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Mr. Robert Fulmer
Georgia State College
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Dear Bob:

I am excited about the possibilities of the Ph. D. program in one of the areas mentioned in your letter. The urban observatory being set up at Georgia State sounds like an excellent program. I prefer to go to Georgia State rather than to Emory or Atlanta University in one of these fields. If you have any pamphlets or catalogs describing programs in sociology, urban affairs, communications and history, please send them along to me.

Sue and I are looking forward to the move to Atlanta. I have had some second thoughts that arise out of these demands that will be made on me with the student's work, as opposed to the needs my family have at this point in our life, and the demands that will be made on me at school. It is, however, the most attractive looking place from the standpoint of both challenge and school that I have been able to uncover. Your suggestions about which "road to take" are certainly pertinent and welcome. Keep me in mind as you see opportunities develop to get into a program there at Georgia State.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk
Radio Evangelist

JAC:hm
March 13, 1969

Mr. John Allen Chalk
Herald of Truth
Fifth and Highland
Abilene, Texas

Dear John Allen:

Although we have not heard from you recently, I wanted to say again how much we are looking forward to seeing you and Sue here in Atlanta. I know that both of us cannot help but being concerned about "Roads not Taken." Naturally, we feel that you have made the right decision since your coming will mean so much to us.

They say that advice is worth what you pay for it. Nevertheless, I would like to suggest that you consider the possibility of a Ph.D. program in Sociology, Urban Affairs, Communications, History, or Political Science. Georgia State has just received a grant to initiate an urban observatory and, I believe, their program will be an excellent one. Of course Emory and Atlanta University also have fine programs. As you know, it is possible to complete the course work in these areas with two years. This would provide the credentials you seek and allow greater flexibility since you would not be tied down for five or six years. The students I know are not terribly interested in what theologians are saying. Additionally, I just can't see you enduring the more sterile portion of a divinity program.

I hope I have not been too presumptuous in giving you my opinion. The advice, is, however, sound enough that I am willing to offer a money-back guarantee if you are not completely satisfied. Regardless of what you decide to do, we are most pleased that you will be doing it in Atlanta. If there is any way we can help you in planning for the move, please let us know. Best wishes always.

Cordially,

Robert M. Fulmer