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Correspondence between Chalk & Reuel Lemmons

Reuel Lemmons

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A.

October 20, 1967

Mr. Reuel Lemmons
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Dear brother Lemmons:

I literally hung on every word that you wrote in your October 17 editorial, "The Restless Mood." How very incisively you presented what I believe personally to be our real challenge. I have had the opportunity of associating with many evangelicals in the last year and a half in the field of radio and television broadcasting. I find so many of my experiences corroborate what you are saying in this editorial. I also deeply appreciated your interpretation of the rebellion and the "hippie craze," as I firmly believe, from my limited experience with this segment of society, it is a soulful protest against "gaudy religion."

I am concerned, to the contrary of what you say in the editorial, that our own "power structures" do impede our answering this challenge. As you must well know, there are many within our brotherhood who would oppose your having attended such a meeting, and who would believe, without any investigation whatsoever, that you, by attending that meeting, compromised your faith. I know this not to be the case, and so do thousands of others who are thrilled at the fact that you were invited to such a meeting and that you attended it. This very kind of opposition indicates that we also have a problem with "power structure."

I do feel so strongly that you have stated one of the greatest challenges of our day, that of providing leadership to this restless, questing mood so prevalent among evangelicals. I write in commendation of the editorial. It is wonderful that you are able to offer such provocative and clarifying insights into our present stance as well as our contemporary challenge.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk
Radio Speaker

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