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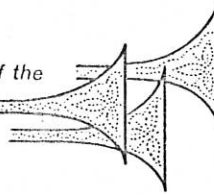
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April 11, 1968

Mr. M. A. Aguiluz
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Dear brother Aguiluz:

Brother Art Haddox, one of our elders, has given me your letter of March 31. I noticed with great interest the same Firm Foundation article mentioned in your letter and was surprised to see the quotation there. The quotation, taken out of its context, does not properly represent what I was trying to say.

I am very happy to let you know that I do not believe in any "direct operation of the Holy Spirit, separate and apart from the word." I understand that brother Haddox is sending you a sermon by brother Batsell Baxter.

The only things I know about the Holy Spirit I learn from the Bible. There is much said about the Holy Spirit in both Old and New Testaments. It is my firm convictions that this is one of many subjects that we have not studied as deeply as we should have in recent years.

Your willingness to write immediately regarding this matter is appreciated. We are always happy to answer any such questions from listeners and those who support our program like yourself.

Fraternally yours,

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March 31, 1968

Dear Brother A. L. Haddox,

I have received the promotional material for the Herald of Truth Programs and would like to thank you very much.

I have been very busy with a gospel meeting and have only lightly advertised the Program (a small town of some 900, doesn't take much). I do this any time I get information on our brotherhood activities.

At the moment, I have important question to ask of you and would certainly appreciate your answer as soon as conveniently possible.

In the April 2, 1968 issue of Firm Foundation, page 219 under "KEY QUOTES FROM THE ACC LECTURES", I read this:

"The Spirit of God," John Allen Chalk, Abilene.

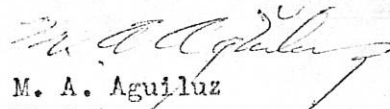
"We must not lose sight of the fact that the Holy Spirit is God, God's spirit. You cannot separate God and His spirit. To say that God's spirit ended with the inspiration of the prophets would be to deny his sovereignty. Is He God or not?Let the spirit of God be a personal possession of everyone of us here today."

What I would like to know (not having the rest of the talk) is if Brother Chalk believes in the direct operation of the Holy Spirit separate and apart from the word. And Brother Baxter?

I would have written them individually but I don't think I have their mailing addresses. Anyway, I know you, as directors of the Program, must know what their beliefs are. I have not mentioned this to anyone.

Attached is stamp for the reply. Many thanks.

Yours in His Kingdom,


M. A. Aguiluz
Minister