if this would be His gift) are found in her but not as I expected. Toweringly above are her virtues of purity, intellect, compassion + faith. What I am very grateful for is His giving me someone who is smart - I get sharpened all the time.

It is sort of an encouragement for me in developing my own <sup>intellect</sup>, about which I haven't been sure was right to <sup>develop</sup>. When I read your letter about what to do with A.C.C. I had no wavering after reading in James. I had asked Him before... I have asked Him concerning Gail. He has let me come boldly.

John Allen, on my drive down I stayed 2 nites with Stanley and Marie in St. Louis. I will never get over Stanley. Whenever each of them spoke of you it was with tender love. I am sure they send it now. Thank you for reading this. Please do not have me take up anymore of your time. I am so glad I could talk to you... if you see Roger Hombaker, Eric Fletcher, Woody, Ken Chaffin, I think about them often.

"our fellowship is with Jesus Christ" I John  
thanks brother, love in prayer, Al