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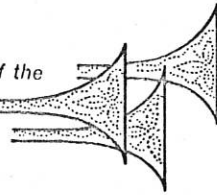
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October 15, 1968

Mr. Robert Anderson
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Dear Bob:

Thank you so much for coming out to Karns during my recent meeting there. I know you had a busy schedule that week-end but I appreciated so much your willingness to take the time to come. It was an encouragement to me to have you in the audience.

I appreciated the kind spirit in which you took the remarks I made about your recent satire on the Atlanta Race Relations meeting. You always take things in a great spirit and I want you to know that I appreciate it.

Obviously, you grossly misrepresented every man that I know who attended the meeting. Every man there has preached to Negroes, every man there has worshiped with Negroes, every man there has gone to school with Negroes, every man there has had black people in their homes and every one of the men attending, in some way or another, has engaged in missionary enterprises directed at the Negro community.

I deeply regret that you have allowed yourself to be put in the position to be used by racist brethren whom I know from overwhelming evidence to be totally opposed to anything akin to Ephesians 2, Galatians 3, Colossians 3 and a host of other passages which teach the total oneness of all men in Jesus Christ. Your letter will be taken as supporting evidence by Athens Clay Pullias for his continuing efforts at separatism within the churches of Christ. Your letter will be taken as support of the continuing "all-white" policy of brotherhood publications. Your letter will be taken as good encouragement to those who have a pathological fear of anything different, even if it is truth from God's Word that we have never known, out of ignorance.

I know that you must have weighed the consequences of this letter. We are living in deeply serious times and Paul's admonition, it seems to me, must apply in this case (Ephesians 3:15-17).

Thank you so much for coming to the meeting. Thank you for receiving this letter in the kind spirit which always characterizes you and your life. I count you a dear, personal friend. That is why I felt I could speak honestly and openly to you about which I believe has been a serious error in judgment and will be productive of some harm in our continuing efforts to be the body of Christ in the 20th century.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk

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To Whom It May Concern:

Recently several preachers met together in Truth and Consequences, New Mexico, for a somewhat lengthy meeting to discuss an area of concern. These brethren assembled recognized that there is a trend toward "speaking for the brotherhood" and because of this they felt compelled to speak. One of the great problems that we face in our brotherhood is the fact that no real concerted interest has ever been demonstrated toward the Eskimo. In fact, each of us discovered upon close examination that:

- (1) Not a single one of us had ever preached to an Eskimo
- (2) Not a single one of us had ever worshipped with an Eskimo
- (3) Not a single one of us had gone to school with an Eskimo
- (4) Not a single one of us had ever had an Eskimo in our homes
- (5) There is not a single missionary working among Eskimos

and because of this we felt compelled to speak out. We would recommend that

(1) qualified Eskimos be recruited to attend Christian colleges, that Eskimos be added to the faculties and that Eskimos be added to the board of trustees of the Christian colleges and that a special course be designed to teach introduction to Eskimo culture.

(2) We would recommend and encourage Eskimos to be used as writers for our "brotherhood" publications, and we would urge our brethren in the hardware, gas stations and those who are in the banking business to make preparation to include Eskimos in their business or staffs.

All assembled felt it only fair to inform eldership that if the assembled preachers were used in meetings, lectureships, or in camp activities, that at least one lesson would be directed toward the implementation of the above aims.

Unsincerely,

*Bob Anderson

*Several committeemen failed to sign this memo fearing recrimination and/or reprisals from extremists.